

# THE VOICE

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## 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!

## THE DETAILS

For opportunities of Education and upcoming events, check out the inside.

Additional details for items in The Voice and other information can be found on our website: [www.pchum.org](http://www.pchum.org)

## ABOUT PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday and Easter represent the two amazing moments of celebration in what has become known as "Holy Week". In the ancient Church, each day of Holy Week had particular themes of worship tracing the last days in Jesus' life. Because many churches, including Chapel Hill, do not have daily worship through Holy Week, "Palm Sunday" is sometimes called, "Palm-Passion Sunday". This name recognizes that the celebration of Palms very quickly turned into the horror of the crowds turning against Jesus, as the powers of the Jewish Leadership and Roman Government conspired to seek Jesus' death. As we celebrate with the crowds gathered for an impromptu parade into Jerusalem, remember that we gather again on Thursday for personal prayer, meditation and communion in the Chapel, and again on Friday night at 7pm in the Sanctuary for a service of Light and Darkness as Jesus dies on a Roman cross. For now, wave your palm branches high and shout your, "Hosanna" loud! "Hosanna" is Hebrew for "Hip, Hip, Hurray!"

## EASTER OFFERING

As we anticipate the celebration of Chapel Hill's 55<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday, I invite you to join me in an offering of financial gifts to help cover some of the expenses that have accumulated as significant ministry has been and will be done. Our work in getting caught up includes making sure that our portion of the global ministries of The United Methodist Church known as "Ministry Shares" is paid, as well as having a cash reserve to make sure payroll and ministries are supported through the spring and summer.

As you consider what gift you can bring this Easter, I invite you to participate fully in the worship opportunities the week will offer:

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Maundy Thursday Open Communion** - April 13  
6:30am-8am and 11:00am-1:00pm, Chapel
- **Good Friday** - April 14, 7pm, Sanctuary, featuring the Chancel Choir
- **Easter Sunday** - April 16
  - Sunrise @ Oakland Drive Park, 7am, Rain or Shine!  
This youth driven 30 minute service will include worship, music, juice, coffee and donuts - bring lawn chairs if you wish
  - "What if We Could Believe Again?" at 9:00 and 11:30 in the Sanctuary

## BUCKETS OF LOVE FOR HAITI

### TODAY

With the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the Haiti Hot Lunch has been the Michigan Area "flagship project" to reduce hunger, improve attendance and increase academic performance. For most students, this will be the only meal they have that day. When the kids walk around with the buckets, please give generously. 100% of your gift goes to support this program. If you prefer to write a check, just put "UMCOR" on the subject line.

## SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

### APRIL 9TH

Classes resume for:

- Confirmation (Grades 7-8) Lower Youth House
- Senior High (Grades 9-12) Upper Youth House
- Drop-in Classes for Adults:
  - \* FaithLink Room #218
  - \* Upper Room Bible Study Room #209

### Easter Egg Hunt April 9th

Open to all including Preschool, Faith Village & Club 56.

## BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

We are planning a Sunday morning celebration of baptism and, for those who so desire, membership with this congregation on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. As you think about this, Pastor Barry encourages you to contact him at [barrypetrucci@pchum.org](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org) or 327-6643, ext. 107 to talk a bit about what baptism would mean, and how membership might be important to you.

## SPRING INTO SPRING

### POTLUCK SUNDAY APRIL 23RD

Come celebrate! Join us as we "Spring into Spring" at a potluck to share the excitement of sunshine, flowers, and rebirth! Sunday, April 23, immediately following the 11:30 service in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring:

- Last Names A-F: Salad
- Last Names G-L: Side Dish
- Last Names M-R: Entrée
- Last Names S-Z: Dessert

Plates, silverware, drinks and cups will be provided.

## LIFT & UMW JOINT MEETING

### LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER &

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next UMW meeting joins two very special groups: LiFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) and the United Methodist Women. We will be meeting this Wednesday, April 12th in the Upper Room between 6pm-7:15 pm. The program will be called ICE BREAKERS, getting to know one another. Please bring snacks (cookies, chips, vegetable and dip, cheese, crackers, etc.) and your own drink.

*UMW: please note that this is a different meeting time.*

## HELP NEEDED

We are making use of projection for text, pictures and video at both the 9am and 11:30am worship services. Folks willing to learn the operation of the projection computer for operation at either the 9am or 11:30am services are needed. Training will be provided. Please sign-up on the clipboard on the credenza by the pictures of church life in the lobby area.

Do you like having coffee, tea, hot cocoa, cookies on Sundays? Preparing and maintaining the refreshment cart is pretty easy and does not take much time. You will be trained. If you are willing to be a part of a team that rotates responsibilities for this, please sign-up on the clipboard on the credenza by the pictures of church life in the lobby area.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden has a manager and it won't be long before spring is here and planting can be begin! If you are interested in a garden plot, contact Deacon Pat at [PatCatellier@pchum.org](mailto:PatCatellier@pchum.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### PARENT CONNECTION - APRIL 30TH @ 7PM

Parent Connection is now scheduled to coincide with our Sunday evening Youth Group. Chapel Hill continues to support families through youth ministry.

### 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.

## YE - YOUTH EXPERIENCE

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

We will hold Youth Group this Sunday night and on the evening of Easter Sunday when we will have an Easter Egg hunt for the big kids! All youth grades 5-12 welcome to join us at all Youth Group events!

### 2017 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Hello PCHUM parents and youth! It's time to start putting our 2017 Mission Trip team together. Please contact me if you're on the fence about this year's trip. We need to have commitment no later than April 16 so we can start planning meetings and at least 2 team pre-trip service opportunities to help us come together in fellowship. At that time I will create a Facebook page just for youth going on the trip and their parents. For more information on the mission trip, see the next article.

Questions for Larry, Director of Youth Ministry?

[LarryFrench@pchum.org](mailto:LarryFrench@pchum.org).

## 2017 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

### URBAN SPIRIT

This year our PCHUM Youth have the opportunity to experience the poverty simulation at Urban Spirit in Louisville, KY. This is a weeklong trip scheduled for July 23rd-29th, and is available to youth graduating from 8th grade through 12th grade. Through the Red Envelope Campaign, we are committed to providing 50% scholarships for all participants.

## RED ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN

### INTERESTED IN HELPING FUND CAMP AND MISSION TRIP SCHOLARSHIPS?

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](http://www.pchum.org/give), using the General Fund/Other option and specifying your gift as Red Envelope.

## STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!

- online at: [www.umcamping.org/events](http://www.umcamping.org/events)
- go to [www.pchum.org/youth](http://www.pchum.org/youth) to find a pdf of the brochure with registration form on the last page

Through the Red Envelope Campaign we are committed to providing 50% scholarships for all PCHUM campers registered by May 15th.

# THE DETAILS



Details for items in *The Voice* and other information about Chapel Hill can be found by visiting our website: [www.pchum.org](http://www.pchum.org).

Information to be promoted should be sent to Michele VanAllen in the office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org). If you would like the information in *The Voice*, please have your information in by noon on Tuesday.

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Editions of *The Voice* are available online:  
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## ONLINE GIVING FROM YOUR SMART PHONE

Simply scan the QR code and you will be taken to a mobile version of our "GIVE" page.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to be lifted in prayer or added to the prayer chain, contact Shirley Freeman ([shirleytupperfreeman@gmail.com](mailto: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 near the Welcome Center. Magnetic and stick-on badges are available.

## PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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