

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7-15-18

## 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

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## DID YOU KNOW? VOLUME 2

On June 14th Church Conference elected leadership for the 2018-2019 Ministry Year at Chapel Hill! As part of that election, the Guidance Board was authorized to fill vacancies in leadership through the year. As Pastor, I know that EVERYONE has a passion and I know that I want passionate people to be connected to the ministries of the church. So prayerfully think about these Core Teams at Chapel Hill and how you might be a part of these small groups that form the structure of ministry here.

**Leadership Selection & Development**, fondly known as "LS&D." This team is responsible for helping to staff and train Core Teams (the groups that cover every aspect of life at Chapel Hill), Action Teams (the folks that get stuff done), and Ad-Hoc Teams (for occasional short-term tasks). Members of this team love to talk to folks and find out what their passions, gifts, talents and abilities are. Led by the pastor, the team also develops training programs for new and continuing leaders.

**Communication** is a brand-new team that is tasked with shaping what the church communicates and how we do it. The office staff currently deals with 7-10 modes of communication each week, from The Voice, to **pchum.org**, social media, sanctuary slides, the digital street sign, the internal digital displays, and more! The Communication Team will be setting branding and communication standards, as well as recommending emergency communication policies to the Guidance Board.

**Worship & Spirituality** is the team which oversees worship opportunities large and small, as well as the spiritual health of this faith community. Have a passion for writing, decorating or production? This could be a great team for you. These are just three of our Core Teams. Watch The Voice for more information or check out the website for details, team leaders, contacts, etc. As always feel free to visit a Core Team or talk with me about getting connected.



## CHURCH CONFERENCE BOOKLETS

If you were not able to attend the church conference on June 14, there are conference booklets available in the lobby. They are located in the magazine rack near the office door.

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

JOIN ALL SUMMER LONG

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

Lectionary Bible Study ~ Room #108

## SUMMER SINGING EXCITEMENT

Summer is here and the choir is on vacation... Well, not really. This summer the choir is doing something new: Summer Pop-Up Choir! Everyone is invited to join in the third Sunday of each summer month, today and August 19. The music will be fun and easy to sing. Get here at 8:15am so we can all rehearse together and then we'll sing the song during the 9:00am service. Be a part of great music, laughs, and fellowship! No need to RSVP, just show up. If you have any questions contact Fred Sang, [fredsang@pchum.org](mailto:fredsang@pchum.org).

## SPRUCING UP CHAPEL HILL

Folks have been responding to the Facilities Team's list of odd jobs around the church, but there's still lots to do! Please take a look at the bulletin board in the lobby and consider offering some of your time to help keep this building in tip-top shape. Some of the jobs may require a few minutes per month. Others require a one-time offering of an hour or two. The jobs are varied, for all ages and abilities. Call John Ruhrup at 269-491-8728 or email the office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) to learn more. Chapel Hill strives to be a place where all are welcome, and keeping our building and grounds looking great helps in that mission.

## CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS

- Thursday July 26 – 6:00pm – 9:00pm ~ Sanctuary

A representative from the Portage Department of Public Safety will be at Chapel Hill to give a presentation on what to do in the event of an emergency within the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available.

## SUMMER POTLUCK AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KICK OFF ~ TODAY

Everyone is invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall today after the 10:45am service. This will be a celebration to kick off Vacation Bible School by blessing the youth and adults who will be participating. Come be a part of the fun, the food and the fellowship!

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

- Sunday August 12 at 3:05pm ~ Kalamazoo Growlers

Join other Kalamazoo Area United Methodist Churches on Sunday August 12 at Mayors' Riverfront Park to see the Kalamazoo Growlers. Tailgate tickets are \$17 and include a hat and an all-inclusive buffet 90 minutes before game-time. Children 12 and younger are free. Register at [forms.michiganumc.org/baseball](http://forms.michiganumc.org/baseball). Please call the office or email [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) if you have any questions.

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Chapel Hill community garden will be bursting with fresh veggies for the food pantry very soon. Our first donations of zucchini and squash have already been received, and tomatoes will be coming soon. Our nine gardeners are busy with their plots—a couple of them even have two of them! If you want to know more about the garden or Chapel Hill's commitment of fresh produce to the food pantry email Chris Cartner at [cartner3030@gmail.com](mailto:cartner3030@gmail.com).

## ONLINE GIFTS

Summer is a great time to set up your giving electronically so you never have to worry about forgetting your check book or going to the bank. To set up it up go to [pchum.org/give](http://pchum.org/give). If you already give online, please make sure your estimate of giving information has been updated. Today marks the start of the new fiscal year for Chapel Hill. Take a moment to make sure your online giving matches your "Taking the Next Step" intention.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER

- This week July 16-19

The theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage". To Register is just go to [pchum.org/vbsform](http://pchum.org/vbsform) and fill out the form. Everyone is encourage to attend so please invite your neighbors, cousins, classmates, strangers, etc. Volunteers are still needed to make this a successful VBS. To learn more about this opportunity, please email Andrea Trantham at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org).

## VBS IS FOR ADULTS TOO

Jenaba Waggy will be teaching each night of Vacation Bible School on "Outward Faith: How to live into your faith beyond Sunday". The class will be in the Chapel at 6:00pm (dinner at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall). You can drop in any or all nights.

## PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS-SUMMER PICNICS

- Sunday August 5 - 12:00pm ~ Harbors West Park

Being a parent is not always a picnic but being around other parents who also don't have a clue about this parent thing can be. So let's picnic together! Families are invited to meet after church August 5 at Harbors West park in Portage (3458 Summersong Path). Bring your own picnic.

## A NEW DISCUSSION ~ HOW WIDE IS THE WELCOME?

A nation divided, a Church divided, a house divided against itself cannot stand...in the current social and political climate of the United States, it seems like a necessity to choose a side and stay there. But in the Church, we are called to welcome all people. Does all really mean everybody, even if someone is cruel or dangerous or different? Seminary student Jenaba Waggy will lead a discussion on what it is to be a welcoming church in an unwelcome time. Come and bring your questions Sundays at 10:00am from July 22 to August 12 in Room #218.

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](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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