

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8-18-19

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“Faith does not eliminate questions.
But faith knows where to take them.”

~ Elisabeth Elliot

STILL OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998!

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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WAITING TO WELCOME

Each fall as schools start back up, faith communities of all kinds, shapes, and sizes shake off the summer slowdown and get ready for folks to return. And to all those returning I say, "Welcome!" Sometimes I say, "Welcome back!" And at other times after a lengthy absence, I say, "Welcome Home!" As I lead congregation and staff into preparation for the September 8 Kick-Off with worship services in three flavors, as well as barbeque in at least that many, I am excited at the prospect of welcoming the newer (whose names I still struggle to remember), the in-and-out through summer, and those who have had a prolonged absence. We call church a "faith community" because it reminds us that it is organic and always changing. Folks come and go and come again. We are at our best when our hearts, minds, doors, and arms swing wide for the "hellos" that signal, once again, a new beginning. I am excited to welcome everyone and invite us all into the "new."

Welcome Into the Blessings~



UPDATE ON REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Chapel Hill is partnering with Bethany Christian Services to sponsor a refugee family from Congo. This family of six consists of a mom, age 48; three sons, aged 20, 18, and 9; and two daughters, aged 15 and 9. They are scheduled to arrive on September 4. Donations for the family -- everything from small household items to furniture -- are being stored in the lower level of the Romence Road parsonage, the house to the west of the church on Romence Road with access to our lower parking lot. If you would like to donate items please check the list of needs first! This list can be found at pchum.org/refugee2019. The Romence Road parsonage will be open for donation delivery on Saturday August 24 from 10:00am – Noon, Thursday August 29 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, and Saturday August 31 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. If you have items to donate but cannot be there during these scheduled times, please contact the office to make an appointment for delivery. Call 269-327-6643 or email office@pchum.org. Finally, if you would like to be involved in the Refugee Resettlement Task Force in some other way, such as tutoring, transportation, or financial literacy, please contact Deacon Pat Catellier at patcatellier@pchum.org.

DROP-IN CLASSES AND GROUPS

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

Upper Room ~ Room #209

Traditional Bible study

FaithLink ~ Discussion of current events

Resumes September 8 ~ In Room #218

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 social stigma does society need to get over?

NEEDED: HOSPITALITY FANS!

The Radical Hospitality Team is looking for volunteers who are willing to sign up to work the coffee bar on Sunday mornings. No 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. Please consider this important hospitality ministry and email Bob Willhite at ra.bob.willhite@gmail.com.

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

NEW MEMBERS

Today, Chapel Hill will celebrate the Baptismal Covenant with **Tim Henson, Steve Zylstra, and Barry and Katie Jones** 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.

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 -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.

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.

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!

STILL TIME TO DONATE BACKPACKS!

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. If you have backpacks but forgot to bring them today please drop off them off by this Tuesday August 20 to the church office.

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.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (9TH-12TH GRADE) ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR

- Sunday August 25 ~ 7:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall

Calling all high school students! Summer is winding down and it's time to get together with friends and have some fun, make a massive ice cream sundae (and eat it!) and talk about what kinds of stuff we want to see in the Chapel Hill Youth Program this year. Pastor Barry and Connor Bailey, Chapel Hill's new Seminary Assistant who will be working with the youth program, are planning a time that can be for youth who have never really connected to anything at church, as well as those who are around most Sundays. Grab a friend or two and invite them to join in! Feels like a great time to start something new(ish).

Fall Kick-Off

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BBQ Potluck

Sunday September 8 ~ Noon

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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