

THE VOICE

November 21, 2021

26th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

I am among you
as one who serves.



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Celebration of Discipleship

Prelude	Harvest Hymn	Percy Granger
Pastoral Welcome		
Call To Worship		Tonya Boot
	<i>We Are Called, verses 1 and 2, sung by the Chancel Choir</i>	
Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty	UMH 64 vs 1-4
Prayers of the People		
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
	<i>Children in Pre-K–4th grade are invited to Children In Worship, downstairs in Room 109, after Children's Time. Adults may pick up their kids downstairs after worship.</i>	
Hymn	For One Great Peace	FWS 2185 vs 1-3
Scripture	Luke 22:24-27	
Meditation	Serving and Being Served	Barry Petrucci
Offering and Special Music	We Are Not Alone	Chancel Choir
Doxology		UMH 94
Closing Liturgy		Jess Davenport
Hymn	Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)	UMH 356 vs 1-4
Blessing		
Postlude	We Gather Together	Carter

Helping Hands

Portage Chapel Hill Church has a fund called Helping Hands. Money in this fund is used at the Pastors' discretion to assist people in need. With the COVID pandemic ongoing, in addition to the homeless encampment in Kalamazoo recently being shut down, church staff have noticed a marked increase in the number of folks reaching out for housing assistance. The church is working with Urban Alliance of Kalamazoo, a non-profit organization focused on helping marginalized people find affordable housing, to get resources to those folks who need a temporary place to stay. If you would like to contribute to the Helping Hands fund please go to pchum.org/give and find "Helping Hands" under the Faith In Action section.

In addition to the Helping Hands fund, we ask that you prayerfully consider your giving to the General Fund of the church. Giving has been down recently while costs are increasing in all areas of the church. You can go to pchum.org/give to make a one-time gift to the General Fund, or to set up or increase regular contributions. If you have any questions please contact Business Administrator Buffy Dangel at buffydangel@pchum.org or call the office at (269) 327-6643.

Thank you for your generosity in giving to the life of Portage Chapel Hill!

Pizza at Sunday Night Youth Group

- Sunday, November 21 from 7–8:30 pm

This week the youth group will be put to work assembling the Christmas trees which will be used to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. All youth in 6th–12th grades are invited—bring a friend! We will be getting pizza as well, so make sure to come hungry.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner with God's Kitchen

- Wednesday, November 24 from 5-6 pm

All are invited to come and have dinner at Portage Chapel Hill Church on Wednesday, November 24 from 5–6 pm. God's Kitchen of Michigan will be preparing a full Thanksgiving Dinner for the whole community, free of charge! Please share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors. God is present when we break bread together.

Hanging of the Greens

- Sunday, November 28

Hanging of the Greens will happen on Sunday, November 28 at 11 am, immediately following the 10 am worship service. Hanging of the Greens is when folks from Portage Chapel Hill come together to decorate the Sanctuary and other spaces in the church for the Advent and Christmas season. We will sing songs and carols, create ornaments, and come together as a community in fellowship.

Snowbirds

Are you flying to warmer climates for the winter? Don't forget to let the church office know! Call (269) 327-6643 or email office@pchum.org to provide the dates you'll be out of town, or an address update. Help us stay in touch over the winter months!

Drivers Needed

The Shepherd's Center of Kalamazoo is in need of folks who can drive area senior citizens to doctor's appointments. They will work around your schedule. If you can help please, or to get more information, please call The Shepherd's Center at (269) 383-1122.



Advent Season: Housing The Holy

First Sunday in Advent: November 28

Blue Christmas: December 19 at 6 pm

Christmas Eve Worship : 5 pm, 8 pm, 11 pm

The Voice Weekly Newsletter

Changes are coming to The Voice weekly newsletter from Portage Chapel Hill Church!

Beginning with the season of Advent, the church's weekly newsletter will focus on showing the life of Portage Chapel Hill Church, moving away from being a listing of upcoming events and opportunities. You will see pictures of events, rehearsals, and special moments in worship, as well as hear from the people who make up the church's groups, teams, and leadership. This new publication will highlight who this church is, what its values are, and its place in the Kalamazoo/Portage community.

As the editor of The Voice, it is my hope that folks in the congregation will use this new publication to discover things they never knew about Portage Chapel Hill and get ideas on how they might get more involved: *"Oh look, there's so-and-so serving at last week's God's Kitchen meal. That looks like fun. Maybe I'll give it a try!"* Additionally, first-time visitors to Portage Chapel Hill will have a way to get familiar with faces from the congregation and see by example what this church's values are and how those values are lived out: *"Look at all the activities this church does with kids. I could see my kids really having fun here!"* The roll-out will happen in the next week; I look forward to hearing your feedback.

There are plenty of ways to stay informed on upcoming events and opportunities at the church. Make sure you are signed up for the weekly email, which is sent out every Thursday at 12:30 pm. If you are not on the weekly email list please email the office at office@pchum.org or call (269) 327-6643. You can also find upcoming events each week on the Connect Card, which is available when folks come to in-person worship, or online at pchum.org/connectfromhome.

Wishing you all many blessings as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child ~

Lisa Drzick (she/her)
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