

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 4-7-19

## WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“In the end, God, goodness, love, and life will ultimately prevail, even if, for a time, evil, destruction, and death seem to have the upper hand.”

~Adam Hamilton, ***Unafraid***

**STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!**

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm  
(269) 327-6643 [www.pchum.org](http://www.pchum.org)

## MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

- Sunday April 14 ~ 4:00pm- 5:30pm  
or
- Saturday April 27 ~ 10:30am-12:00pm

The Guidance Board and Pastor Barry are hosting a critical conversation of the congregation. In the wake of the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church in February, it is important that progressive and centrist congregations seek internal clarity as to core values, mission, and vision. Whether the denomination stays together or whether there are splits, this is a time for each faith community to wrestle with God's continued call. In short, Pastor Barry and the Guidance Board believe this is a time for us to be proactive in well-preparing for whatever is next, trusting that God has been with us, is with us, and will continue to be with us as we seek to faithfully live as Christ's disciples.

## CROP WALK

End hunger one step at a time! CROP Walk is coming on April 28. 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.

## SEDER MEAL

- Thursday April 18 ~ 7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

What is a Seder Meal? The Seder is a Jewish festival meal marking the beginning of Passover. It retells the story of the Jewish exodus from Egyptian slavery. The word "Seder" means order, and during this meal there is an order to the entire meal, which includes readings, songs, stories, and special foods that carry meaning within themselves and tell the story of the exodus. For our Jewish friends it is a time when the entire family comes together to celebrate the beginning of Passover. This was the meal Jesus was sharing with friends at "The Last Supper". Chapel Hill will have a symbolic Seder meal on Thursday April 18, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this special night, kids too! The meal will conclude with Communion. You must register by Monday April 15 at [pchum.org/sedermeal2019](http://pchum.org/sedermeal2019). Any questions can be directed to Tonya Boot at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

*This week: Alex Trebek and "Jeopardy!"*

## FERMENTING FAITH

- Every Tuesday ~ 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Lodo Company ~ 153 W. Centre Ave., Portage

Spring is here and it is time to stop hibernating. So come to Fermenting Faith and discuss faith and life's questions. Food and drinks of choice are available off the menu (including awesome and affordable specials!). Soft drinks are provided without cost.

This week's question: *What would it take for you to follow a Jesus parade?*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY AT CHAPEL HILL

Stephen Ministers are members of Chapel Hill who have been through extensive training to be able to provide confidential, one-on-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. Today during worship, Chapel Hill will be commissioning Sue Ransbottom as a new Stephen Minister, and Dawn Kemp will be commissioned as a Stephen Leader, a role that also includes management and training of new Ministers. We celebrate these individuals and their commitment to compassionate care. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, or if you would like to be privately contacted by a trained Stephen Minister, please contact Dawn Kemp at 269-365-7380 or [jtdmk2@charter.net](mailto:jtdmk2@charter.net).

## THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE TO UMCOR SUNDAY

Maybe you've heard of UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and their work in responding to tragedies all around the world. Last Sunday we celebrated UMCOR's ministry. You still have the opportunity to support this mission with a special offering. Checks can be written with "UMCOR" on the memo line and placed in the offering basket during worship, or visit [pchum.org/give](http://pchum.org/give) to donate online.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 14 Palm/Passion Sunday** in all 3 services

**April 18 Maundy Thursday** (Last Supper Remembrance)

Open Communion in the Chapel

6:30am - 8:00am and 11:30am - 1:00pm

Come, stay as long as you need

Passover Remembrance Seder Meal in the

Fellowship Hall 7:00pm (RSVP by April 15)

**April 19 Good Friday Service of Light and Darkness**

The journey to the cross and the final words of Jesus;

Shared service with Milwood UMC in Chapel Hill's

Sanctuary 7:00pm

**April 21 Easter Sunday**

6:45am Sunrise Service at Chapel Hill's Memorial Garden

8:00am Chapel Service

9:00am The Gathering

11:00am The Journey

## JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

Can't commit to the whole year? Do you want to celebrate Holy Week and the joy of Easter by singing in the choir?

Well, you can! Rehearsals are every Thursday at 7:00pm in the choir room (Room #211). See Fred Sang or any choir member for details.

## SEEKING FOOD PANTRY WORKERS

Put your faith in action by volunteering at Chapel Hill's food pantry. The pantry needs 3-4 new volunteers to work once a month for 3 hours on either Mondays or Tuesdays from 12:30pm-3:30pm. If you are interested please contact Russ O'Brian at [russ\\_obrian@yahoo.com](mailto:russ_obrian@yahoo.com) or 269-327-5823.

## LAY LEADERSHIP CLASSES

A "lay leader" is anyone in the congregation, except the ordained pastor, who serves the church in a leadership role. Sunday School volunteers, small group leaders, greeters... just about everywhere you look you'll see a Lay Leader serving Chapel Hill in some capacity. If you've ever been curious about how you might use your talents to serve the church, Chapel Hill's District Office is offering classes to help you with your discernment. Look for the fliers in the lobby for more information or go to [greatersouthwest.michiganumc.org](http://greatersouthwest.michiganumc.org).

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

& 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

Club 56 (5th-6th Grade) ~ Room #121

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Confirmation Class (7th-8th Grade) ~ Room #114

9th Grade-12th Grade ~ Room #108

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

6th-12th Graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship.

## HOSANNA HOP

- Saturday, April 13 ~ 10:00am ~ Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the Lent season with the whole family at this year's Hosanna Hop (formerly the Easter Egg Hunt). This exciting new event will feature food, games, a photo booth, and of course an egg hunt. This is for all ages so we hope to see you and the whole family. Sign Up today at [pchum.org/hop](http://pchum.org/hop).

**Volunteers Needed!** To make this a successful hop 10-12 volunteers are needed. Please sign up at [pchum.org/hop](http://pchum.org/hop) or find the event on Realm.

### Wish List for Hosanna Hop

Dum Dum suckers, Smarties, fun size Skittles, Hershey Kisses, small Tootsie rolls, Easter stickers, tattoos. Please drop off in the bin outside the Sanctuary.

## WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

### CONCERT IS CANCELLED

It was recently discovered that the Watoto Choir's core values are not in line with Chapel Hill's core values. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Barry at [barrypetrucci@pchum.org](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org).

YOUR FAITH THROUGH MUSIC!



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](http://www.pchum.org/home)



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