

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 9-1-19

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“Faith does not eliminate questions.
But faith knows where to take them.”

~ Elisabeth Elliot

STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm

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WAITING TO WELCOME

Each fall as schools start back up, faith communities of all kinds, shapes, and sizes shake off the summer slowdown and get ready for folks to return. And to all those returning I say, “Welcome!” Sometimes I say, “Welcome back!” And at other times after a lengthy absence, I say, “Welcome Home!” As I lead congregation and staff into preparation for the September 8 Kick-Off with worship services in three flavors, as well as barbeque in at least that many, I am excited at the prospect of welcoming the newer (whose names I still struggle to remember), the in-and-out through summer, and those who have had a prolonged absence. We call church a “faith community” because it reminds us that it is organic and always changing. Folks come and go and come again. We are at our best when our hearts, minds, doors, and arms swing wide for the “hellos” that signal, once again, a new beginning. I am excited to welcome everyone and invite us all into the “new.”

Welcome Into the Blessings~



WHY DO YOU TAKE YOUR KIDS TO CHURCH?

“Church is a place where my children are nurtured and loved by a community of believers who want the best for them...They experience love through the power of prayer; both praying for others and having others pray for them...The church community reinforces what I teach at home. They practice respecting their elders, caring for others, and disagreeing with others respectfully. It is in the church community that they have learned that the world does not revolve around them by having opportunities to serve in the church and in the larger community...We intentionally make time to go to church where they are surrounded by a loving and supportive community and can simply be kids.” (Angela Johnson, “Why I Take My Kids to Church,” *rethinkchurch.org*, August 29, 2018)

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Discussion of current events

Resumes September 8 ~ In Room #218

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.

A NEW SMALL GROUP FORMING

New for this fall, we are starting another small group just for parents of young children. We have a growing number of parents here at Chapel Hill and how awesome will it be to have a group all your own. A small group with which to connect and bounce ideas about life, parenting and faith. Connecting with a small group grounded in the faith is the perfect space to get closer to God, to others, and to model that faith for your children.

This group will be part of our Wednesday night activities all the children’s choirs meet on Wednesday night! Plug your kids into an awesome music program and take an hour for yourselves to dig into your faith with other parents at a similar place in life. Childcare is provided for the youngest kiddos! Andrea Tramel will be coaching this group. If you want to be a part of this new group, or if you have questions, feel free to email Director of Discipleship, Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day Holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday at 9:00am.

PIANIST NEEDED

The Sunday 8:00am "The Table" worship service is in need of a pianist to accompany this small gathering. This service is designed to be a quiet, contemplative space for worship, where Holy Communion is served each week in the Chapel. Songs are picked from the United Methodist Hymnal. Please contact the office at 327-6643 or office@pchum.org if you are interested in being part of this very special music ministry.

JOIN THE BELL CHOIR

Want to make a joyful noise? Come join the bell choir! The Bell Choir performs during the 9:00am service once a month. Reading music is helpful but not necessary. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm starting August 28. Please contact Kathy Willhite at kathleenwillhite@att.net for more information.

FALL KICK-OFF AND BBQ POTLUCK

- Sunday September 8 ~ Noon

Chapel Hill's annual Fall Kick-Off marks the start of the 2019-2020 Sunday School year for ALL ages, as well as a new beginning for many of Chapel Hill's teams and small groups after a summer hiatus. Following the 11:00am service there will be a BBQ potluck outside, and an opportunity to learn more about some of the ministries that Chapel Hill provides. The New Life Team will be playing music and everyone is invited to perform on the open mic. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat will be provided.

Last Names A-J: Dessert

Last Names K-S: Salad

Last Names T-Z: Side Dish

MISSION QUILTERS

- Thursday September 12 ~ 6:30pm ~ Room #108

The Mission Quilters return for a fun quilting season on Thursday, September 12 in Room 108. All are welcome to join the quilters to tie quilts for distribution to various organizations. Last year the quilts went to the Free Store, Samuel's Blankets and the YWCA Women's Shelter. If you enjoy tying square knots, pretty fabric, good conversation - and chocolate! - stop by. This group typically spends the first hour tying a quilt, then breaks to work on individual projects the last hour. Please direct questions to Gayle Franklin, 269-217-6866 or pgfrankl@ameritech.net.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

11:00am Sunday School continues through the summer.

Children's Sunday School at 10:00am returns September 8!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

- Wednesdays ~ 6:00pm **Starting September 11*

Does your child or youth like to sing? Chapel Hill has a choir for them. Students 4 years to 12th grade are invited. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm and performances are every 6 weeks along with Christmas and Spring performances. Contact Director of Children's Ministries Andrea Trantham (andreatrantham@pchum.org) for more information.

CHAPEL HILL RESPONDS TO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Chapel Hill is partnering with Bethany Christian Services to sponsor a refugee family from Congo. This family of six is scheduled to arrive sometime in October. The response for donations for this family were overwhelming and nearly everything has been collected! Thank you to all who have donated. However, the giving of giving of items is just the start of this ongoing ministry. The Refugee Resettlement Task Force is in need of people to fill many roles, from grocery shopping to tutoring. Please contact Deacon Pat Catellier at patcatellier@pchum.org to get involved.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

- Wednesday September 4 ~ 11:45am
- The Craftsman Chop Co. ~ 6905 Sears Dr. Portage

Need a ride? Call: Doris Mettler (269-327-8272). Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

Fall Kick-Off

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BBQ Potluck

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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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