

THE VOICE

April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

God is Light...
and in Light there is
no darkness at all!



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Wrecking Ball

Prelude	Shall We Gather At The River	Lowery/Carter
Pastoral Welcome		Barry Petrucci
Call To Worship		Tonya Boot
Songs	The Joy of the Lord Ever Be	New Life Team
Pastoral Prayer		Jess Davenport
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Christ Has Broken Down the Wall	Joe Badalamenti
Scripture	1 John 1:1-2:2	
Message	Wrecking Ball	Barry Petrucci
Offering & Special Music	Shine On Us	Darlene Sang
Dedication		
Hymn	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	
Closing Liturgy		Jess Davenport
Song	No Matter What	New Life Team
Blessing		
Postlude	Amen	J. Schrader

State of the Nation...State of the Faith

- Thursdays at 7 pm

State of the Nation...State of the Faith is an open forum where folks are coming together to discuss how Chapel Hill can move toward being an anti-racist congregation. All are encouraged to join the conversation. The Zoom link can be found at pchum.org/events.

Portage Kids Peaceful Protests

- Every Wednesday and Sunday from Noon–1 pm
- Corner of S. Westnedge Ave. and Centre Ave. in Portage

Every Wednesday and Sunday a group of adults and children gather at the corner of S. Westnedge Ave. and Centre Ave. in Portage to peacefully protest against racism in our community. This is a great opportunity to show children how to stand with the Black Lives Matter and Stop Asian Hate movements. All are encouraged to get involved.

COVID Vaccine Clinics

All individuals aged 16 and older living in Kalamazoo County are now eligible to receive the COVID vaccine through the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department. Appointments are first-come-first-served and are released in batches **every Monday at 7 am, Noon, and 5 pm**. To make your appointment please go to kalcounty.com/hcs/covid1950plusregistration.php.

Chapel Hill Community Garden

Spring has sprung and Chapel Hill's Community Garden is calling! There are plots available for the 2021 season. Cost is \$25 (to cover the cost of water usage) and gardeners are required to donate 30% of their produce to the Loaves and Fishes Romance Rd. Food Pantry, housed in the lower level of the church building. To reserve your garden plot please contact Chris Cartner at cartner3030@gmail.com.

April Playdates

- All kids in Preschool–5th grade
- Wednesday, April 21
- 6–7:30 pm on the playground

Andrea Trantham is planning another opportunity for Chapel Hill kids to get together and play outside on Wednesday, April 21 at 6 pm. This event will be staffed by two Safe Place-Certified adults, so parents are welcome to drop their kids off. Face masks will be required and this event will be cancelled if there is inclement weather. Space is limited so you are asked to register. Find the registration link at pchum.org/childrenministries.

Summer Camp

It's time to start planning your kids' summer camp adventures! United Methodist Camping has summer camp opportunities for the whole family. And don't forget, Portage Chapel Hill Church will pay 50% of the cost of kids going to camp! For information on United Methodist Camping please visit pchum.org/camp. If you have any questions about Chapel Hill's 50% commitment please email office@pchum.org.

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Our Church Did All That?

A Note from the Faith In Action Team of Portage Chapel Hill Church

Did you know that “Ministry Shares” are the expenses Portage Chapel Hill Church shares across the United Methodist denomination that allow us to reach out to our communities and the world in ways we would not be able to from our local church? We, as a denomination, support many large initiatives that require the support from a large number of people to be successful. And despite a rough 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic, Chapel Hill has once again kept its commitment to pay 100% of its Ministry Shares. The amount asked of us is based on many factors, and for 2020 it came out to over \$77,000!

Did you also know that Ministry Shares is only the first step of giving in a 6-step invitation of outreach in which the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church challenges us to be involved? The other steps encourage each congregation to spread its outreach from the local level to the national level and even internationally. In 2020, we honored those commitments as well and provided financial assistance totaling over \$12,000 to various organizations. Here is a small sample of some of the groups who have received financial assistance from Portage Chapel Hill:

- **The NOAH Project**—The Networking, Organizing, and Advocating for the Homeless Project (NOAH) operates a Community Center in downtown Detroit for homeless and low income individuals. NOAH provides case management, wellness counseling, a computer lab, an art program, a quarterly Earn-A-Bike Program, and quarterly dental clinic.
- **JFON-Kalamazoo** — Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) welcomes immigrants and refugees living in Southwest Michigan by providing legal assistance that those seeking residency in the United States need but cannot afford or access.
- **Mujila Falls Agricultural Center** — Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training in Zambia, Africa.
- **HAPI - Haitian Artisans for Peace International** — Transforming Haiti through the empowerment and advocacy of women.
- **Brighter Future Children Rescue Center** — Helping ex-child soldiers, prostitutes, rural teen mothers and poor children build better lives in Liberia.

In addition to financial giving, the Michigan Conference of the UMC encourages each congregation to move into ministry partnerships with organizations representing vulnerable people and communities. In this area, Portage Chapel Hill has continued its involvement in Interfaith Strategy for Action and Advocacy in the Community (ISAAC), sent folks to anti-racism training put on by Eliminating Racism and Creating/Celebrating Equity (ERACCE), and fundraised for Housing Resource Inc.'s Walk to End Homelessness.

For a full breakdown of the ministries supported by Portage Chapel Hill Church and the Faith In Action Team, please visit pchum.org/faithinaction. You may also contact Faith In Action Team Chair Richard Derenne at richard.derenne@stryker.com.