

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8-13-17

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!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm
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NEW LIFE REMIX: SUMMER WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

When in Our Music God is Glorified, arr. Edward Broughton

Hymn #68 in UM Hymnal

Opening Liturgy

Songs

Kids Time - Buckets of Love

Message for the Week

Anthem, "Revive Us Again!"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Song

Sending with Choir Response

Organ Postlude

Prelude in G Minor BWV 535, J.S. Bach

Next Week's Scripture - Matthew 15: 10-28

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Today is a special and bittersweet day for us. Barbara Hong is retiring as our organist. Please enjoy her talents as she accompanies the Chancel Choir in worship. Following worship, we invite you to enjoy some cake while taking the opportunity to greet Barbara and share appreciation in the lobby.

Gifts for Barbara can be placed in the offering basket. Make checks out to PCHUM (be sure to note "retirement" on your memo line). Gifts can also be donated online: pchum.org/give using the "Barbara retirement" category.

EXCITING CHANGES THIS FALL!

Starting September 10th there will be 3 worship opportunities on Sunday morning:

8:00am "Come to the Table" (Chapel)

9:00am "The Gathering" (Sanctuary)

10:45am "The Journey - One Place, Different Stories" (Sanctuary)

Other exciting changes this fall pertain to when Christian Ed opportunities will take place. Childcare schedule will begin at 9:00am. Children and Youth Sunday school will be concurrent with the 10:45am service. (See more details about Sunday school for Youth in yE column, next page). Small groups will meet at their preferred times. More details to come as plans are finalized.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED OFFERINGS:

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY ~ PASTOR BARRY

Covenant is an in-depth group Bible study that centers around our relationships with God, each other, and the world. Covenant will meet for three eight-week segments on Tuesday nights, 7-8:30pm beginning September 20. Cost for materials \$35. Interested persons can sign up in the narthex or by email: office@pchum.org

COMPANIONS BIBLE STUDY ~ DEACON PAT

The foundational Companions experience takes groups through a journey of five parts, each lasting 5-6 weeks. Participants follow the same pattern each week - a weekly reading and five daily exercises followed by a two-hour group meeting. During the meeting, participants share their insights from the past week's daily exercises, and then engage in a deeper exploration together. The Companions study begins Tuesday, October 10 from 12 - 1:30pm. Bring your lunch! Interested persons can sign up in the narthex or by emailing: office@pchum.org.

FAITHLINK

How should we view current global issues following in the Methodist tradition? FaithLink takes a brief, fast-paced look at a new topic each week. No homework to be completed. Just bring a curious mind. FaithLink meets immediately after the 9:00 service (10:05-10:40) starting Sept. 17 in the Wesley Room, #218. Questions? contact Kathy Willhite., kathleenwillhite@att.net.

UPPER ROOM BIBLE STUDY

This group will continue to meet in the Upper Room #209 on Sunday mornings immediately following the 9:00am service. Contact Joe Buysse buysse1@att.net if you have questions.

STAFFING CHANGES

We are accepting applications for an open position in the church office. Responsibilities will include reception, hospitality, clerical and other administrative support for 15-20 hours per week. Interested persons should submit their resume to suedueweke@pchum.org.

Church Office Hours

Throughout the remainder of summer, the church office hours will be reduced occasionally due to limited staff availability. As the receptionist position is still in flux, there will be gaps in front office coverage. When adjustments to office hours are needed, that information will be posted at the door and on the phone messaging system. Additionally, when particular staff are away, they will communicate when and how they can be reached on their voicemail and on email replies. Thank you for your understanding.

Communications Survey

How do you get your PCHUM News? We would like everyone's participation in a short survey (5 minutes or less) focusing on Communications. The survey can be filled out online; the link was shared in the Weekly Email. Paper copies of the survey are in the Narthex. Choose your preferred format, but please only complete the survey once. Thank you!

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

The Chancel Choir is looking for new members! Consider joining this fun group. Knowing how to read music is NOT a requirement. Thursday night rehearsals begin on August 24, 7-8:30pm. Childcare is available upon request. For more information, contact FredSang@pchum.org.

BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir for adults (7th grade and higher) will begin Wednesday, August 30th 7:00-8:30pm. Reading music is helpful but not required. For more information, contact Kathy Willhite, kathleenwillhite@att.net.

PCHUM LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This is an essential training put on by Pastor Barry and the Leadership Selection and Development Committee for all members of Core Teams. This training will help leaders relate to the changes and to find their own ministry "voices" within the new organizational structure. Two training sessions to choose from: Sunday, August 20th from 2:30-5:30pm or Saturday, August 26th from 9:00am-noon. Childcare will be available on request. Please RSVP your attendance to office@pchum.org or 327-6643, ext. 103.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Blessing of the Backpacks is August 27th during the 10:30am service. Bring your backpacks to get blessed for the upcoming year! Extra backpacks will be available for families in need of help getting a backpack for the school year.

Youth/Children's Choir

Angel Choir (4yr olds-kindergarten) 6:00pm-7:00pm and Disciple Choir (1st-5th grade) 5:45pm-7:15pm will begin meeting Wednesdays on September 13th.

Sanctuary Choir (Youth grades 5th-12th) will begin meeting September 17th. Join us from 6-7pm.

We are looking for two more pianists for the year. If you would like to play with us, please contact Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

YE NEWS:

MICHIGAN'S ADVENTURE DAY

- Saturday, August 26
- Gather at Chapel Hill @ 10am
- Open to youth and friends in 6th - 12th grade
- Adult chaperones needed
- Cost \$30, scholarships available
- We will pack lunches before departure
- RSVP to Larry via email LarryFrench@pchum.org or call/text to 616-551-9280

LAKE MICHIGAN BEACH TRIP

- Saturday, September 9, 1pm - Sunset
- VanBuren State Park
- Transportation provided to and from PCHUM
- Open to youth and friends in 6th - 12th grade
- Dinner and drinks provided, snacks welcome!
- Questions? LarryFrench@pchum.org or call/text to 616-551-9280

YE SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

- 10am - 10:45am Drop In Youth Group:
 - * ALL Youth in Grades 6-12 meet together in Room 108
 - * Music, singing and snacks
 - * Free form hang-out time
- 10:45 - 11:45am Youth Sunday School Begins:
 - * Sr. High (9-12) in Room 108
 - * Middle School (6-8) in Rooms 114/115
 - * Will watch sermon together via Facebook Live
 - * Discussion with lectionary-based curriculum
- **1st Sunday of every month (Communion)**
 - * Both Sr. High and Middle School classes will attend 10:45am worship in Sanctuary as a class

THE DETAILS

Details for items in *The Voice* and other information about Chapel Hill can be found by visiting our website: **www.pchum.org**.

Information to be promoted should be sent to Andrea Tramel in the office at **andreatramel@pchum.org**. If you would like the information in *The Voice*, please have your information in by noon on Tuesday.

THE VOICE Editions of The Voice are available online:
www.pchum.org/discover/newsletter.html.



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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 near the Welcome Center. Magnetic and stick-on badges are available.