

THE VOICE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7-5-20

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

So I find it to be a law
that when I want to do
what is good,
evil lies close at hand.

Romans 7:21

OPEN TO EVERYONE SINCE 1998

PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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JULY 5, 2020

5th Sunday After Pentecost - 10 a.m.

confusing Myself, Again!

Prelude	Patriotic Medley in the style of Bach	arr. by Michele Murray
Gathering Prayer		Lisa Drzick
Songs	Hear our Praises Grace Flows Down	
call To worship		Tonya Boot
Pastoral Prayer...The Lord's Prayer		Barry Petrucci
children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Jesus, Lover of My Soul	Bekah & Josh Morano
Scripture	Romans 7:15-25a	Lisa Drzick
Message	confusing Myself, Again!	Barry Petrucci
Special Music offering	Arms of Love	Shannon Rininger
Prayer Stations		
closing Liturgy		Tonya Boot
Song	Great Are You Lord	
Hymn	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	
Sending		
Postlude	Battle Hymn of the Republic	arr. by Bruce Greer

VIRTUAL VBS IS COMING!

Join all your friends from Portage Chapel Hill starting Wednesday, July 8 for a weekly Virtual Vacation Bible School. This activity is intended for kids ages 3 to 12. Director of Children's Ministries Andrea Trantham is putting together fun activity packets for each child. Pick up your packet from church after 10 a.m. every Wednesday. Inside you will find a story, craft, and access to videos. The theme this year is **Mission: Deep Sea**. To register, please visit pchum.org/vbs. Even though this year's Vacation Bible School will not be in-person, registration is still important for planning all the fun.

Be sure to invite your friends to join you for **Mission: Deep Sea!**

NEW PEOPLE NEEDED!

- Sound System Operator
- Producer
- Camera Operator
- Computer Operator

Chapel Hill has been out of the building for worship since March 13. During that time we have learned A LOT about technologies we have used to move ministries online, particularly on Facebook. As we begin to carefully move back into the building for worship, we are aware that our online presence will continue. The technology needed for that is also needed in the sanctuary...lighting, sound, video, graphics, projection, etc. need to be run by a team of committed folks who are willing to learn all of this as part of the ministry of Chapel Hill. In short, we need folks of all ages who can pay attention to worship and help with very learnable technologies. Youth and adults alike are needed to be the hands, heart, and minds of Chapel Hill in the sanctuary and into the world. Please prayerfully consider taking a try at this. Eric Smith has been on top of all the changes and is ready to train folks...but he cannot do it alone! YOU are needed. Contact Eric Smith at ericosmith@sbcglobal.net or Pastor Barry at barrypetrucci@pchum.org.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Chapel Hill's summer book study is *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* by Michael Eric Dyson. This book has been chosen to bring awareness to systemic racism. *Tears We Cannot Stop* is an emotional read. It will take you through a long list of emotions, you will be required to feel something. Please be prepared, the language can be strong at times, harsh, profane, but is necessary to convey the message of the sermon.

There are a couple of ways you can participate in this study. Existing groups can meet electronically through Zoom. Or, contact Tonya Boot to have a new small group started via Zoom. Discussion questions will be provided to you. Meeting in-person is not recommended at this time.

Portage Chapel Hill Church supports keeping resources and dollars in the community, so people are encouraged to purchase the book at a local bookstore. If you have any trouble with that, or if cost of the book is of concern, please contact the office at office@pchum.org.

There is no set time frame for this book study; the study will not coincide with a sermon series and not all groups need to study this book at the same time. This book study is for you to have a starting point in Dismantling Racism, a safe place to ask your questions, and you may find the answers come in the form of more questions. Chapel Hill is honored to help you, and to be part of Dismantling Racism. More information will come soon! To get a small group started contact Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AND WELCOMING JESS DAVENPORT

- Sunday, July 12

Portage Chapel Hill Church will be celebrating Confirmation on Sunday, July 12 at 10 a.m. That is also the day the church welcomes new Associate Pastor Jess Davenport. Please make sure to tune in to this very special worship service at 10 a.m. on Portage Chapel Hill's Facebook page!

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TOES IN THE WATER: WHAT RETURNING IS LOOKING LIKE

IF... We have heard a whole lot of IFs through this period of pandemic. Here is another one: IF Michigan, particularly SW Michigan, continues to see a decline in COVID-19 cases and deaths, we will begin dipping our toes in the waters of return to live worship in the sanctuary. Even as we go back, our online presence, including worship, will continue to be offered either as livestream (in real time) or recorded in advance presentations. What we are planning as of this writing is the worship teams returning to the sanctuary on Sunday, July 12, along with middle school Confirmands and their parents for a worship service that will include the culmination of their two years of preparation to say “Yes” to the promises made on their behalf in baptism. Then, beginning on July 19, the congregation is invited back to worship in the sanctuary...IF you are in a low risk category (by virtue of age and freedom from any prior condition that compromises your immune system). We believe in God AND we believe in the science behind best practices related to this pandemic. To that end:

- Worship at home will continue to be offered and encouraged
- All folks coming to worship will enter through the main doors or the handicap accessible doors on the main floor.
- Face masks are required. If you do not have one, a disposable mask will be provided.
- All folks will have their temperatures read by infrared scan. If temperature is above 100.4 you will be asked to go home, get checked, and not return until it is clear you are well and not infected with COVID-19.
- Hand sanitizer is at the doors and you are asked to sanitize before entering the building.
- Persons are asked to maintain social distance of 6’ at all times in the hallways, lobby, and sanctuary. To this end, there will be not be a coffee bar or traditional hospitality in the lobby area. We encourage all to greet one another with a wave or “namaste” (hands in a prayerful folded position and with a gentle bow). Understand this to mean, “God in me honors God in you.”
- There will be no nursery and no Sunday School classes for kids nor adults until further notice.
- In the sanctuary, seats will be arranged with social distancing in mind. There will be family seating in groups, plenty of singles and doubles for folks who have already been sharing the same space in this pandemic time.
- Worship may seem very different. No bulletins or Voice newsletters will be passed out. No offering plate or Friendship Folder will be passed. We are recommending — sigh — that singing be done quietly such that the power of the expulsion of breath is minimized. Opportunities to register your attendance and to make offering will be provided on your way in and out of the sanctuary.
- The number of us who can be in the sanctuary will be limited by best social distancing practices. There will be socially distanced overflow in the lobby as needed. It is our hope that, until the risk is minimized and/or a proven vaccine is widespread, all those who are most at risk will stay home and join via Facebook (or other livestream as Chapel Hill may move to a new format in time).

The custodial staff of Chapel Hill has been working since the day we left the sanctuary to prepare a deeply cleaned and sanitized space. That will continue. Because all of our seating is soft and fabric covered, spaces will be prepared with a sanitizing fogger and treated in the same way after use.

As you read all this and we mourn together all we have lost, I would encourage us together to consider all we gain in looking out for each other and working to ensure the safety and health of all. I do look forward to seeing you and leading in live worship. And I am grateful that we have the miracle of internet to keep us connected in this time between times.

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Blessed!



Pastor Barry

SOMETHING NEW IS COMING

The Communications Team is excited to share something new with you but not quite yet.
Here's a sneak peek though:



It reflects Portage Chapel Hill's new mission and vision.

Be sure to watch our Facebook page, your email, and Sunday services . . .
the "*big reveal*" is coming!

STAY CONNECTED

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to be lifted in prayer or added to the prayer chain, contact Shirley Freeman at shirleytupperfreeman@gmail.com or (269) 381-8208.

WEEKLY EMAIL

Want to find out all the important events at Portage Chapel Hill? Get signed up for the weekly email by contacting office@pchum.org.