

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 4-22-18

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?

Hopefully you've noticed the increased quality in the sound of worship the last couple of weeks. A few 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!

CROP WALK

End hunger one step at a time! CROP Walk is coming on April 29. Registration starts at 1:00pm and the walk begins at 2:00pm in Bronson Park in downtown Kalamazoo. The 5k course will pass several of the organizations that are directly supported by the funds raised. To participate, pick up your registration packets in the lobby either today or April 29, collect pledges, and walk! If you aren't able to walk, you can also give in the lobby, or at www.crophungerwalk.org/kalamazoomi.

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

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.

BLESS OUR GUESTS

- Sunday May 20 at 10:00am

Have you been wondering what the Radical Hospitality Team has been up to? Well, join us for a time of information and sharing of ideas regarding how we welcome guests into our spaces each Sunday. According to the recent survey about Hospitality, those who attended previous "Bless our Guests" events enjoyed it and learned ways to better welcome each other. If you did attend a prior session, please invite others to attend this one. We will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday May 20 starting at 10:00am. There will be refreshments available too! Mark your calendars and join us!

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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

It's got to warm up someday, right?! And when it does, Chapel Hill's Community Garden will 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.

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! Stick around afterwards for dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

THE HOME STRETCH!!!

During the school year, we partner with Haverhill Elementary to donate school supplies, back packs, and books for students. As the year winds down, teachers and staff have continued needs for supplies. Here are the top five items needed for the remainder of the school year:

- dry erase markers (any color)
- headphones (ear buds)
- pencils
- crayons
- markers

Many of these items can be purchased at a dollar store. If you would like to donate more items, or for the complete list of items requested, please visit our website at pchum.org/haverhill. Any donations are appreciated. There is a labeled bin outside the Sanctuary and the school asks that donations are given by Sunday May 6. Questions? Contact patcatellier@pchum.org.

THE VOICE CELEBRATES EARTH DAY!

In order to save on paper and be more environmentally conscious ushers will begin handing out copies of The Voice newsletter by request only during The Journey 10:45am worship service, starting next Sunday April 29. You will still receive a copy of the worship order from an usher as you enter the Sanctuary. This change does not affect The Gathering 9:00am service. The Voice will be available in the lobby and as always you can get your digital copy on the website: pchum.org/thevoice.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, May 2 at 11:45am
 - Theo and Stacy's ~ 5225 Portage Rd, Portage
 - Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303) or Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)
- Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

PCHUM 101 TODAY

Want to learn more about Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church? Meet with Pastor Barry at 2:30pm in Room #216.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- 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

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS MAY 15

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 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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