

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7-22-18

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

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DID YOU KNOW? VOLUME 3

On June 14th Church Conference elected leadership for the 2018-2019 Ministry Year at Chapel Hill! As part of that election, the Guidance Board was authorized to fill vacancies in leadership through the year. As Pastor, I know that EVERYONE has a passion and I know that I want passionate people to be connected to the ministries of the church. So prayerfully think about these Core Teams at Chapel Hill and how you might be a part of these small groups that form the structure of ministry here.

Facilities Team makes sure the church properties are well-maintained and developed for future use. If you know property systems, are good working with contractors, or have pretty good construction/maintenance chops, this team is always in need of folks with vision to make sure our properties are places to which we want to invite the broader community.

Finance Team is pretty much self-explanatory. This team is charged with making sure we are being good financial stewards of God's resources so that ministries we are called to do are appropriately funded. The team works to encourage sound giving and to make sure all are given gratitude for their gifts. In a changing world, the team is always expanding ways folks can give and prayerfully considering new ways fund can be managed.

Staff-Parish Relations Team is the personnel group that works with the Bishop and District Superintendent on pastoral appointments, and the training of those newly called to ministry, as well as with the pastor on staffing needs. If you have staff relations experience, or are able to determine the gifts and talents of others, this may be a team for you. Because of the nature of its work, this team is the only "closed" meeting of the church and confidentiality is a critical component of the work it does. If you feel called to this team, speak to a member of the Leadership Selection and Development Team. These are just three of our Core Teams. Check out the website for details, team leaders, contacts, etc. As always feel free to visit a core team or talk with me about getting connected.



END OF SUMMER BBQ

- Sunday August 19 12:00pm

Save the date and start saving up your appetite. Please watch for more details coming.

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

CHAPEL HILL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- August 11 or August 19 ~ Chapel

Pastor Barry and the Leadership Selection and Development Team asks all members of Core Teams, and all other interested folks from the congregation, to attend ONE of two Leadership Training events in August. These times are set aside to help team members:

- understand the overall function of church leadership
- get a feel for the guiding vision of the church
- learn the "nuts and bolts" of how ministries can be started by anyone in the church at any time
- get to know each other better in laughter and building of community
- have those questions answered that have been lurking in the backs of your minds!

Take your pick from a session on Saturday, August 11 from 9:00am – Noon OR Sunday, August 19 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm (after the End of Summer BBQ!)

Please RSVP to office@pchum.org by August 6. Indicate in the email if childcare in the nursery is needed.

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Chapel Hill has had an ongoing relationship with Haverhill Elementary for the past several years. The youth who participated in Vacation Bible School donated backpacks this year. We want to fill each backpack with school supplies: specifically, a box of crayons (24 count), pencils, a spiral notebook and two pocket folders. They are on sale at Target, Walmart and Meijer. Please consider donating these supplies for the kids at Haverhill by August 19. There is a bin in the lobby. We thank you and so will they!

SPRUCING UP CHAPEL HILL

Folks have been responding to the Facilities Team's list of odd jobs around the church, but there's still lots to do! Please take a look at the bulletin board in the lobby and consider offering some of your time to help keep this building in tip-top shape. Some of the jobs may require a few minutes per month. Others require a one-time offering of an hour or two. The jobs are varied, for all ages and abilities. Call John Ruhrup at 269-491-8728 or email the office at office@pchum.org to learn more. Chapel Hill strives to be a place where all are welcome, and keeping our building and grounds looking great helps in that mission.

CHANGE IS COMING!

It is hard to believe but the school buses will be coming soon to pick up the kids to go back to school which means fall is right around the corner. This fall will bring wonderful changes at Chapel Hill. Is your interest peeked? What to know more? Stay tuned to the Voice in the coming weeks.

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 today, July 22 to August 12 in Room #218.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

- Sunday August 26, 10:45am

Blessing of the Backpacks is an annual tradition here at Chapel Hill. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to get blessed for the upcoming school year! If you or someone you know is in need of a backpack please call the office. Extra backpacks are always available!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

- Sunday August 12 at 3:05pm ~ Kalamazoo Growlers

Join other Kalamazoo Area United Methodist Churches on Sunday August 12 at Mayors' 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.

PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS-SUMMER PICNICS

- Sunday August 5 - 12:00pm ~ Harbors West Park

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

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Chapel Hill community garden will be bursting with fresh veggies for the food pantry very soon. Our first donations of zucchini and squash have already been received, and tomatoes will be coming soon. Our nine gardeners are busy with their plots—a couple of them even have two of them! If you want to know more about the garden or Chapel Hill's commitment of fresh produce to the food pantry email Chris Cartner at cartner3030@gmail.com.

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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