



Advent 2011 - A Pregnant Pause

"The Voice" Weekly :

December 18, 2011



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

6:00 pm
Youth-led Family Service
8:00 pm
Lessons & Carols
11:00 pm
Communion

Christmas Day
10:00 am

New Year's Day
10:00 am

Over the Chapel Hill Gang will meet on January 4th at 11:45am at Robby's Café, 639 Romence Plaza in Portage. If you have questions or need a ride, please call Dorothy Harrington at 327-0303.



Did You Know...

Ever stop to look around at all that God provides through all of us in order to make Sunday morning happen the way it does each week? The trees that go into the paper we purchase to create "The Voice", the toner, electricity and the awesome Xerox machine, plus the computers, staff and volunteers that put it all together all involve gifts from God given in, and through, us! The Pastors' ministry of Word requires their time, education, books...and, increasingly electronic resources (Pastor Barry makes use of a digital library called "Logos!"). The Director of Music utilizes traditional printed music and digital downloads to make the music life of each service distinctively meaningful. Of course, looking around you will also see candles, decorations, digital images and video, microphones, stands, cords, speakers, computers...well, keep looking there is more! All good gifts of God in and through us...all pieces of our stewardship. Think about it next time you drop money in the basket or consider your electronic giving. Some of your tithes and offerings are going to make worship happen at PCHUM.

Light Up A Life Candle Project - Final Sale Ever!

The Missions Team is supporting Ministry with Community by making available for the last time their hand-crafted, non-drip beeswax candles during Advent. The candles, packaged 2 per box, are available in white or red & cost \$8.00 per box. All proceeds go directly to Ministry with Community. This is the last day they will be available as a new project is being designed.



Today is the last day you can turn in Meijer gift cards. There is a gift box by the tree where you can place your gift cards. Please write the amount of the gift card on the accompanying card holder. If you have any questions, please contact Michele VanAllen (353-7371) or Adele Paxson (343-2903).



Mission Project



The Alternative Gift Catalog

Today is the final day. You may select a cause listed in the catalog to make a donation on behalf of someone. The Missions Team will send your donation to that cause. Christmas cards are available for you give to the individual. Look for the table in the Narthex. Doris Mettler is available for questions at 327-8272.

Remember to pick up your Poinsettias that you ordered for your personal use. Available TODAY outside the church office.



Thank You

We wish to thank **Douglas Dykehouse** for his beautiful cover art work. You can learn more about Doug and his art at www.dougydykehouse.com.



In January the craziness and glory of Christmas will be behind us, and for some it may be the perfect time to look at next steps in the faith journey.

Pastor Barry will be leading an "Inquiry Class" on Sundays, January 29 and February 5 from 3:00pm to 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. This is a class for folks who simply want to know more about the Christian faith, about United Methodism, about Chapel Hill Church. The class will involve some video, PowerPoint, discussion, and time with Pastors getting to know our God and each other better. This is the required class for all wishing to become members of PCHUM...but taking the class does not automatically commit you! Those wishing to become members will be received in worship on February 19th. If you would like to be a part of the class, please RSVP to office@pchum.org or call 327-6643. Questions? Feel free to contact Pastor Barry.

Teen Hapnins!

Teen Hapnins - Christmas Caroling!

Tonight from 4:30 to 6:30. Dress for the weather! We will be walking & caroling our PCHUM neighbors, starting at the youth house!

Youth Serving Youth (grades 6-12)

On Tuesday, December 27th, 11:30 am - 6:30 pm., we will spend an afternoon sharing & crafting with children at the Gospel mission. We will have dinner & reflection back at the Youth House. Meet at the Youth House at 11:30 a.m. Pickup will also be at the Youth House at 6:30. Let Jorge know if you will be attending at chumyc@aol.com.



Children in Kindergarten-4th Grade

are invited to help put a progressive twist on the traditional pageant with a show called *Matt & Lucy's*



Version Births! There are no lines to learn & the only rehearsals will be learning a few songs together during Sunday School and then one MANDATORY group rehearsal on Tuesday, December 20 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. The show will be presented on Christmas Eve at the 6pm Family Service. Presence at both the 12/20 rehearsal AND on Christmas Eve is required. Sign up sheets are downstairs at the Children's Ministry check-in desk, or email sharonbrown@pchum.org to be a part of the fun! Registration deadline is Today.



Common Cents Seminar

For parents, a FREE seminar to help you with tips and tools for teaching your children to manage money.



Held on Thursday January 19th in the Fellowship Hall, we will start with an optional supper at 5:30 followed by the seminar from 6 to 8 pm. Childcare provided. To RSVP or for more information, send an email to Sharon at SharonBrown@pchum.org.



"Tween's and Teens Loopin' and Loomin' for Community"

is a new Youth project which will be offered to Grades 6 to 12 on January 15th & January 22nd during Sunday's Teen Hapnin's to produce WARM HATS on special "looms". It is hoped that this will become a year round project with several sites where hats could be donated. Each young person will have their own loom to produce their own products. NEED: CURIOS, ARTISTIC, DEDICATED YOUTH! Questions? Call Nancy Trotter at 269-345-1776 or Carol Channell at 269-217-6513.



Volunteers Needed:

Knight, Princess & Dragon Party

Saturday, January 28, 11 am-1 pm

The children love this fantastical event, but we need grown-ups to help make it happen. If you are willing to help prepare the meal, lead the children, or decorate for the event, please contact SharonBrown@pchum.org.

Mark your Calendars:



Removing of the Greens
January 8 at 4 p.m.
Sanctuary

Monday's Bible Study

will resume Jan 9th
Room #108

Disciple I class will
resume Jan 3rd
Wesley Room



Acolyte Training
January 15, 3-4:30
in the Sanctuary
For questions, contact
Kathy Wilson at
kathedw@yahoo.com,
353-7933



Blood Drive
February 4th
More details to
come



Romence Road Food Pantry Favorite Christmas Ornament

Do you have a favorite Christmas Ornament? As I enter our church, I love to see the huge decorated tree and the star hanging from the ceiling. Yet, my favorite Christmas ornament is not hung from the tree. It is hung from the front door handle. It is a simple sign that says:

← FOOD PANTRY

Underneath that it says "Lower Level. Last Door." It reminds me that Christ was born in a stable, out back on the lower level. More importantly, it tells me our church is actively doing the work of Christ by feeding the hungry. If you are hungry, come and eat (343-3663). If you are full, feed others. Do not worry if you do not have gold, frankincense or myrrh. The gift of your time is appreciated.



From our Covenant Missionaries:

Hello from Haiti!

My name is Stephanie Norton, my husband and I are missionaries serving in Mizak, Haiti. It was brought to our attention that Portage Chapel Hill UMC recently established a covenant relationship with us. I would like to take the time to say how excited and surprised we both are. Please convey our thanks. Our permanent residence is in Kalamazoo and we would love to meet you when we are back in the states.

Currently we have very limited communication. Internet maybe once a week. We have a hard time making calls to the US, but can receive calls sometimes. When a mission team visits us, we usually have snail mail for them to carry to the US.

I wanted to acknowledge Chapel Hill's generous gift and say a heart-felt thank you. Ash and I would like to be in regular communication with you. Expect an update soon, and we can fill you in on all of the projects we are involved with here. I would elaborate, but as I said, the internet time is very limited.

Thank you, again.

Blessings, Stephanie

WELCOMING STATEMENT

"...my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." –Isaiah 56:7

Welcome to Portage Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, a church in the service of Christ, where all peoples are welcome and invited to grow in Christian discipleship by discovering, through Christ, meaning and purpose in their daily living, working and loving by:

discerning their own unique gifts, talents and strengths

cultivating these gifts and preparing to accept new ministries

deploying their gifts as ambassadors for Christ in the ministry of reconciliation
in their home, school, community and workplace.

We are called to recognize Christ in everyone, inclusive of, but not limited to those of differing socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, race, age, ethnic background, creed, gender, disabilities or abilities and family make up. We understand diversity to be a gift from a creative God. We discern that God is challenging the Christian community to lead by example and to strive to reflect God's unconditional and forgiving love, and to be a life-giving church community that reaches out to all.

"The Voice" Will Return January 8th!

Due to the New Year's Week closure, the next deadline for submissions to the "Voice Weekly News" for the January 8th issue only will be

Wednesday, Jan 4th at noon.

The deadline of **Tuesdays at noon** will resume the week of January 9th.

Please send your submissions for "The Voice" to
katherinefletcher@pchum.org
or drop them by the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Week of December 18th

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Week

Closed Monday & Tuesday
Open Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

New Year's Week

Closed Monday
Open Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Phone: (269) 327-6643

FAX: (269) 327-4878

Website: www.pchum.org

E-mail: office@pchum.org

Your Chapel Hill Staff

Barry T. Petrucci, Senior Pastor.....BarryPetrucci@pchum.org
Gini Heller, Associate Pastor.....GiniHeller@pchum.org
Mary Thompson, Director of Music.....MaryThompson@pchum.org
Sharon Brown, Dir. of Children's Ministries.....SharonBrown@pchum.org
Sue Dueweke, Office AdministratorSueDueweke@pchum.org
Katherine Fletcher, Office Assistant.....KatherineFletcher@pchum.org
Deb Gauthier, Business AdministratorDebGauthier@pchum.org
Coty Dunten, Assistant for Digital Communication.....CotyDunten@pchum.org
Kevin Boot, Coordinating Custodian.....Kevin Boot@pchum.org
Tonya Boot, Assistant Custodian.....
Steve Hoekstra, Assistant Custodian.....SteveHoekstra@pchum.org
Barbara Hong, Organist.....
Deanne Austin, Director of ChildcareDeanneAustin@pchum.org

Your Chapel Hill Core Team Leaders

Sarah Kirk/Jim Freeman, Church Council (strategic administration of ministries)
Scott Gibson/Doris Mettler, Beyond The Trail (ministries of charity and justice beyond our walls)
Rachel Chandler, Pathbuilders (infrastructure ministries)
Barry Petrucci, Vision (overall guiding vision of PCHUM)
Ruth Stoddard, Outfitters (ministries of invitation, integration and Christian Education)
Sara House, Joy On the Journey (ministries of worship and spiritual discipleship)

Serving Today

Acolytes Stephanie & Jessica Hoogerheide
Liturgist 9:00 Joe Buysse 11:30 Pastor Gini
Sound System 9:00 Eric Smith 11:30 Eric Smith
Tech 11:30
Counters Jim & Enola Lininger, John Ruhrup
Greeters Al & Dottie Lagerberg
Ushers..... Shirley Cornelius, Bill Showen, Madelyn Locker, Maxine Zimmer
Children's Time 9:00 Meredith Kerr 11:30 Marilyn Barber
Video..... Roger Stamper & Bob Piellusch

**Assistive Listening and
Large Print Hymnals and
Bulletins are available.
Please ask an usher for
assistance.**

Cable Access Schedule for PCHUM Worship Service:

Both Kalamazoo & Portage

Monday	6pm	Channel 19
Wednesday	1pm	Channel 19
Friday	11am	Channel 19
Sunday	7pm	Channel 95