

# THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8-26-18

## 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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## NEW ORGANIST

Hi, everyone! My name is Rebekah Gohl (most people call me Bekah), and I am very blessed and excited by the opportunity to serve as Organist/Accompanist at Chapel Hill. I grew up in Colorado Springs, CO, and I just finished my undergraduate studies at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. I moved to Kalamazoo to pursue studies in Music Therapy at Western, with the hopes of becoming a music therapist for older adults in nursing homes and other care facilities. Music has been at the center of my life since I was young since my parents were both career musicians, and I have enjoyed many years of learning piano and clarinet. Organ, however, is a more recent passion, and it has become quite an enjoyable pursuit for me. I hope to serve you all well in the name of the Lord, and I am looking forward to getting to know you!

Thank you again ~ Bekah

## SERVICE TIME CHANGE

The Journey Service which currently starts at 10:45am will now begin at 11:00am. The first Sunday for this change will be September 9.

## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Chapel Hill's food pantry needs two new volunteers to put on the quarterly schedule. Volunteers work once a month for 3 hours. This is a great way to serve the community. If you are interested please contact Russ O'Brian at [russ\\_obrian@yahoo.com](mailto:russ_obrian@yahoo.com).

## DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

I am really happy to announce that PCHUM has a new part-time staff position to help people navigate the path of discipleship. Tonya Boot has been a part of our custodial staff for many years now. I have asked her to make use of her own deep commitment to Christ and the church to help us develop a clear plan as folks who are new to the faith, new to the church, or newly committed to the journey find ways to get connected in worship, small groups, ministry teams, community ministries...whatever it means for them to follow Jesus most faithfully and effectively. I rejoice that one among us is able to do this critical work as a part of the staff. Join me in welcoming Tonya to this new position when you see her!



## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218 ~ Resumes September 9

### TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

Lectinary Bible Study ~ Room #108

*This class concludes September 4.*

## BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11 - FERMENTING FAITH

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

Gather some friends for dinner and come to “Fermenting Faith” at Lodo Company restaurant in Portage every Tuesday night beginning September 11 for casual conversations on life, faith, God, and the world. Topics will be selected in advance by participants, and soft drinks will be provided.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- Sunday September 30 ~ 2:00pm

Want an excellent opportunity to fine-tune some church leadership skills? Maybe ask some questions that have been on your mind? Get around tables with other leaders to get a better “big picture” view of Chapel Hill and where we are going, for God's sake? Pastor Barry and the Leadership Selection and Development Team expect elected leaders and invite all to participate in the next Leadership Training on Sunday, September 30 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

## A POSSIBILITY...HELP NEEDED!

Choirs of all ages, New Life band, small groups, meetings and more happen on Wednesday evenings. We have been thinking for a while about anchoring Wednesday evenings with a meal starting at, say, 5:30pm. It would need to be a catered sort of weekly event, so we are looking to all of you reading this to help us identify professional or amateur foodies who would consider talking with staff about what catering such a weekly gig would look like, costs, logistics, etc. Please talk it up and see if we can get some folks to consider the possibilities for the church and for themselves in such a relationship. Questions and answers can be directed to Kim Knight in the church office at 327-6643 or [kimknight@pchum.org](mailto:kimknight@pchum.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGES

- September 9 ~ 10:00am AND 11:00am

Starting on September 9 with our Fall Restart there will be TWO Sunday School opportunities each week for youth in Preschool through 5th grade. At 10:00am, kids will meet downstairs to enjoy an hour of stories and playtime, with groups set by grade level. Parents can pick up their kids downstairs at 11:00am. For kids coming at 11:00am, they will meet downstairs – not in the Sanctuary – and enjoy 45 minutes of activities with all ages staying together. Then they will come up to the Sanctuary to re-join their families for the end of the 11:00am worship service. The best part of all this? Kids are welcome to stay for BOTH hours of Sunday School! It will not be a repeat of activities from one hour to the next, but rather one Bible story each week, taught and reinforced using different activities. You are invited to check out the changes!

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

- Today ~ 9:00am and 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!

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

Chapel Hill celebrates Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month at all three worship services. Everyone is invited to the table.

The second Sunday of each month children collect coins or dollar bills during the Buckets of Love offering. This offering benefits the Haiti Hot Lunch program through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

## OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

### A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday, September 5 at 11:45am
- Michelle's 4010 Gull Rd. Kalamazoo
- Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303) or Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)

Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

## THE BELL CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

- Every Wednesday ~ 7:00pm - 8:30pm

We invite you to be a part of the bell choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm. A basic understanding of reading music is helpful but not necessary. Please call Kathy Willhite at 269-584-0496 to learn more.

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

- Wednesdays beginning September 12 ~ 6:00pm

Does your child or youth like to sing? Chapel Hill has a choir for them. Angel Choir is for 4 year olds through kindergarten, Disciple Choir is for 1st-5th grade and Sanctuary Choir is for grades 6th-12th. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Contact Director of Children's Ministries Andrea Trantham ([andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org)) for more information.

## FALL RESTART

Have you ever wondered about joining a class, small group or choir? This is a great opportunity to try something new. Fall Restart will be September 9. Small groups, choirs, and Sunday School classes that have been on summer vacation will be restarting that week. Please watch for more details about these groups in the coming weeks.

## YOUTH EXPERIENCE

### END OF THE SUMMER LAKE MI TRIP AND YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN

- Saturday September 8 ~ 3:00pm

Let us celebrate the end of summer by going to Lake Michigan together! We will also have a blast afterward with a Youth Group overnight back at the church. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome. The fun starts Saturday, September 8 at 3:00pm and goes through Sunday School on September 9. Meet in the Chapel Hill parking lot for the beach trip in the church van. Questions? Contact Larry French (Director of Youth Ministries) at [larryfrench@pchum.org](mailto:larryfrench@pchum.org) or call/text 616-551-9280.

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](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.

### WEEKLY EMAIL

Want to find out all the important events at Portage Chapel Hill? Sign Up for our weekly email. [www.pchum.org/home](http://www.pchum.org/home)



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