

THE VOICE

March 21, 2021

5th Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Jesus said,
“Why are you afraid?”

Matthew 8:26



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Holy Vessels: A Season of Recovery

Prelude	Behold The King Comes	Chapel Hill Ringers
Pastoral Welcome		Barry Petrucci
Call To Worship		Jess Davenport
Songs	You Say Let Your Healing Love	New Life Team
Baptismal Covenant		Charles Paul Jones & Family
Pastoral Prayer		Pat Catellier
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Give To The Wind Thy Fears	
Scripture	Matthew 8:18-27	Tonya Boot
Message	Restoration	Barry Petrucci
Offering & Special Music	For The Beauty Of The Earth	Shelby Bishop & Darlene Sang
Dedication		
Hymn	Forth In Thy Name, O Lord	
Closing Liturgy		Tonya Boot
Song	I Am Not Alone	
Blessing		
Postlude	Hymn of Promise	Natalie Sleeth

COVID Vaccine Clinics

All individuals aged 50 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.

Lenten Mission Project

This is the final week for Portage Chapel Hill's Lenten Mission Project! The church is putting together "Dinner and a Movie" Kits for families in the Kalamazoo area who are housing foster kids. The goal is to provide a fun night in for 20 families.

This week you are invited to write a card or note with words of encouragement and support for foster kids.

During this season of Lent we have asked for donations of restaurant gift cards (locally-owned restaurants are encouraged), snacks, juice boxes, and movie streaming gift cards. We ask that you hold onto your donations and pray over them daily, then bring them to the church on **Palm Sunday, March 28 from 9 am–Noon**.

To see the full list of requested items please visit pchum.org/lent or send an email to Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

Walk to End Homelessness

- March 20-28

Portage Chapel Hill has put together a team for Housing Resources Inc.'s Walk To End Homelessness, which this year will be a week of virtual events March 20-28. Housing Resources Inc. (HRI) works to house people experiencing homelessness, prevent people from being evicted, and help pay utility bills and rent subsidies. Over 900 households in the Kalamazoo area were helped in 2020! Chapel Hill has set a goal of raising \$500 for this event. To learn more, join the Chapel Hill Team, or to donate, please go to pchum.org/events.

Holy Week at Portage Chapel Hill

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday
10 am Livestream Worship

Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday
6 pm "Come To The Table"
Shared Meal and Communion on Zoom

Friday, April 2 Good Friday
7 pm Tenebrae Service Livestream

Sunday, April 4 Easter
7 am Sunrise Service Outside in the Memorial Garden, in-person and socially distanced
10 am Livestream Worship

Give By Mail:

Portage Chapel Hill
7028 Oakland Dr.
Portage MI 49024

Give Online:

pchum.org/give

Give On Realm:

onrealm.org/pchum

Text-To-Give:

Text "PCHUM" to
73256

Coffee With The Pastors

- Every Sunday on Zoom at approximately 11 am, immediately following worship

Sunday morning Coffee With The Pastors is a time that is intentionally focused on connecting about each Sunday's worship. You are invited to join Pastor Jess and Pastor Barry to ask questions and share how God was speaking to you during worship. The Zoom link can be found at pchum.org/events.

At-Home Easter Egg Hunt Kits

Andrea Trantham, Chapel Hill's Director of Children's Ministries, is putting together an at-home Easter Egg Hunt for your family. Each kit will contain eggs stuffed with toys, stickers, and candy. Andrea will personally deliver the kits right to your door on Thursday, April 1. *Please Note:* The Easter eggs may contain items not suitable for children under 3 years old. Please visit pchum.org/lent for the registration link. Questions may be directed to Andrea at andreatrantham@pchum.org.

State of the Nation, State of the Faith

- Thursdays at 7 pm on Zoom

All are invited to join the conversation about Portage Chapel Hill's efforts to fight racism in our community. If you are interested in seeing Chapel Hill become an example of an anti-racist congregation, please go to pchum.org/events at 7 pm every Thursday and click on the Zoom link. Can't make it Thursdays but still want to be involved? Contact the office at office@pchum.org or call (269) 327-6643.

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.

Update on In-Person Worship to the Congregation of Portage Chapel Hill

Last November we responded to the surge in COVID-19 cases by restricting access to church facilities. We stopped offering in-person worship for our congregation and closed our indoor facilities for gatherings. We later closed our grounds to outdoor meetings as well. We have continued this policy through the winter while continuing to offer our worship service online and provide virtual gatherings for our congregation.

Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve as our understanding of this deadly virus has developed. After considerable deliberation, we have decided to continue our policy of keeping Portage Chapel Hill closed for indoor worship and meetings. But, effective immediately, *outdoor meetings and gatherings will be permitted on church grounds*. Participants must follow guidelines and be appropriately screened, masked, and socially distanced. The outdoor Easter Sunrise Service will be held this year at 7 am on Sunday, April 4 in the Memorial Garden.

We will continue to closely watch the community's COVID-19 data and consider the health and safety of our clergy and our congregation as we respond to this pandemic. We will continue to worship and connect in fellowship with each other through this difficult time.

The Guidance Board

19th Annual Peace Service

Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice

"Raising HOPE Amidst a Pandemic"

Keynote Speaker: Gwendolyn Hooker, C.E.O. of H.O.P.E.
Helping Other People Exceed thru Navigation

**Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for
Peace and Justice Virtual Peace Service**

Sunday, 21 March at 5 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 989 6001 6687

Passcode: 495175

We of KICPJ are individuals from many faith communities working to bring peace and justice into the world. We are inspired by our faith in the value of each human being. We seek to promote justice and further the cause of peace only through nonviolent means. And we're committed to the protection of the environment, the divine creation entrusted to our care.



We thank Kalamazoo Nonviolent Opponents of War [KNOW] for their support.



At H.O.P.E., Gwendolyn helped to create a new project to support re-entry of the formerly incarcerated and the homeless by the building of tiny houses. She has worked with various Kalamazoo authorities to lessen gun violence attacking its root causes of racism, economic exploitation and despair. She was the former Volunteer Coordinator at Local Initiatives Support Corporation [LISC] AmeriCorps at Northside Association for Community Development [NACD]. Currently she serves on numerous community boards.

For information, call Rev. Harold W. Beu at 269-381-6439

Website for KICPJ is <https://interfaithkazoo.org>