

WHO WE ARE AND WHY IT MATTERS

Chapel Hill is a congregation of The United Methodist Church, a global community of congregations connected in vital mission, even when connecting in culture and opinion are difficult! The denomination, like a family, is made up of many different faith communities representing many different ways of looking at themselves, their world, and their God. Chapel Hill is on the more progressive edge of the family when it comes to understanding the core authorities of the faith we share, namely scripture, tradition, experience and reason. Bringing these authorities to contemporary questions that deal with real people in real situations, sometimes dire situations of exclusion and injustice is critical in a time such as this. When the very core values of nation and faith are being tested, it is important for a congregation like Chapel Hill to be there as a place for those of us on a faith journey to wrestle with the big questions. Chapel Hill has come to find that giving space for the struggle is simply more important than giving a dogmatic answer carried over from very different times in very different places. We try to make the branding of our denomination, “*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*”, a reality here where all are welcome...no exceptions. Our prayer is that you find this true for you on this day when all things are made new.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPRING POTLUCK

Periodically, the church hosts potlucks open to all. In fact, one is scheduled for next Sunday, April 23rd in our Fellowship Hall. Join us at 12:30 for food, fellowship and some fun-filled thought. The *Worship Design* and *Radical Hospitality* teams will bring us up to date on what's happening with the Vital Church Initiative and give you opportunities for input on changes, styles, schedules, and such!

If you would like to bring a dish to pass, check out the bulletin board by the library for suggestions. Tableware is provided.

SMALL GROUPS

Chapel Hill provides an opportunity for fellowship in smaller settings. Some of the groups are purpose driven such as book reads or sharing parenting stories while others may have programs that change as the group decides. For information and possible opportunities, contact Andrea Tramel at abarr1978@aol.com.

MUFFINS FOR MOMS

MAY 14

10:15

Come for pampering and muffins in Fellowship Hall.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY GARDEN

There are plots available. Planting will begin at the end of May. A portion of the produce is donated to the Loaves and Fishes pantry at Chapel Hill. For more information, contact Deacon Pat at PatCatellier@pchum.org.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Chapel Hill provides support to many organizations within our community, including Ministry with Community, YMCA Domestic Assault, Veteran's Hospital, and beyond. For example:

- April is Domestic Assault Awareness Month and the Faith In Action Team (FIAT) invites you to pick up some extra items while you are shopping for the YWCA Domestic Assault Shelter. For a list of items, check out the PCHUM Community Board by the library or visit www.pchum.org/ONE.
- Crop Walk - April 30
- Ministry with Community Serving - on the 3rd Sunday of every month, a team from Chapel Hill serves meals and helps clean up.

YOUTH MATTERS TO US

CHAPEL HILL IS COMMITTED TO THE YOUTH WITH MANY PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THEM

CHILDREN MINISTRY

THREE THROUGH 6TH GRADE

Starting with our littlest ones, there are many chances for kids to come together.

- Sunday School
 - ⇒ “Faith Village” (Preschool through 4th grade)
 - ⇒ “Club 56” (grades 5 & 6)
- Choirs
 - ⇒ Angels (ages 4 - 6)
 - ⇒ Disciples (grades 2-5)
- Camping

For more details on child programming, contact Director of Children’s Ministries, Andrea Trantham at AndreaTrantham@pchum.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

GRADES 7 THROUGH 12

Chapel Hill provides many opportunities for kids in Grades 7 - 12, including:

- Sunday School
 - ⇒ Grades 7 - 8 (Confirmation programming)
 - ⇒ Grades 9 - 12 (Programming is kid-decided)
- Sunday Night Youth Group (Grades 5 - 12), a social time for kids to have fun, get help with homework, etc.
- Youth Choir (Grades 5 - 12)
- Camping
- Mission Trips

For more details on youth programming, contact Director of Youth Ministry, Larry French at LarryFrench@pchum.org.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** - May 14
- **CABARET** - May 21st 4pm.
 - ⇒ Come to the Cabaret! Join us for a collection of songs and readings telling stories of the Bible in a fun, child-friendly format. Our two children's choirs and our youth choir will be presenting the program.
- **GRADUATION SUNDAY** - June 11
- **CAMPING** - Camping through the United Methodist Church is open to all throughout the summer. To check out camp opportunities, visit www.umcamping.org/events or www.pchum.org/youth. Chapel Hill will provide 50% scholarships* for all PCHUM campers registered by May 15th.
- **MISSION TRIP** - This year, youth have the opportunity to experience a poverty simulation with Urban Spirit in Louisville, KY. This weeklong trip happens July 23-29, and is available to youth who have completed 8th-12th grade. Chapel Hill will provide 50% scholarships* for all mission trip participants registered by May 15th.

PARENT CONNECTION

APRIL 30TH @ 7PM

Parent Connection is an opportunity for parents of youth to gather in an open forum for discussion on topics on raising youth. This time is scheduled to coincide with our Sunday evening Youth Group and meets about once a month.

Contact Jorge Costales at CHUMYC@aol.com for more details.

SPECTRUM

Spectrum is a worship service designed for children/young adults with autism and their families. We worship on the 4th Thursday of the month during the school year. Our next gathering is April 27 at 6:30 in the chapel. We will also meet on May 25th. Questions? Contact Deacon Pat at PatCatellier@pchum.org.

*WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH - RED ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN

Chapel Hill provides half the cost of camps and mission trips. If you would like to help this program, please grab a red envelope from the box across from the office for cash donations. Checks can be made out to PCHUM with a note of Red Envelope on the memo line. You can also give online at www.pchum.org/give, using the General Fund/Other option and specifying your gift as Red Envelope.