

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7-28-19

## WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season, and their  
leaves do not wither .

~Psalm 1:3 (NRSV)

Today we are experiencing how Labyrinths can be used in meditation.  
If you would like to visit one in our area here are three options:

**The People's Church of Kalamazoo** 1758 10th St. N Kzoo  
**Transformations Spirituality Center** 3427 Gull Road. Kzoo  
**Unity of Kalamazoo** 1204 Whites Rd. Kzoo

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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.



## FALL KICK-OFF AND BBQ POTLUCK

- Sunday September 8 ~ Noon

Save the date! Chapel Hill's annual Fall Kick-Off marks the start of the 2019-2020 Sunday School year for ALL ages, as well as a new beginning for many of Chapel Hill's teams and small groups after a summer hiatus. Following the 11:00am service there will be a BBQ potluck outside, and an opportunity to learn more about some of the ministries that Chapel Hill provides. Keep watching The Voice for more details!

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

- Wednesday August 7 ~ 11:45am
- Travelers Café and Pub ~ 5225 Portage Rd

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

## 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.

**This week's question: *Would you rather have a conversation with Jesus, Buddha, Muhammad, Einstein or Lincoln? Why?***

## JOIN THE BELL CHOIR

Want to make a joyful noise? Come join the bell choir! We play during the 9:00am 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,

**kathleenwillhite@att.net** for more info.

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE GROWLERS GAME

- Today ~ 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 purchase your ticket.

## NEEDED: HOSPITALITY FANS!

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 Bob Willhite at [ra.bob.willhite@gmail.com](mailto:ra.bob.willhite@gmail.com) with your available dates.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## BACKPACKS NEEDED

Chapel Hill has had an ongoing relationship with Haverhill Elementary for the past several years. Each August Chapel Hill hosts a picnic lunch and backpack give away at the Haverhill playground. 70 backpacks are needed to make it a success and you can help. Backpacks are on sale at Five Below, Target, Walmart and Meijer. Please drop off your new/donated backpack by August 18. There is a bin in the lobby.

## PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS- SUMMER PICNICS

- Today ~ 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 is 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](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.

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