

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3-10-19

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“You are received into this community of faith not despite who you are, but because of who you are.”

~Pastor Barry Petrucci

STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Lead Pastor - Barry Petrucci

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SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 2019 Special Session of General Conference concluded with the Traditional Plan passing by a very slim margin and with significant questions about its legality within the law of The United Methodist Church. The plan essentially affirms language of exclusion around LGBTQIA+ persons, while setting very serious consequences for churches that host, and pastors who officiate at, same-sex weddings.

This is a very sad time for all those who have worked for a United Methodist Church of pathways and bridges, rather than mazes and walls. The adoption of the Traditional Plan pretty clearly states that our tradition is arbitrary exclusion. Thankfully, systems never have the last word.

Stay tuned...God is doing a new thing.
Do we not perceive it?

More information can be found at umnews.org/en/.

LISTENING SESSIONS AFTER THE SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

If you have questions about the results of the Special General Conference, you are encouraged to attend a "Listening Session" on Sunday March 17 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. It will be lead by the Greater Southwest District Superintendent, Dwayne Bagley.

QUILTING BEE

- Saturday March 23
- 9:30am – 3:30pm (come and go as needed)
- Fellowship Hall

All are invited to join Chapel Hill's Mission Quilters for an all-day sewing bee, no experience necessary! The Mission Quilters meet weekly to create quilts that are given away to folks in need. At this special quilting bee on Saturday, March 23, people are welcome to gather in Fellowship Hall to cut fabric, assemble quilt kits, sew, and tie quilt tops. There will be plenty of experienced quilters on-hand to provide assistance. Just bring a sack lunch and a good pair of scissors or a rotary cutter. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. If you are able to bring a sewing machine please do so, or if you would like to borrow a sewing machine call Gayle Franklin at 269-217-6866 or email pgfrankl@ameritech.net. And as Gayle would say, be square!

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Room #218

Discussion of current events

This week: Talking Ethically About Virginia

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: *What fear did, or would, cause you to install a home security system?*

ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

The all-church book study will begin today and continue through April 7. We will be reading *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. The books are 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.

WANT TO JOIN A GROUP FOR THE BOOK STUDY?

Come join the Sunday morning book study group! This group will be meeting every Sunday for 5 weeks in Room 116 at 10:00am. Bring your book *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton and a Bible. See you there!

THINKING ABOUT JOINING CHAPEL HILL?

- Sunday March 17 ~ 12:30pm ~ Room #218
**Please note the new time as we hope you will attend the listening sessions of the Greater Southwest District.*

While membership is not necessary to fully participate in the life at Chapel Hill, for some folks, church membership is an important step along the Journey of Faith. On the third Sunday of each month 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 membership classes. All three are required before joining Chapel Hill. They can be taken in any order. March 17, we will be hosting the Respond class. During this class you will have an opportunity to reflect on your faith, the Church, and the World. The class is designed with these points in mind...

- Moving outside the church walls and outside your comfort zone.
- Exploring how to connect your passions with the needs of the world.
- Becoming a member.
- Ask questions and take a tour.

If you are interested in taking this class please RSVP to the office@pchum.org. Please indicate if you will need childcare.

JOINING CHAPEL HILL

Those who have completed all three membership Classes (Belong, Discover, Respond) are invited to be received in new membership during worship on March 24. Let the office know at office@pchum.org if you are ready to take the vows of membership.

WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS HOUSING RESOURCES INC, (HRI)

- Saturday, March 23 ~ 9:00am (10:00am walk begins)
- Homer Stryker Field ~ 251 Mills St

Chapel Hill will have a team again this year for Housing Resources Inc's 5K Walk to End Homelessness. The funds raised from this year's walk will benefit HRI in assisting people experiencing homelessness. Housing Resources, Inc. provides services and financial assistance to ensure housing stability for socially or economically vulnerable persons. Chapel Hill supports Housing Resources Inc. through the Faith in Action Team (FIAT). If you would like to donate to the team or join in the walk go to housingresourcesinc.org for more information.

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

Can't commit to the whole year? Do you want to celebrate Holy Week and the joy of Easter by singing in the choir? Well, you can! Rehearsals are every Thursday at 7:00pm in the choir room. See Fred Sang or any choir member for details.

HOSANNA HOP

- Saturday, April 13 ~ 10:00am ~ Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the Lent season with the whole family at this year's Hosanna Hop (formerly the Easter Egg Hunt). Watch for more exciting details.

WALKING BY FAITH ~ NEW LOCATION

- Every Saturday ~ 10:30am
- Crossroads Mall ~ In front of Gloria Jean's Coffee

Until spring has officially sprung, Walking By Faith will be meeting in the controlled climate of Crossroads Mall. Put on your walking shoes and meet in front of Gloria Jean's Coffee, lower level inside the main mall entrance. The Walking By Faith group is participating in the all-church book study, “Unafraid,” and will be leading a team for the HRI Walk to End Homelessness in March. All abilities are welcome!

YOUR FAITH IN ACTION!



PEACE SERVICE ~ SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 ~ 5:00PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church 936 Lake Street Kalamazoo

Refreshments and dialogue follow the service. A free will offering can be made to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

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Kalamazoo Nonviolent Opponents of War (KNOW), Sisters of St. Joseph, Kalamazoo Muslim Community, Women in Black, Lemkin House, St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish, United Campus Community, Diocese of Kalamazoo, Wesley Foundation, St. Joseph Catholic Church

More information can be found at: interfaithkazoo.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, 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

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