

# THE VOICE

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

## WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

All of them were filled  
with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak  
in other languages,  
as the Spirit gave them ability.

*Acts 2:4*



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# Holy Spirit Afire

Prelude	Spirit Song	Chapel Hill Ringers
Pastoral Welcome		Barry Petrucci
Call To Worship		
Songs	Rise Up Set A Fire	New Life Team
Pastoral Prayer		
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness	
Scripture	Acts 2:1-17	Tonya Boot
Message	Holy Spirit Afire	Jess Davenport
Offering & Special Music	Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me	Kitty Clark
Dedication		
Hymn	In the Midst of New Dimensions	
Closing Liturgy		
Song	Move	
Blessing		
Postlude	Spanish Dance Op. 5	Enrique Granados

## Summer Book Study

- Begins Tuesday June 15 at 6:30 pm

Pastor Jess and Pastor Barry invite you to join them for a summer book study they're calling "Simon Says!" based on the book *Simon Peter* by Adam Hamilton. This book study has been designed with both adults and kids in mind and we would love to see people of all ages participating together on Zoom. Registration is required. Books are available for a suggested donation of \$10 and may be picked up at the church, or you may choose to have your copy delivered right to your home – only one copy of the book is needed per household. Please go to [pchum.org/summerbookstudy](http://pchum.org/summerbookstudy) to register.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

- Saturday, June 19
- 10:15 am–4 pm
- Fellowship Hall

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Portage Chapel Hill on Saturday, June 19. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help make the blood drive a success. Go to [pchum.org/blooddrive](http://pchum.org/blooddrive) for more information.

## Sunday Night Youth Group

- Sundays, May 23 from 7–8:30 pm
- All youth in grades 6-12

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come to the church on Sunday nights from 7-8:30 pm for an outdoor "play date" for older kids. Face masks will be required. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jess at [jessdavenport@pchum.org](mailto:jessdavenport@pchum.org).

## Jam Sessions Message Series

Beginning Sunday, June 6 Portage Chapel Hill's message series will feature YOUR favorite music. Have a song that has gotten you through a hard time? Is there a song that reminds you of a saint in your life? What music brings you into the presence of God? We'd love to hear about it so we can feature your song and record you sharing what your song means to you. Hymn? Pop song? Country Ballad? All music helps us connect with who God has called us to be. All songs are welcome. Email Pastor Jess at [jessdavenport@pchum.org](mailto:jessdavenport@pchum.org) to share your song.

## Worship in the Garden — with Communion

- Sunday, June 6 at 6 pm

The next outdoor worship will be happening on Sunday, June 6 at 6 pm. This time of worship will include the sacrament of communion, songs led with guitar, a time of prayer, and devotion. You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

## Kids' Playdate

- Monday, May 24
- 6-7:30 pm on the playground

All kids in Preschool–4th grade are invited to come play with old friends and make new ones! This playdate will be supervised by two Safe Place Certified adults so parents are welcome to drop their kiddos off. Space is limited and registration is required. Please visit [pchum.org/childrenministries](http://pchum.org/childrenministries) to register.

### 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  
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## Vacation Bible School

- July 6-8 (Tuesday–Thursday) 6-8 pm
- July 19-21 (Monday–Wednesday) 6-8 pm

Rising preschoolers through 5th graders are invited to register for Mini VBS this summer at Portage Chapel Hill! We are offering two different weeks so as many kids as possible can participate. Please only sign your family up for one of the weeks. Groups will be capped at 20 kids but may be expanded later depending on COVID rates and recommendations from the Health Department. Please go to [pchum.org/vbs](http://pchum.org/vbs) to register.

Andrea is also looking for volunteers! If you would like to help with one of the weeks of VBS, or if you have any questions, please email [andreatrantham@pchum.org](mailto:andreatrantham@pchum.org).

## Chancel Choir is Returning!

- Thursday, June 17 from 7–8:30 pm and continuing every Thursday through August

As our state and nation move forward to minimize the COVID pandemic, Portage Chapel Hill has determined that the Chancel Choir may return to practice with some caveats. Rehearsals will be held in the Sanctuary so that choir members will be able to maintain appropriate spacing. Face masks must be worn for those who are unvaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated you do not need to wear a mask. We look forward to reconnecting with old friends and seeing new faces as well! If you have any questions about the Chancel Choir please contact choir director Fred Sang at [fredsang111@gmail.com](mailto:fredsang111@gmail.com).

*If you are wondering about the church reopening to other groups, please see the item on the last page of this edition of The Voice.*

## Lots of Ways to Watch the Worship Services, and More

Portage Chapel Hill is not just on Facebook anymore. The “Broadcasts” link on our website homepage ([pchum.org/broadcast](http://pchum.org/broadcast)) will take you directly to the church’s video streaming channel. From there, you can watch on your phone, tablet or computer. You’ll also find a cast icon at the bottom of our broadcasts that will let you cast them to your TV through a Chromecast or Apple AirPlay device.

If you have a Roku, Amazon Fire, or Apple TV, you can find us there too. Look for and install the BoxCast app on your device. Once you’ve installed the app, search for “Portage Chapel Hill” in BoxCast. There you’ll find all the same broadcasts as those on our website.

Questions? Let us know at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org).

## Free Community Meal

- Tuesday, June 8
- 4:30–6 pm in the lower parking lot

Portage Chapel Hill is partnering with God’s Kitchen of Michigan to host a free community meal on Tuesday, June 8 from 4:30–6 pm. God’s Kitchen provides free meals for those who are food-insecure, homeless, senior citizens, disabled, and veterans at various locations throughout Southwest Michigan. God’s Kitchen provides all the food, and a handful of volunteers from Chapel Hill are needed to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Volunteers are asked to work from 4–6:30 pm that day. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church office at [office@pchum.org](mailto:office@pchum.org).

## Peace With Justice Sunday

- Sunday, May 30

Portage Chapel Hill joins with other United Methodist congregations in supporting Peace With Justice Sunday. We may feel frustrated that we cannot be physically present to help in ministries of justice in Arizona border towns, or in African villages where human rights are violated as a matter of policy, or in urban communities dealing with frightening rises in human trafficking. These are just three examples of ways the annual Peace with Justice offering enables us to equip ministries that do justice in the name of Christ. The only true peace in our communities, nation, and world comes through the building of right relationships, or "doing justice." On May 30, or any time, your offerings marked "Peace With Justice" will go to make significant difference through church-related ministries in these and other communities. To give online please go to [pchum.org/give](http://pchum.org/give) and find "Peace with Justice" in the Faith In Action section.

## State of the Nation...State of the Faith

Conversations continue Thursday evenings from 7–8 pm about matters of faith in response to happenings in our nation and, in fact, the world. We have been talking about race, culture, a history of marginalization and victimization of people based on skin color and culture. What does a faithful response look like? How does one shape an apology for a past that may not be our own, but one from which we have likely benefited? To join the conversation, go to [pchum.org/dismantlingracism](http://pchum.org/dismantlingracism) and scroll down to *State of the Nation...State of the Faith*. No previous reading or particular knowledge is required.

### A Note on Reopening

A number of people have been asking, now that COVID restrictions in the state of Michigan are starting to be eased, when will the church reopen? The answer to that is, please be patient with us. You can trust that Portage Chapel Hill Church's Pastors and Guidance Board do not take this decision lightly and will only allow the church to be opened when they can be sure it will be done safely and fairly for everyone.

The staff and leadership of Portage Chapel Hill Church thanks the congregation for it's support and understanding over the long course of this pandemic, and in the future.