

# THE VOICE

October 18, 2020

20th Sunday After Pentecost

## WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

The Lord's word came to Jonah...

“Get up and go to Ninevah,  
and cry out against it...”

So Jonah got up –  
to flee from the Lord!

*Jonah 1:2-3*



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## Lies My Sunday School Teacher Told Me

Prelude	Sheep May Safely Graze and Pasture	Bach
Welcome & call To worship		Barry Petrucci
Songs	I Am Not Alone Lord I Need You	New Life Team
Pastoral Prayer		
children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Gracious creator of Land and Sea	
Scripture	Jonah 1:1-17 & 2:1-5, 10	
Message	Jonah	Jess Davenport
offering & Special Music	HOSTIAS	Sam Macy
Dedication		
closing Liturgy		Tonya Boot
Hymn	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	
Song	Here I Am Lord	
Sending		
Postlude	God Be With You	chapel Hill Ringers

## Sunday Night Youth Group

- All kids in 6th–12th Grade
- Sunday, October 18
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the lower parking lot

This week the youth group will be carving or painting pumpkins. Please bring your own pumpkin, or \$5 to purchase one. Pumpkin carving tools and paints will be provided, and you may take your pumpkin home with you. This activity will be outdoors and messy, so please dress accordingly. Contact Pastor Jess at [jessdavenport@pchum.org](mailto:jessdavenport@pchum.org) if you have any questions. The next Sunday Night Youth Group will be Sunday, November 1.

## Trunk or Treat—Cancelled

Out of an abundance of caution Chapel Hill has decided to cancel this year's Trunk or Treat that had been scheduled for Saturday, October 24. If you have any questions about this decision please contact Andrea Trantham at [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org). Plans are now being made for a kids' activity in November with a Thanksgiving themed mission project. More information will be coming soon!

## Flu Clinic

- Sunday, October 25—9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 26—10 a.m.—Noon

Getting your flu shot is always important, but even more so this year. Chapel Hill will be hosting a flu shot clinic at the church, COVID restrictions permitting, October 25-26. Please see the attached flier for more information, or visit [ascension.org/flushotkalamazoo](http://ascension.org/flushotkalamazoo).

## Realm Online Directory Update

Portage Chapel Hill office staff will be updating the church's online directory, Realm, on **Monday, November 2**. This is to ensure that the Realm online directory gives exactly the same information as the printed directory that the church has provided in the past. This includes home address, phone number and email information.

When this update happens, some folks will receive an email stating that their Realm privacy settings have been changed. Please know that Chapel Hill takes the privacy of its congregation very seriously. The Realm directory is only available to the congregation of Chapel Hill and will never be shared with a third party.

If you **do not** want your contact information made available to the Chapel Hill congregation please contact the church office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) or call Office Manager Lisa Drzick at (269) 327-6643.

The church will continue to make paper copies of the directory available.

## A Change to Church Conference

Due to the ongoing pandemic and at the request of District Superintendent Dwayne Bagley, the December 13 meeting previously advertised as a *Church Conference* – all church members invited and voting, others invited with voice and no vote – will now be convened as a *Charge Conference* – only members of the Guidance Board, appointed Clergy, retired Clergy with relationship to Chapel Hill, and the chairs of the other Core Teams of Chapel Hill. We apologize for any confusion this may cause.

### Give By Mail:

Portage Chapel Hill  
7028 Oakland Dr.  
Portage MI 49024

### Give Online:

[pchum.org/give](http://pchum.org/give)

### Give On Realm:

[onrealm.org/pchum](http://onrealm.org/pchum)

### Text-To-Give:

Text "PCHUM" to  
**73256**

## In-Person Worship Reminder

In mid-July, the leadership of Portage Chapel deemed it safe to return to in-person worship in the Sanctuary with limited seating capacity and multiple safe guards in place. Since then we've seen attendance in worship rising each week. In light of that, church leaders would like to remind folks of a couple things that will help keep *everyone* safe:

- It is imperative that you arrive to worship on time. Please allow yourself a few extra minutes to have your temperature taken, your hands sanitized, and your attendance marked by an usher, before making your way to the Sanctuary. Seating is limited, and it may take an extra moment to locate an empty, socially-distanced seat. It is important that everyone has been through the safety checks and is safely seated at the beginning of worship.
- Please leave the building at the end of the service. We know this sounds strange for a church to ask people to leave, but the fact is, it's necessary right now for the safety of our building and all who enter it. We ask that you hold all conversations with those not in your family group outside the building.
- This past Sunday attendance was very near to our safe capacity limit. Again, though it's a strange thing for a church to say, please consider your own safety and the safety of others when deciding whether or not to come to worship.

## Weekly Email

The staff of Portage Chapel Hill sends out a congregational email each and every week with the latest information and events that are happening in the life of the church. It gets sent each Thursday at 12:30 pm. If you are not receiving this email and would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org) or call (269) 327-6643.

## ISAAC 2020 Public Meeting

- Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Interfaith Strategy for Action and Advocacy in the Community (ISAAC) will be holding it's annual meeting this Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 pm using online meeting platform Zoom. This is an annual gathering of faith communities where public officials, candidates, and community leaders stand before the community and commit to working with ISAAC for changes in policy and practice infused with love, hope, equity, and abundance. ISAAC is currently focused on the issues of anti-racism, community violence prevention, and affordable housing. To register to attend this meeting please go to [isaackalamazoo.org](http://isaackalamazoo.org).

## Election Day Prayer Vigil

- Monday, November 2 at 7 am through Tuesday, November 3 at 7 am

*Look among all the people for capable persons who respect God. They should be trustworthy and not corrupt. Set these persons over the people ... Exodus 18:21*

The months of media propaganda raising up candidates and knocking down candidates is coming to a close. Some of us have already submitted our ballots. Others will go in person on election day to complete their civil responsibility in voting. As a faith community, Chapel Hill will be holding a 24-hour Prayer Vigil for a clear and trustworthy outcome, for civility in accepting the decision, for God's grace to reign in the voting and in the aftermath, and for the nation to unite in moving on in unity for the common good of all people. To sign up for a 30- minute time slot, and for inspirational prayers, poems, and devotionals, please go to [pchum.org/election-prayer-vigil](http://pchum.org/election-prayer-vigil).

## A Note from Pastor Barry

Greetings, Chapel Hill members and friends! For several years now, I have been working with the Faith Alliance Committee of OutFront Kalamazoo and Out Proud Safe on the significant challenge of homelessness among LGBTQ youth in the Kalamazoo Area. One piece of a response to that challenge is the "Host Homes Program". LGBTQ youth are frequently in tense relationship at home as they self-disclose matters of sexuality and identity, and it is far too common for youth to be kicked out by parents, or to run away because they feel unsafe. Faith Alliance has been working on this because the committee works at the intersection of faith and sexuality. Often, parents act out of conservative religious mindsets that react against youth in unhelpful, sometimes even violent, ways. Host Homes is an effort to provide safe space for youth to live while efforts are made to bring about reconciliation. Pandemic times make this a difficult ask, but I am inviting those of you who feel that you might be able to host youth in your homes to attend an informational meeting about this program. Even if you would not feel safe opening your home during COVID times, please know you are still welcome at the meeting. We trust we will not always be in such times!

### Host Homes Program Information Meeting

OutFront and the Faith Alliance committee invite you to an online informational meeting about the "Out Proud Safe Host Homes" program on **Friday, November 6 at 7 pm**. "Host Homes" is designed to address the housing needs of LGBTQ youth during family reconciliation to avoid youth homelessness by connecting them with caring adults who are willing to provide safe housing and support during this process. This meeting will introduce you to the program and will open the floor for you to ask questions you may have on the program. We hope to see you there!

More information on this online meeting will be forthcoming. If you would like more immediate information, please be in touch with Pastor Barry at [barrypetrucci@pchum.org](mailto:barrypetrucci@pchum.org).



Sunday, October 25, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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Vaccines Available	
This year Ascension Borgess is recommending the quadrivalent high dose vaccine for those individuals who are 65 years of age or older.	
Flu	Pneumonia
High Dose Quadrivalent (65 years & up)	Pneumovax 23 (19 years & up)
Flu Quadrivalent (6 months & up)	Prevnar 13 (19 years & up)
FluMist Nasal Spray (2-17 years)	

**Masks/face coverings and social distancing are required.**



Ascension Borgess COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. Each patient will undergo screening (temperature and questionnaire screening), be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Our staff will also undergo the screening process, wear a mask, practice hand washing procedures and cleaning/sanitizing supplies/tables/chairs.

All Medicare Part B plans and most commercial insurances are accepted. We are not able to accept any Medicaid or Medicaid HMO insurances. Anyone with Medicaid or Medicaid HMO insurance should contact their primary care physician for an immunization.

For anyone without insurance, we accept cash  or check .

We are unable to accept credit or debit cards.