

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7-29-18

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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ADJUST YOUR SAILS!

“I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.”

Country music singer, actor, and creator of breakfast sausage, Jimmy Dean, gave us that little reflection on change. It works for me as I let the world know that Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church is, once again, changing the Sunday morning schedule of worship and education... a little bit! Beginning September 9, The Journey will be moving from 10:45am to 11:00am and Sunday School for kids will be happening in two sessions each week, at 10:00am and 11:00am.

The reason for the change is that, when we made the shift last year to worship at 10:45am we pinched Sunday School time and were forcing choices on families around Sunday School and Worship. With the new schedule families can choose to worship together AND still be a part of Sunday School or small groups.

Worship will still happen in three flavors: The Table, an intimate and sacramental service led by Deacon Pat Catellier, will still be in the chapel at 8:00am; The Gathering, a choir-led service with pastor preaching from the pulpit, will still be in the sanctuary at 9:00am; and The Journey, a band-led worship with pastoral teaching with help of visuals on screen, will be in the sanctuary at 11:00am.

Keep watching this space for more info on how the Sunday School classes will be constructed, as well as exciting changes coming for Wednesday evenings! For now, mark your calendars for September 9 and once again, adjust your sails!

Blessings to All~
Pastor Barry



END OF SUMMER BBQ

- Sunday August 19~ 12:00pm

Save the date and start saving up your appetite for an outdoor BBQ on the front lawn. Pulled Pork and Smoked Chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Last Names A-J: Cold Side Dish

Last Names K-S: Dessert

Last Names T-Z: Salad

If you have any questions please contact the office.

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

JOIN AT ANYTIME

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

How Wide is the Welcome?~ #108

Guided Discussion by Jenaba Waggy

TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

Lectionary Bible Study ~ Room #108

CHAPEL HILL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- August 11 or August 19 ~ Chapel

Pastor Barry and the Leadership Selection and Development Team asks all members of Core Teams, and all other interested folks from the congregation, to attend ONE of two Leadership Training events in August. These times are set aside to help team members:

- understand the overall function of church leadership
- get a feel for the guiding vision of the church
- learn the “nuts and bolts” of how ministries can be started by anyone in the church at any time
- get to know each other better in laughter and building of community
- have those questions answered that have been lurking in the backs of your minds!

Take your pick from a session on Saturday, August 11 from 9:00am – Noon OR Sunday, August 19 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm (after the End of Summer BBQ!)

Please RSVP to office@pchum.org by August 6. Indicate in the email if childcare in the nursery is needed.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, August 1 at 11:45am
- Fletcher’s Pub 7177 W.Q. Ave.
- Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303) or Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)

Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Chapel Hill has had an ongoing relationship with Haverhill Elementary for the past several years. The youth who participated in Vacation Bible School donated backpacks this year. We want to fill each backpack with school supplies: specifically, a box of crayons (24 count), pencils, a spiral notebook and two pocket folders. They are on sale at Target, Walmart and Meijer. Please consider donating these supplies for the kids at Haverhill by August 19. There is a bin in the lobby. We thank you and so will they!

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 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.

THE BELL CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

We invite you to be apart of the bell choir. Rehearsal starts Wednesday, August 22 from 7:00-8:30pm in Room #121. A basic understanding of reading music is helpful but not necessary. Please contact Kathy Willhite for more information.

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 until August 12 in Room #108.*Please note room location change.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

- Sunday August 26, 10:45am

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! If you or someone you know is in need of a backpack please call the office. Extra backpacks are always available!

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. Please call the office or email office@pchum.org if you have any questions.

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.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Chapel Hill community garden is bursting with fresh veggies for the food pantry. 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.

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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