

THE VOICE

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WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

"All important things are hard."

~Toni Morrison

STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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WELCOME CONNOR BAILEY

Hello everyone! My name is Connor Bailey and I look forward to working at Chapel Hill this year as a Seminary Assistant in Ministry. My job here will include helping to coordinate Youth Ministry, being a part of worship development, and also preaching on occasion. In addition to my work here, I will be a seminary student online at Garrett Evangelical-Theological Seminary this fall, as well as working part-time at Newton UMC in Ceresco, near Battle Creek. I hope to one day be an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church. I have been married to my beautiful wife, Kellsie, for almost a year now. I like to play board games like Risk (I even have it on my phone!) and listen to podcasts like "Pod Save America," which is all about today's politics. I look forward to learning from you all this year and helping to refine and cast the vision of Chapel Hill!

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

In partnership with Bethany Christian Services, Chapel Hill is sponsoring a family of 4 from the Congo. The family consists of a mom (37), 2 sons (19, 9) and a daughter (16) and will be arriving August 27. If you were unable to attend the information meeting on August 8, there are still opportunities to participate. If you would like to join the Refugee Resettlement Task Force please contact Pat Catellier at patcatellier@pchum.org. This will be an ongoing ministry so watch for requests of donations and services as they come in.

MEMBERSHIP

On August 18 Chapel Hill will celebrate the Baptismal Covenant with those who have completed the membership classes and have chosen to join into membership here at Chapel Hill. 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. There are three classes required to be taken before joining Chapel Hill. They can be taken in any order. The next class is Belong on September 15 at 2:00pm.

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Discussion of current events

Meeting Today ~ In Room #218

Topic: Surprise Billing

FERMENTING FAITH

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

Cool off on a summer night at Fermenting Faith and discuss faith and life's questions. 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 is one responsibility you wish you did not have?*

JOIN THE BELL CHOIR

Want to make a joyful noise? Come join the bell choir! The Bell Choir performs during the 9:00am service once a month. Reading music is helpful but not necessary. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:30pm starting August 28. Please contact Kathy Willhite, kathleenwillhite@att.net for more info.

FALL KICK-OFF AND BBQ POTLUCK

- Sunday September 8 ~ Noon

Save the date! Chapel Hill's annual Fall Kick-Off marks the start of the 2019-2020 Sunday School year for ALL ages, as well as a new beginning for many of Chapel Hill's teams and small groups after a summer hiatus. Following the 11:00am service there will be a BBQ potluck outside, and an opportunity to learn more about some of the ministries that Chapel Hill provides. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat will be provided.

Last Names A-J: Dessert

Last Names K-S: Salad

Last Names T-Z: Side Dish

NEEDED: HOSPITALITY FANS!

The Radical Hospitality Team is looking for volunteers from small groups or families who are willing to sign up to work the coffee bar on Sunday mornings. No extensive training is needed, but one of our team members would be happy to show you the ropes. It's easy to do and is not only fun, but a great bonding experience, too. The coffee starts brewing about 7:30am every Sunday, and continues until after the 11:00am service, when clean up happens. We even have step by step instructions to help those who haven't had enough caffeine yet! Please consider this important hospitality ministry and email Bob Willhite at ra.bob.willhite@gmail.com with your available dates.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

- Sunday August 25

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! This event will take place during the 11:00am service.

MISSION QUILTERS

- Thursday September 12 ~ 6:30pm ~ Room #108

Mission Quilters return for a fun quilting season on Thursday, September 12 from 6:30pm -8:30pm in Room 108. All are welcome to join the quilters to tie quilts for distribution to various organizations. Last year the quilts went to the Free Store, Samuel's Blankets and the YWCA Women's Shelter. If you enjoy tying square knots, pretty fabric, good conversation and chocolate stop by. This group typically spends the first hour tying a quilt, then breaks to work on individual projects the last hour. Please direct questions to Gayle Franklin, 269-217-6866 or pgfrankl@ameritech.net.

CHAPEL HILL'S GOT TALENT

Do you have a special talent or know someone who does? Maybe music, dance or writing? Chapel Hill is looking for musicians, dancers, poetry readers, etc., to perform during the 9:00am service this summer. You can sign up on the wall outside the Choir Room #211. For questions contact Fred Sang at fredsang@pchum.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 11:00AM

Pre-K-4th Grade ~ Room #109

11:00am Sunday School continues through the summer.

Children's Sunday School at 10:00am returns September 8!

TODDLER TIME

- Thursdays ~ 10:00am ~ Rooms #119 and #120

Join us every Thursday this summer at 10:00am for stories, music, games, snack and time together. Toddler Time is intended for kids 0-4 years old and their caregiver but older siblings are welcome to join. Toddler Time will meet downstairs in the preschool rooms (Rooms #119 and #120) and conclude with time on the playground if the weather is agreeable.

BACKPACKS NEEDED

Chapel Hill has had an ongoing relationship with Haverhill Elementary for the past several years. Each August Chapel Hill hosts a picnic lunch and backpack give away at the Haverhill playground. 70 backpacks are needed to make it a success and you can help. Backpacks are on sale at Five Below, Target, Walmart and Meijer. Please drop off your new donated backpack by August 18. There is a bin in the lobby.

PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS-SUMMER PICNICS

- Sunday August 25 ~ Noon
- Harbors West Park 3458 Summersong Path, Portage

Parents or guardians of young kids meet monthly right after the 11:00am service. Bring your own picnic to the park and have fun with other Chapel Hill families.

YOUR FAITH THROUGH EDUCATION

CHECK OUT THESE ISAAC EVENTS (ISAAC IS AN INTERFAITH ORGANIZING NETWORK OF CONGREGATIONS AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A MORE JUST COMMUNITY)

"We Need a Moral Pentecost" Movie, Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm

Join us in the church's movie lounge on Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. to view a talk given by Dr. Rev. William J. Barber, titled "We Need a Moral Pentecost." Rev. Barber is the architect of the Forward Together Moral Monday Movement, president of the North Carolina NAACP, and pastor of the Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Goldsboro. He is also president of Repairers of the Breach. He is the 2015-2016 recipient of the Puffin/Nation Prize for Creative Citizenship. The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is co-author, with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, of *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Fear and Division*.

**This event is being held at First United Methodist Church 212 S. Park St. Kalamazoo 49007*

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.

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