

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7-1-18

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

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm
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TAKING THE NEXT STEP: THANK YOU

This has been a wonderful season of remembering and celebrating the work of God in and through Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church!

As of today, we have had 133 households turn in Estimate of Giving Cards with 37% of those households feeling called to grow in their financial commitment to the ministries of this church from last year, and 17% being brand new pledges. What an amazing positive step! As thankful as we are for these responses, we are even more encouraged by stories we've heard about how God is working in the lives of our church family and how we are all taking significant steps on our spiritual journeys. Thank you for becoming involved in this important milestone in the life of our church.



Greg Salisbury
Co-Leader



Sara Huff
Co-Leader

SUMMER POTLUCK AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KICK OFF

Everyone is invited to a summer potluck in the fellowship hall at noon on Sunday July 15 to celebrate the kick off of Vacation Bible School. Please bring a dish to share.

Last Names A-J: Main Dish

Last Names K-S: Side Dish

Last Names T-Z: Dessert

If you have any questions please contact Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

SPRUCING UP CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill's Facilities Team has been roving the building, making a list of minor repairs and touch-ups that need to be done to keep this church building looking great, from painting to minor landscaping to monitoring the HVAC system. A list of jobs has been posted on a bulletin board in the lobby. Please prayerfully consider what jobs you might be willing to do to help Chapel Hill continue to be a welcoming home for all. If you would like to know more about what needs to be done, call John Ruhrup at 269-491-8728 or email the office at office@pchum.org.

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:05AM

JOIN ALL SUMMER LONG

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

Lectionary Bible Study ~ Room #108

SUMMER SINGING EXCITEMENT

Summer is here and the choir is on vacation... Well, not really. This summer the choir is doing something new: Summer Pop-Up Choir! Everyone is invited to join in the third Sunday of each summer month, July 15 and August 19. The music will be fun and easy to sing. Get here at 8:15am so we can all rehearse together and then we'll sing the song during the 9:00am service. Be a part of great music, laughs, and fellowship! No need to RSVP, just show up. If you have any questions contact Fred Sang, fredsang@pchum.org.

OVER THE CHAPEL HILL GANG

A MONTHLY GATHERING OF RETIRED PERSONS

**PLEASE NOTE A DATE CHANGE*

- Wednesday, July 11 at 11:45am
- Michelle's ~ 25441 Red Arrow Hwy, Mattawan
- Need a ride? Call: Dorothy Harrington (269-327-0303) or Doris Mettler (269-327-8272)

Please bring personal care items for the food pantry.

ONLINE GIFTS

Summer is a great time to set up your giving electronically so you never have to worry about forgetting your check book or going to the bank. To set up it up go to pchum.org/give. If you already give online, please make sure your estimate of giving information has been updated. Today marks the start of the new fiscal year for Chapel Hill. Take a moment to make sure your online giving matches your "Taking the Next Step" intention.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

- Friday July 27 at 7:10pm ~ Detroit Tigers
- Sunday August 12 at 3:05pm ~ Kalamazoo Growlers

You have two opportunities this summer to join with other Michigan Area United Methodist Churches to enjoy America's favorite pastime! First up is the Detroit Tigers game on July 27. Ticket price is \$28. Visit www.michiganumc.org to learn more. The other baseball opportunity is Sunday August 12 at Mayor's 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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed Wednesday July 4th. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday at 9:00am.

CHURCH CONFERENCE BOOKLETS

If you were not able to attend the church conference on June 14, there are conference booklets available in the lobby. They are located in the magazine rack near the office door.

CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS

- Thursday July 26 – 6:00pm – 9:00pm ~ Sanctuary

A representative from the Portage Department of Public Safety will be at Chapel Hill to give a presentation on what to do in the event of an emergency within the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) REGISTER TODAY

- July 16-19

The theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage". Registration is now open. Just go to pchum.org/vbsform and fill out the form. Everyone is encourage to attend so please invite your neighbors, cousins, classmates, strangers, etc. Volunteers are still needed to make this a successful VBS. To learn more about this opportunity, please email Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

VBS IS FOR ADULTS TOO

Jenaba Waggy will be teaching each night of Vacation Bible School on "Outward Faith: How to live into your faith beyond Sunday". The class will in the Chapel at 6:00pm (dinner at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall). You can drop in any or all nights.

PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS- SUMMER PICNICS

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 July 8 and August 5 at Harbors West park in Portage (3458 Summersong Path). Bring your own picnic.

A NEW DISCUSSION ~ 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 from July 22 to August 12 in Room #218.

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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Or check us out



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