

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7-21-19

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“The real voyage of
discovery consists, not in seeking new
landscapes, but in having new eyes .”

~Marcel Proust

STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm
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WHAT I LEARNED ON MY SUMMER VACATION

I had the privilege of taking a two week vacation in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland. Beautiful countries and vibrant lovely peoples locked together in land mass and histories. Siblings that have shared the best and worst of times. Sometimes getting out of our own spaces and dropping in on the life, times and histories of others helps with perspectives on our own realities. For our struggles in the USA and in our United Methodist Church I learned that stepping into isolation from others and efforts to marginalize others for any reason at any time are steps that are not easily undone. Wounds cut deep and healing takes time. Lots of time. Better to find ways to embrace than to push away. A little something learned five time zones away.



RESPOND CLASS

- Today ~ 2:00pm ~ Conference Room

The next Celebration of New Members will take place on Sunday August 18. While membership at Chapel Hill is not required to fully participate in this faith community, many people find that church membership is an important step on their own personal journey of faith. Chapel Hill requires that all new members have attended three membership classes – Belong, Discover, and Respond. If you are thinking of joining Chapel Hill in August, but still need to attend the Respond class, now is your chance. This class covers the social principles of the United Methodist Church and what it means for Chapel Hill to be a “Reconciling Ministry.” If you have any questions about the membership classes, or to RSVP, please email office@pchum.org.

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Discussion of current events

Meeting August 11 ~ In Room #218

FERMENTING FAITH

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

Cool off on a summer night at 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TODAY!

Chapel Hill serves Sunday lunch to clients at Ministry with Community (800 N Edwards St) on the 3rd Sunday of each month (July’s meal is TODAY!). Chapel Hill is in need of several more volunteers from 12:30pm-3:00pm. Anyone over age 13 is welcome! For more information, call George Dunn at 269-720-1526.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE GROWLERS GAME

- Sunday July 28 ~ 3:05pm
- Mayors’ Riverfront Park, Kalamazoo

Sunday July 28 is United Methodist Churches Day at Mayors’ Riverfront Park in Kalamazoo, home of the Kalamazoo Growlers baseball team. Gates open at 2:05pm and the first pitch is at 3:05pm. \$9 gets you a reserved bleacher seat and a Growlers hat. A \$14 ticket gets you a reserved seat, hat and food voucher. Go to growlertickets.com and use promo code UMCTICKETS to save your spot.

YOUTH SUMMIT

- Today ~ 7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

Parents of all youth in grades 6-12, as well as any interested adults, are invited to attend a Youth Summit, to discuss the future of Youth Ministry at Chapel Hill. What does youth ministry look like to you? What ideas do you have for the future? Your input is vital! And this isn't just for grown-ups, either. Kids will have their own summit at the same time, tonight, in Room 108. If you can't make it that day but have ideas you'd like to share please email Pastor Barry at barrypetrucci@pchum.org.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

- Sunday August 25

Blessing of the Backpacks is an annual tradition here at Chapel Hill. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to get blessed for the upcoming school year! This event will take place during the 11:00am service.

MAKE A SUMMER CONNECTION

The small group that meets weekly at Park Village Pines is currently taking a break from reading/study. The group will continue to meet casually—to stay connected. If you are interested in connecting to this small group, please know you are welcome. Gatherings are Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Park Village Pines (2920 Crystal Lane Kalamazoo 49009). Questions? Contact Deacon Pat at patcatellier@pchum.org.

CHAPEL HILL'S GOT TALENT

Do you have a special talent or know someone who does? Maybe music, dance or writing? Chapel Hill is looking for musicians, dancers, poetry readers, etc., to perform during the 9:00am service this summer. You can sign up on the wall outside the Choir Room #211. For questions contact Fred Sang at fredsang@pchum.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

11:00am Sunday School continues through the summer.

TODDLER TIME

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

Join us every Thursday this summer at 10:00am 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.

JOIN THE BELL CHOIR

Want to make a joyful noise? Come join the bell choir! We play during the 9:00 am service once a month. Reading music is helpful but not necessary. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:30pm starting August 28. Please contact Kathy Willhite, kathleenwhillhite@att.net for more info.

PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS- SUMMER PICNICS

- July 28 and/or August 25 ~ Noon
- Harbors West Park 3458 Summersong Path, Portage

Parents or guardians of young kids meet monthly right after the 11:00am service. Bring your own picnic to the park and have fun with other Chapel Hill families.

YOUR FAITH THROUGH EDUCATION

CHECK OUT THESE ISAAC EVENTS (ISAAC IS AN INTERFAITH ORGANIZING NETWORK OF CONGREGATIONS AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A MORE JUST COMMUNITY)

"We Need a Moral Pentecost" Movie, Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm

Join us in the church's movie lounge on Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. to view a talk given by Dr. Rev. William J. Barber, titled "We Need a Moral Pentecost." Rev. Barber is the architect of the Forward Together Moral Monday Movement, president of the North Carolina NAACP, and pastor of the Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Goldsboro. He is also president of Repairers of the Breach. He is the 2015-2016 recipient of the Puffin/Nation Prize for Creative Citizenship. The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is co-author, with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, of *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Fear and Division*.

**This event are being held at First United Methodist Church 212 S. Park St. Kalamazoo 49007*

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

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