

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7-7-19

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“Sometimes the best thing we can do for each other is talk honestly about being wrong.”

~ Nadia Bolz Weber

STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm
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THINKING ABOUT JOINING CHAPEL HILL?

Pastor Barry will host a make-up session of both the Belong Class and the Discover Class on Sunday July 14. The Belong Class will be at 1:00pm. The Discover class will follow at 2:00pm. Both classes will take place in the conference room. This extra opportunity is being offered so folks who want to join into membership at Chapel Hill can do so in August, when we will invite those who have taken all three classes into membership.

The membership classes are comprised of three one-hour components, the Belong Class, the Discover class, and the Respond class. During the Belong class you will get to know our Pastor, hear about Chapel Hill and plans for the future, talk about what feels good about Chapel Hill, take a tour, and ask questions.

During the Discover class you will get to know others and be known...the nature of community. This is also an opportunity to get to know Pastor Barry better, and to ask questions about Chapel Hill. A tour is offered at the end of this class as well.

The Respond class will be scheduled for Sunday July 21. During this class you will talk about the social principles of the United Methodist Church, discuss what it means to be a reconciling ministry, and learn how you might connect your passions with the world's needs.

The invitation to join into membership will tentatively be scheduled for August 18. If you would like to attend Belong, Discover, or Respond, or have any questions, please RSVP to office@pchum.org. Please indicate if you will need childcare at that time as well.

A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

As you may know, the United Methodist Church is going through a significant change and Chapel Hill has become a leader as we navigate this change.

During this time, the Communications Team is looking at how we, as a congregation, communicate – reviewing printed materials, electronic messages, signage, and social media. We're also considering what we communicate – the brand we put forth – both internally and externally.

As we consider what we're communicating, we want to hear from you and get your thoughts on the value of keeping "United Methodist" in our name.

If you'd like to contribute to the conversation, please provide your feedback to Angela Brcka (angelabrcka@gmail.com) by Tuesday, July 16. And if you'd care to join us, we next meet on Thursday, July 18, at 7:30 pm.

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

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Discussion of current events

Meeting July 14 ~ In Room #218

The topic is Preschool Print

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: ***Communion....What's Up with that?***

A RESPONSE TO CHILD DETENTION AND FAMILY SEPARATION

The General Board of Church and Society is challenging United Methodists to write letters to Congress and the White House urging them to do everything they can to immediately end child detention, unite immigrant children with their families and prevent other detention centers from opening. On Sunday, July 14, there will be folks in the lobby with clipboards asking for your signature on a letter Chapel Hill will send to Congress. To find out more information and what you can do go to umcjustice.org/what-you-can-do/advocacy/take-action.

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.

YOUTH SUMMIT

- Sunday July 21 ~ 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, July 21 at 7:00pm, 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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS FOR ADULTS TOO!

- July 15-18 ~ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Coming to church on Sunday shapes how we go to work on Monday--or does it? Each of us takes our faith with us in different ways; being aware of those ways helps us deepen our relationship to God and to each other. Come join the conversation each night of VBS about the ways we live into our spirituality, what we actually believe, and how our beliefs affect our life outside of the sanctuary. Snacks will be provided!

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- July 15-18 ~ 5:00pm Dinner ~ 5:30pm Start

Vacation Bible School is coming and it is always a giant success because of our amazing volunteers. Volunteers are used for every part of the program (before, during and after). People with all sorts of gifts are appreciated. Please join this fun team to help make this year the best VBS yet! To volunteer or ask questions, please email AndreaTrantham@pchum.org.

Reminder VBS is for ALL ages. Middle and High School Youth will be getting their hands dirty with Pastor Barry. It will be a fun filled week for the whole family.

PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS- SUMMER PICNICS

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

It's back! 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)

"The Best of Enemies" Movie, Thursday, July 18, 6:30 pm

Join us in the church's movie lounge on Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. for a viewing "The Best of Enemies." During the racially charged summer of 1971, outspoken civil rights activist Ann Atwater faces off against Ku Klux Klan leader C.P. Ellis, as they come together to co-chair a community summit on the desegregation of schools in Durham, N.C. Based on a true story. (released April 5, 2019) This event will be in the First United Methodist Church Youth Tribe Theater. Carmel corn and beverages will be provided. A discussion will be held following the presentation. Bring a friend or two!

"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*.

**These events 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

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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