

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 5-26-19

## 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  
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## COMMITMENT CARDS

What a celebration we had last week as the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class lead us in worship, while four 8<sup>th</sup> graders confirmed their faith! It was an amazing display of faith, as youth joined the church that is currently in a time of significant transition. The congregation responded by offering commitment cards for the new leadership and budget year beginning July 1. Chapel Hill clergy and leaders urge you to demonstrate your commitment to the present and future of this congregation, by turning in a commitment card which makes clear your intention to give of your time, talent, gifts, and service. Our shared commitments are particularly important as an affirmation of our Mission, Vision, and Core Values, as we embrace our unique congregational identity.

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

- Sunday June 9 ~ 5:00pm ~ Sanctuary

This church conference is an annual meeting of the whole congregation. District Superintendent Dwayne Bagley will be here to answer questions and guide us through this process. There will be a vote on clergy compensation and leadership affirmation. Full membership of Chapel Hill is a requirement to vote. However, all are encouraged to attend regardless of membership status.

## CHAPEL HILL T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!

The Radical Hospitality Team has designed a Chapel Hill T-shirt for folks to wear when they are out in the community. The shirts are also a great way to unify your groups when working in the area. So, for instance, if you are serving at Ministry with Community or the Food Pantry, you can wear this shirt to unify your group. We have a range of sizes available on a first come, first serve basis. The suggested donation for a shirt is \$5.00. Members of the team will be available in the lobby from 10:00-11:00am today, June 2 and June 9.

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ *\*Currently on Summer break*

## FERMENTING FAITH

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

Come out on a nice spring night 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: *Why do people do things they are know are bad?*

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

- Saturday June 22 at 10:15am-4:00pm

Three times a year Chapel Hill hosts a Blood Drive. These Blood Drives are very successful in our community. Chapel Hill offers several soups, cookies, and other delicious treats to re-energize each donor. It takes many volunteers to host a successful blood drive. For ways that you can help go to [pchum.org/blooddriveJune2019](http://pchum.org/blooddriveJune2019). Want to do something now? You can schedule an appointment to donate blood on the day of our drive, right now. Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), then enter "CHUM" as our sponsor code. Questions? Please contact blood drive coordinator Sue Dueweke at [suzydue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzydue@sbcglobal.net).

## KALAMAZOO PRIDE

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Saturday June 8 ~ Arcadia Creek Festival Place

Help represent Chapel Hill at the 2019 Kalamazoo Pride Festival! Volunteers are asked to sign up for a 2-hour shift, where they will greet festival-goers at the Chapel Hill & Kalamazoo Area UMC table, giving out information and inviting people to learn more about Chapel Hill. Sign up today at [pchum.org/pride2019](http://pchum.org/pride2019).

## NEEDED: CAFFEINATED COFFEE ENTHUSIASTS!

The Radical Hospitality Team is looking for volunteers from small groups or families who are willing to sign up to work the coffee bar on Sunday mornings. No extensive training is needed, but one of our team members would be happy to show you the ropes. It's easy to do and is not only fun, but a great bonding experience, too. The coffee starts brewing about 7:30am every Sunday, and continues until after the 11:00am service, when clean up happens. We even have step by step instructions to help those who haven't had enough caffeine yet! Please consider this important hospitality ministry and email Dan Janecke at [dpjanecke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpjanecke@sbcglobal.net) with your available dates.

## OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday June 5, 11:45am
- Summer Thyme Cafe 3928 Portage Rd. Kalamazoo

Need a ride? Call: Doris Mettler (269-327-8272). Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

## 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

\*10:00am Sunday School will end June 9

11:00am Sunday School continues through the summer.

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

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

\*Will end June 9

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

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

\*Tonight is the last meeting until the fall

## NEW TODDLER GROUP

- Thursdays ~ 10:00am ~ Rooms #119 and #120

Join us every Thursday this summer at 10:00am (starting May 30) for stories, music, games, snack and time together. Toddler Time is intended for kids 0-4 years old and their caregiver but older siblings are welcome to join. Toddler Time will meet downstairs in the preschool rooms (Rooms #119 and #120) and conclude with time on the playground if the weather is agreeable.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- July 15-18

Summer break is almost here. Every summer Chapel Hill offers Vacation Bible School to all ages. This year's theme is "Christmas in July". Register today at [pchum.org/vbs2019](http://pchum.org/vbs2019).

## OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to Memorial Day, the office will be closed Monday, May 27. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday at 9:00am

# YOUR FAITH THROUGH SERVICE



The Shepherd's Center needs your help! The Shepherd's Center of Greater Kalamazoo is a non-profit interfaith organization that promotes vital aging in its community. One of the many services provided by The Shepherd's Center is transportation to and from medical appointments for older adults. Volunteer drivers are in high demand. Please consider this fun volunteer opportunity. Contact The Shepherd's Center at 269-383-1122 or visit their website [shepherdcenterkalamazoo.org](http://shepherdcenterkalamazoo.org) to sign up.

## 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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