

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 5-6-18

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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TAKING THE NEXT STEP

In 2017 this faith community took a step toward living a life of generosity as followers of Jesus. Our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and the sharing of our stories are all ways we manage this world on God's behalf. There is always another step to be taken as we follow Christ, another step where we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to keep us going. Our attentiveness to that "next step" last year has meant new commitments to our life together, new relationships built in small groups, new folks being welcomed into this community, and a whole lot of work done to enable ministry inside and outside this building.

Folks on the Chapel Hill mailing list received a letter this week from me, and the "Taking the Next Step" co-leaders, Sara Huff and Greg Salisbury. Between now and May 20th we will each be challenged to prayerfully consider what our next step will be in deepening our commitment to God and the Church by making an Estimate of Giving in worship. Financial giving is not the only kind of giving, to be sure, but it is a symbol of our embracing the scriptural principles of generously giving back to God in response to all of God's gifts to us.

Make sure you grab a "Taking the Next Step 2018" brochure and a copy of the book Practicing Extravagant Generosity in the lobby. Know that on this journey of four weeks I hold you all in prayer, as I trust you will hold Chapel Hill in your prayers.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Every Sunday at 9:00am kids age 3 to 3rd grade are invited to Children in Worship after Kids Time. Children in Worship is a program that lets each kid explore their personal spirituality while learning key stories from the Bible. They return to the Sanctuary in time for the final hymn or communion.

SACRED MUSIC RECITAL

- Today at 4:00pm

Presented by Chapel Hill's Jared Montgomery (baritone, organ) and Daniel Reeves (baritone, piano).

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

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 today. 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.

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. The supplies will be delivered this week. Questions? Contact patcatellier@pchum.org.

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 a pizza dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to invite your friends and family!

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!

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

All the garden plots have been spoken for but there is still a way you can support this ministry. The Community Garden needs paper grocery bags to collect the produce which will be donated to the food pantry. Please drop off your donation of bags in the bin outside the Sanctuary by May 20.

SAVE THE DATE -

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

- Saturday June 9 at 10:15am-4:00pm

It takes many volunteers to host a successful blood drive, so keep watching for ways that you can help. 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, then enter "CHUM" as our sponsor code. Questions? Please contact blood drive coordinator Sue Dueweke at suzydue@sbcglobal.net.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VOLUNTEER SHEPHERDS NEEDED

- July 16-19

The theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage". Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful VBS. Volunteer grade level Shepherds are especially needed. To learn more about this opportunity, please email Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

YE(YOUTH EXPERIENCE) GRADES 6-12TH

- Youth Group Sunday Nights
- Every Sunday night at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall
- Grades 6 thru 12 are invited
- Bring your friends!
- Indoor Sports, Games, Music, Snacks

Martial Arts night is tonight during youth group at 7:00pm. Please wear comfortable clothing and be ready to have some fun.

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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