

# THE VOICE

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WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“If I cannot do great things, I  
can do small things in a great way.”

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL  
Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm  
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## WHY INVEST YOUR TIME AND TALENTS IN A CHAPEL HILL TEAM?

For most folks, all that matters is that on Sunday morning, the parking lots are plowed and salted, the doors are unlocked, the building is warm, the lights are on, the musicians have practiced, and the preacher has something interesting to say. And while all of that is important, none of it just happens. Financial gifts fund ministries that keep doors open seven days a week for everything from small groups, to food pantry, to 12-step meetings, to preschool, to Boy Scouts, to church school, to youth group, to quilting...well, we could keep going on and on. But money is just a piece. Chapel Hill's Core Teams make sure that all of our work is well-aligned with that place to which God is calling us: "to be a home where each belongs to God, and so to one another...a transforming community of faith where each discovers and responds to God's call." Core Teams are made up of people just like you working together to make this an increasingly amazing place to come to know God and community. We do this together. Please consider taking a leap of faith and let Pastor Barry know how you would like to get connected in this way. Send him a note at [barrypetrucci@pchum.org](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org).

## PRAYERS FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hundreds of delegates of the United Methodist Church will be gathering in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 23-26 for a Special Session of the General Conference. The purpose of this gathering is to find a way forward for the Church's deep disagreements about same-sex marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ clergy. This event may have a significant impact on the future of the global United Methodist Church. Please keep the United Methodist denomination and its delegates in your prayers during this time. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Barry at [barrypetrucci@pchum.org](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org).

## VALENTINES FOR BLANKETS

The Faith In Action Team will be selling valentines today in the lobby. Monies raised through this sale will go to purchase blankets for those in need as part of the Church World Service. The cost for the valentines \$5.00  
Any questions, please contact Doris Mettler at 327-8272.

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

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

*This week: Death of Political Leaders*

## FERMENTING FAITH

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

Come in from the cold and warm up in a casual atmosphere to get to know each other while exploring questions of faith, life and culture. 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: In the past people were buried with things that were important to them to be used in the afterlife. *What are the things with which you would want to be buried?*

## GET CONNECTED WITH REALM

By now you've heard that Chapel Hill is moving to a new kind of church record-keeping solution called Realm, and many of you have already taken the time to sign up. An email invitation has been sent out to most of the congregation; if you don't see it please check your junk mail folder. For those who haven't signed up, or who don't yet know what Realm is, the Chapel Hill staff invites you to stop by the lobby between 10:00am-11:00am today. Church staff and volunteers will be available to help you get signed up, and to briefly show you some of the features that Realm offers. We hope to make this a smooth and easy process for everyone!

## THE SMALL GROUP SURVEY HAS BEEN SENT

Chapel Hill Director of Discipleship, Tonya Boot, is excited to get your feedback about your experience with small groups or to get you connected to one. Please take the time to participate, 5 minutes is all it takes! If you did not get the Small Group Survey there will be paper copies in the lobby or, you may find the link on the Chapel Hill website. For questions contact Tonya Boot at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).

## HELP WITH MEALS ON WHEELS

Interested in helping feed hungry folks? Chapel Hills needs 4 volunteers to help deliver a hot lunch to the homebound on weekdays, usually once every 6 weeks through Meals on Wheels. Contact John Mason at 269-329-2951 and he can tell you more about this opportunity and put you on the schedule.

## THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP CLASS IS COMING SOON!

- Sunday February 17 ~ 2:00pm ~ Room #218

The Discover class is scheduled for February 17. This class is an excellent way to intentionally connect to Chapel Hill and deepen your faith journey. During the Discover class you will get to know others better and to be known...the nature of community! Additionally, you will get to know Pastor Barry better, take a tour of Chapel Hill and ask questions. The membership classes are designed in a series of three one hour classes that can be fit into busy schedules. They do not have to be taken in any specific order. Everyone is welcome to attend these classes, whether you are new to Chapel Hill or have been attending for years, whether you are mature in your faith or just beginning the journey. The other two classes, Respond and Belong, will be offered in the coming months. If you would like to attend Discover or have any questions, please RSVP to Director of Discipleship, Tonya Boot at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org). Please indicate if you need childcare.

## HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

### A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### SPECIAL OFFERING - TODAY

Jesus taught his followers to serve the people who are on the margins of society: those struggling to overcome addiction, homelessness, imprisonment, and violence. As the community of the global United Methodist Church we are encouraged to continue that mission today by participating in this special offering. Funds raised will be used in places such as community centers, at-risk youth programs, and drug rehabilitation facilities. To give, you can put a check in the offering basket with "Human Relations Day" on the memo line. You can also give online by going to [pchum.org/give](http://pchum.org/give) and finding Human Relations Day in the Faith In Action section.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM & 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

Club 56 (5th-6th Grade) ~ Room #121

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Confirmation Class (7th-8th Grade) ~ Room #114

9th Grade-12th Grade ~ Room #108

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

6th-12th Graders are invited for food, fun and fellowship.

## 2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND BIZARRO BINGO

- Today ~ Noon ~ Fellowship Hall

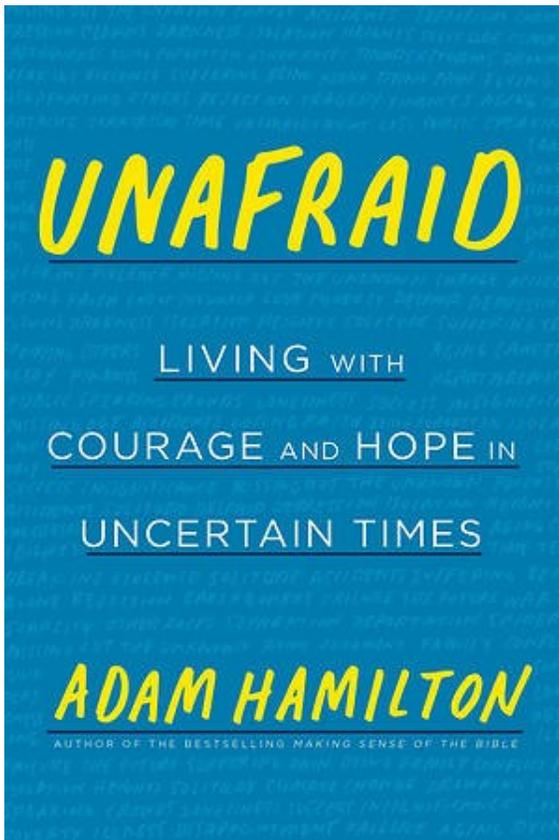
The competition is back! Stick around today after the last service and be the judge of some great tasting chili. Everyone is invited to come on downstairs.

## ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

The all-church book study will begin March 3 and continue through April 7. We will be reading *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. The book addresses a range of fears that we experience every day, and how to cope with those fears and anxieties by leaning into our faith and trusting God. This is a Lenten book study, and Pastor Barry's messages during Lent will have this vision in mind. The books are now available to be picked up in the office for a suggested donation of \$15, and will be made available in the lobby in the coming weeks. As always, if the cost of the book is prohibitive you are welcome to pick up a copy anyway. And if you feel moved to cover the cost of more than one book to help another, please feel free to do that as well. To learn more, or to get connected to a Small Group for the book study, contact Tonya Boot, Director of Discipleship, at [tonyaboot@pchum.org](mailto:tonyaboot@pchum.org).

# ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY!

## BOOK AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE



“Living with courage comes in part as we face our fears with faith, examine our assumptions in light of facts, attack our anxieties with action, and release our cares to God, praying for his wisdom, strength, and peace.” Adam Hamilton

Contact Tonya Boot with questions at [tonyabout@pchum.org](mailto:tonyabout@pchum.org).

## 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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