

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 4-15-18

THE WELCOME

- ◇ Celebrate individual unique gifts, talents & strengths
- ◇ Recognizing Christ in everyone ~ Celebrating Difference
- ◇ Diversity is a gift from our Creative God
- ◇ Leading to reflect God's forgiving and unconditional love
- ◇ Reaching out as a life-giving faith community

THE VISION

Becoming...

- ◇ A home where every person BELONGS to God, and so to one another.
- ◇ A transforming community of faith where each DISCOVERS and RESPONDS to God's call.

THE MISSION

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

WORSHIP EXPERIENCES

8:00am "The Table" (Chapel)
9:00am "The Gathering" (Sanctuary)
10:45am "The Journey" (Sanctuary)

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm
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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Well, if you have been in worship the last couple of weeks you have heard increased quality in the sound of worship. A couple of significant gifts, along with memorial gifts have enabled us to begin the replacement of the sanctuary sound system. The process will be completed by mid-May. The old system, installed and dedicated with the sanctuary in 1996, was designed largely for spoken word. As worship has changed, the demands on the sound system have changed as well. New technology allows us to more effectively blend sounds so that words and music can all be heard more fully at lower volumes. We are grateful for these gifts as a mark of confidence in the worship life of Chapel Hill!

What we have done so far...

- New assistive listening system for those desiring individual hearing devices...just ask an usher!
- New digital drums that can be controlled for volume and quality of sound
- A new main control board that makes it far easier for sound technicians to consistently maintain high quality sound (Pastor Barry still needs to be responsible for turning his own mic on!).
- New choir mics have dramatically aided the choir in presenting the fullness of choral arrangements while maximizing the ability of the congregation to clearly understand the lyrics.

What's still to come?

- New speakers, new microphones and more!
Keep listening!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in helping feed hungry folks?

We need more volunteers to help with three ministries:

- Ministry with Community - Serve lunch to those in need the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- Food Pantry - Spots available during the day or evening, commitment usually once per month.
- Meals on Wheels - Help deliver a hot lunch to the homebound on weekdays, usually once every 6 weeks.

Contact Carolyn Pesheck at 269-598-9474, and she can tell you more about these opportunities, and refer you to the person in charge of scheduling for your interest.

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

FaithLink ~ Room #218

FaithLink takes a brief, fast-paced look at a new topic each week, straight from the headlines.

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) ~ Fellowship Hall

Talking, laughing, creating, reading, every week is different!

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

Lectionary Bible Study ~ Room #108

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MEETING - APRIL 17

The United Methodist Women meeting will be on Tuesday April 17 at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Sherry Brockway from the YWCA Domestic/Sexual Assault Program. Dessert will be served.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Tell Congress to fund programs that reduce hunger. We will be conducting an Offering of Letters today. Letters to our legislators will be written before, during, and after the worship services. Sample letters will be made available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carolyn at cvpesheck@sbcglobal.net.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Now that warmer weather is in the forecast, our Community Garden will soon be prepared for planting. If you are interested in a plot in the garden or have questions about what this entails, please contact Chris Cartner at Cartner3030@gmail.com.

KALAMAZOO PRIDE

Are you looking for a way to extend Chapel Hill's welcome to the wider community? PCHUM will again be hosting a table at Pride Fest on June 9. This is a fun way to meet people and to witness God's embrace of everyone. Eight volunteers are needed to represent Chapel Hill. To sign up contact Sheila Bigelow at shbigelow@yahoo.com.

GOURMET FRANKS AND TATER BAR~HAPPENING TODAY!

- Today at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall

All are invited to this Fellowship Event, sponsored by Chapel Hill's Youth Ministry. We will be serving hot dogs and baked potatoes with all the fixin's! A suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family will go to support the Youth and Children's Camp Scholarship Fund.

CHUM PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

- Wednesday April 18, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Parents of preschool aged children are invited to attend this informational open house. The CHUM preschool is located on the lower level of Chapel Hill by the southwest entrance. For more information, call the preschool at 269-251-2131.

PCHUM 101 - APRIL 22

Want to learn more about Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church? PCHUM 101 is for people considering membership, or for those who simply want to know more about life at Chapel Hill. Pastor Barry will sit down with all interested folks for a block of time at 2:30pm in Room #216, the library. Childcare available if requested. Please RSVP by Thursday April 19.

WINDOW CLING FUNDRAISER

- \$5 Suggested Donation

Display your love for Chapel Hill by purchasing a window cling for your car, home or office. See a Chapel Hill youth or visit the office to get yours. All proceeds goes to Youth Missions.

NIC AT NIGHT: A MUSICAL PLAY ABOUT NICODEMUS

- Sunday May 20 at 4:00pm

This delightful musical is presented by Chapel Hill's Children and Youth choirs. Nic at Night cleverly weaves the Gospel of John's account of Nicodemus with the mystery of rebirth and renewal. Discover the mystery!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

- July 16-19

The theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage" Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful VBS. To learn what opportunities are available, please email Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

YE(YOUTH EXPERIENCE) GRADES 6-12TH

- Youth Group Sunday Nights
- Every Sunday night at 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Grades 6 thru 12 are invited
- Bring your friends!
- Indoor Sports, Games, Music, Snacks

REGISTER FOR CAMP

MAY 15TH IS JUST A MONTH AWAY!

Camp is the perfect place to connect with nature and deepen your faith. Chapel Hill is able to offer 50% scholarships to youth because of generous donations to the "Red Envelope" fund. Register by May 15, 2018 to qualify (including Camp Lake Louise). Contact Larry French at larryfrench@pchum.org if you have any questions.

Join us each Sunday Morning!



the Table

8:00 am

Weekly Communion with Prayer



the Gathering

9:00 am

Blended Worship style



the Journey

10:45 am

Contemporary Style Worship

NEED SOMETHING?

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to be lifted in prayer or added to the prayer chain, contact Shirley Freeman (shirleytupperfreeman@gmail.com, 269-381- 8208).

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES AS WELL AS LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE SEE AN USHER.

NAME TAGS FOR ALL

Please stop by the self-serve display in the lobby, located across from the Coffee Bar. Magnetic badges are available.

WEEKLY EMAIL

Want to find out all the important events at Portage Chapel Hill? Sign Up for our weekly email. www.pchum.org/home



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