

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8-5-18

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

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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



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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 invites you to choose one of two Leadership Training times this month to do all of these! Plan on Saturday, August 11 from 9:00am to Noon OR Sunday, August 19 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm (after the End of Summer BBQ).

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

END OF SUMMER BBQ

- Sunday August 19 ~ Noon

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

What is a BBQ without lawn games? So please bring your lawn games to play with fellow church goers. If you have any questions please contact the office.

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND 10 BACKPACKS 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. 10 additional backpacks are needed to meet the need at Haverhill. Chapel Hill wants 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 and a backpack or two for the kids at Haverhill by August 19. There is a bin in the lobby. We thank you and so will they!

SUMMER GIVING

Summer is a time for all of us to travel and renew! Please remember your church financially, as summer is also a time for lowered giving. All acts of faithfulness are appreciated!

THEATRE CAMP PERFORMANCE

Opening Act Elementary Musical Theatre Camp we will be rehearsing here at Chapel Hill this week. You can catch their one and only production this Saturday August 11 at 3:00pm in Sanctuary

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.

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 PICNIC

- Today at Noon ~ 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 today at Harbors West park in Portage (3458 Summersong Path). Bring your own picnic.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Kick off will be September 9. More details to come of what exciting events will happen.

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 at 269-584-0496 for more information.

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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