

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 5-12-19

## WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty.”

~ Revelation 1:8

**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)

Dear Chapel Hill Family:

We invite you to make sure you attend worship on Sunday, May 19, as it is a very special day in the life of the church! It is Confirmation Sunday, the day 8th grade youth confirm the vows made by family and church at their baptism. It is also annual Commitment Sunday! Commitment Sunday this year is particularly important, as Chapel Hill is in a season of reaffirming its core identity in Christ, while our denomination struggles after a critically divisive General Conference.

Commitment Sunday is the day we commit to our collective Stewardship, for our leadership and budget year, July 1 - June 30. We, your Guidance Board and Finance Team, urge you to demonstrate your commitment to the present and future of this congregation, by making clear your intention to give of your time, talent, gifts, and service.

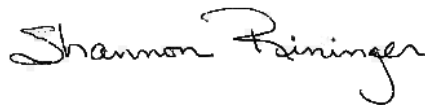
This time of commitment is not built on the need of the church to reach a number on a budget, but on the need of each person to grow spiritually through a generous heart and faithful support of God's ministry in and through Chapel Hill. Instead of emphasizing commitments to the budget, we are asking each person to consider a personal, sacrificial commitment to the many ministries of our church, in our community and to our world. Combining our promises to pray, to be present, to offer gifts and points of view, to be in service, and to tell our stories of God in our lives, creates a strong community forged in gifts given by the Spirit to be shared freely. Your commitment is particularly important as an affirmation of our Mission, Vision, and Core Values as we seek our congregational identity apart from the denomination.

As we renew our commitment to a strengthened journey together, we ask you to make attendance on May 19\* a personal priority. Together we will be well-prepared, ready to face the next steps God calls us to take in our movement toward becoming, "a transforming community of faith where each discovers and responds to God's call."

Grace and Peace,



Stephanie Giguere, chair  
Guidance Board



Shannon Rininger, chair  
Finance Team

A Season for  
Commitment



*\*If you are unable to join us on May 19 please drop your commitment card in the mail or offering basket anytime before July 1.*

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

***This week: Vaccinations***

## SPRING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday May 19 ~ Confirmation/Commitment Sunday

Saturday June 8 ~ Kalamazoo Pride ~ Arcadia Fest. Site

Sunday June 9 ~ Graduation Sunday

Sunday June 9 ~ 5:00pm ~ Church Conference

Saturday June 22 ~ Blood Drive

## 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: ***When have you given up on something or someone?***

## “BELONG” MEMBERSHIP CLASS

- Sunday May 19 ~ 2:00pm ~ Room #216

While membership is not necessary to fully participate in the life of Chapel Hill, for some folks church membership is an important step along their Journey of Faith. Chapel Hill offers three one-hour membership classes called Belong, Discover, and Respond where you have the opportunity to learn more and discover your own faith journey. All three are required before joining Chapel Hill, but you can take them in any order. The Belong class is being offered May 19. If you are interested in attending this class please RSVP to [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org). Childcare is available upon request.

## NEW BUCKETS OF LOVE MINISTRY

The second Sunday of each month Chapel Hill collects coins during worship. We call this noisy offering “Buckets of Love”. The collection goes to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Chapel Hill is now sending the monies to HAPI (Haitian Artisans for Peace International). Their mission is “to develop a thriving community by identifying, empowering and equipping local individuals to attack the social and economic conditions that perpetuate generational poverty”. This organization provides an array of services to the people of Haiti. To learn more please visit [haitianartisans.com](http://haitianartisans.com) or watch for more information from Chapel Hill.

## UNITED METHODIST SUMMER CAMPS

Summer camping has been a stronghold of Chapel Hill’s ministries among children and youth. Changes in the number of camps and some of our recent experiences with camp leadership has made it a little bit more difficult to navigate which camps to recommend. Our suggestion to parents and guardians of children and youth is to go to the Michigan Conference Camping Website, [umcamping.org](http://umcamping.org), and check out the camps and the age-level programs. Lake Louise Camp is run by an independent board, so you can find information about camps there by going to [lakelouisecommunity.org](http://lakelouisecommunity.org). If you have questions, feel free to contact Pastor Barry. As in the past, 50% of camping cost will be paid by Chapel Hill. If your need stretches beyond 50% let Pastor Barry know and we will do what we can.

## CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM & 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

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

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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- July 15-18, 2019

Easter means the “home stretch” for students and summer break is almost here. Every summer Chapel Hill offers Vacation Bible School to all ages. This year’s theme is “Christmas in July”. Registration details very soon.

## GRADUATION SUNDAY IS NOT JUST FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

- Graduation Sunday June 9

Chapel Hill will be celebrating all high school and post-high school graduates on Graduation Sunday June 9. And while it’s relatively easy to know who our high school seniors are, it’s a little more difficult to keep track of our higher education students. If you or someone in your family is celebrating a post-high school accomplishment, Chapel Hill wants to recognize that achievement. Training certification or apprenticeship completion, Associate’s degree, Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctorate – we want to include you! Please send a note with the student’s name, accomplishment, and what their future plans are, to [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) by June 2.

YOUR FAITH THROUGH A SMALL GROUP

# Walking by Faith

Saturdays @ 10:30am

*\*New Location*

Bicentennial Park Portage

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](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 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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