

# 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  
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## WHY INVEST YOUR TIME AND TALENTS IN A CHAPEL HILL TEAM?

Imagine yourself being in a position to help shape a progressive United Methodist Church at a pivotal point in time. You have gifts to offer! Maybe they are in social justice and ministries directly helping folks who are struggling to make ends meet. Maybe you have a heart for kids...the littlest or the youth. Or perhaps you are an organizer, an administrator, or a “big picture” thinker. Chapel Hill holds a position as a church filled with passion for just such a time as this...when the world seems a bit meaner, when the denomination is questioning what the future will look like, when we have so many folks who just want a place to get to know this God of ours better, while building a vital faith community. Reach out to Pastor Barry or members of the Leadership Selection and Development Team to see how your gifts and talents meet the needs of Chapel Hill. The email or phone call or face-to-face might just start with you saying, “I have been reading these leadership pieces, and I was wondering if there might be a place for me in \_\_\_\_\_.” You fill in the blank.

## SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

Later this month in St. Louis, a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will convene. For more than 40 years the denomination of which Chapel Hill is a part has wrestled over sexuality and identity, particularly as church leadership and full inclusion are concerned. The “Commission on a Way Forward” has offered three possibilities for the future of our global denomination. Those interested in reading those options are invited to pick up a copy in the lobby. Those who would like to know more can check out Michigan Conference Bishop David A. Bard’s information at [michiganumc.org/resources/a-way-forward/](http://michiganumc.org/resources/a-way-forward/).

Chapel Hill will be opening the building in order to watch General Conference live, with time for conversation with Pastor Barry. The first day of Conference has been set aside as a day of prayer. Chapel Hill will be holding a Prayer Vigil from midnight on February 22 through midnight on the 23rd for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the delegates to move us faithfully and justly forward that this might be a church for all people, no exceptions. The schedule for viewing and conversation will be in The Voice next week. For those who would like to live stream General Conference, February 23-26 from home, you may do that at [gc.michiganumc.org](http://gc.michiganumc.org).

## DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

### SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

*This week: Pet Therapy*

## 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?*

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

- March 6 ~ 7:00pm ~ Milwood United Methodist Church (3919 Portage St. Kalamazoo).

Chapel Hill and Milwood UMC are collaborating on this worship service that ushers in the season of Lent. Pastor Barry will be preaching and our combined children and youth choirs will be performing.

## JOINING CHAPEL HILL

While membership is not necessary to fully participate in the life of faith at Chapel Hill, for some folks church membership is an important step along the Journey of Faith. On the third Sunday of each month at 2:00pm Pastor Barry hosts a one-hour class where you have the opportunity to learn more about membership. “Belong”, “Discover”, and “Respond” are the names of the classes, and all three are required before joining Chapel Hill. They can be taken in any order. For those who have completed all three, we will be receiving new members in worship on March 24. Let the office know at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) if you are ready to take the vows of membership.

## UMW (UNITED METHODIST WOMEN) FEBRUARY MEETING

- Tuesday February 19 ~ 1:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

You are invited to the next meeting of UMW (United Methodist Women). Enjoy dessert and lively discussion.

## THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP CLASS IS TODAY!

- Today ~ 2:00pm ~ Room #218

The Discover 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 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 other two classes, Respond and Belong, will be offered in the coming months. If you would like to attend today's class, drop by, no RSVP necessary.

## NEW FACES

We are happy to announce the addition of Buffy Dangel to Chapel Hill staff as our new Business Administrator! Buffy has long ties to the Portage area, working in banking, as administrative assistant to two lawyers, and serving for a time as a member of the City Council. Buffy is a proud mother of two boys, Ricky (20) and Chris (15). She is recently married to Roy in October, 2018. Together they like to travel, bike ride, and play pickle ball.

A very familiar face at Chapel Hill, John Ruhrup, will be working as a member of our custodial staff with particular responsibilities for maintenance, repairs and updates. Having served for many years as a leader on the Board of Trustees, then Facilities Team, John knows the Chapel Hill properties better than anyone! He is part of a four-generation family at Chapel Hill, husband to Joyce, father to Josh, grandfather to Eliana, Gavin, and Ian.

Please join me and the rest of the staff in welcoming Buffy and John to the Chapel Hill staff!

## TODAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY!

As part of national Scout Sunday, Chapel Hill's charter Scout troop #287 will be ushering today. There will also be cake in the lobby between the services.

## 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.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPRING MUSICAL

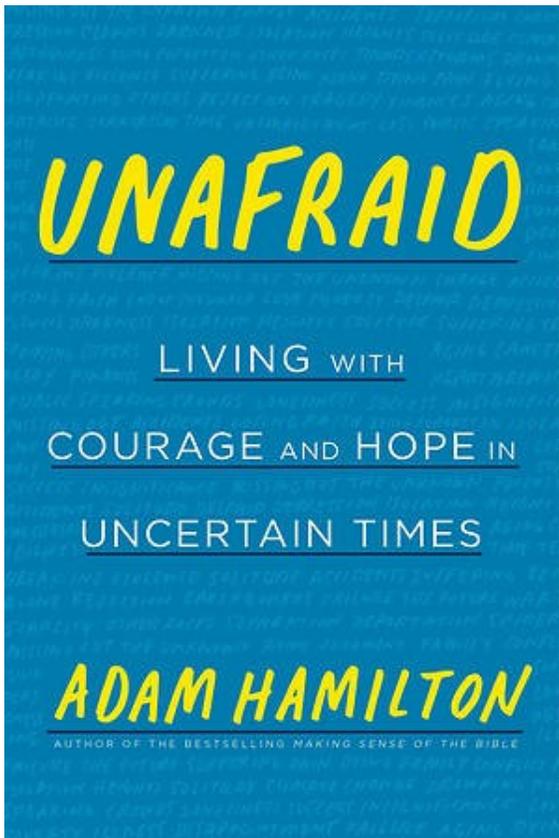
Esther the musical is coming April 28 at 4:00pm, brought to you by the children's choirs. Want to be a part of the show? All kids in preschool through 12th grade are welcome. Just join us for practices on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00pm. Questions? Email [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org).

## 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 or the lobby for a suggested donation of \$15. 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!

## BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE



“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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