

THE VOICE

September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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Celebration of Discipleship

Prelude	Morning Has Broken	Chapel Hill Ringers
Welcome & Connect Cards		
Call To Worship		Tonya Boot
Songs	Let Us With a Gladsome Mind Who You Say I Am	New Life Team
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
	<i>Children in Pre-K–4th grade are invited to Children In Worship, on the playground, after the Children's Time message. Adults may pick up their kids on the playground.</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		Barry Petrucci
Hymn	Joy in the Morning	FWS 2284
Scripture	Phillipians 1:3-8, 2:1-2	
Message	Celebration	Jess Davenport
Offering & Special Music	Be My Church	Chancel Choir
Doxology		UMH 95
Hymn	Joy to the World	On Screen
Song	Old Church Choir	
Blessing of the People		
Postlude	Fantasy on "Holy Manna"	Colombian Harmony arr. by Carter

Fall Kick-Off and Community Picnic—Sunday, September 12

Portage Chapel Hill will celebrate its Fall Kick-Off on Sunday September 12, both in-person and virtually! A free picnic lunch is being provided by God's Kitchen of Michigan, and the meal will be open to the whole community. The meal will be served drive-thru style, from 11:30 am—1 pm. There will also be tables and chairs in the church parking lot for those who feel comfortable to stay and eat. All are welcome!

Classes and Small Groups

Portage Chapel Hill offers a variety of classes and small groups for adults. Here are a few examples:

- **The Chapel Hill Mission Quilters** make quilts that are given away at no cost to local organizations such as the YWCA and The Free Store at Sunnyside United Methodist Church. Their fall retreat is coming up on October 14-17 and there is space available.
- **Homeward Bound & Together** is a brand new small group for those who are worshipping from home and want to deepen their connection to Chapel Hill and each other.
- **Disciple 1 Fast Track Bible Study** is a 12-week study of the New Testament, meeting on Zoom Monday nights beginning September 13.

You'll find all the information you need to get connected at pchum.org/discipleship.

Preschool Open House

- Wednesday, September 15 from 6—8 pm

Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool is more than just preschool! Full day childcare for preschool-aged kids is now available. All are welcome to come to an open house on Wednesday, September 15 from 6—8 pm. Help us spread the word! Visit kaleidoscopekids.org.

Rally For Equality

- Saturday, September 18
- 11 am—2 pm in Bronson Park

This event will give the LGBTQ+ community and its allies an opportunity to come together in person to raise our visibility and rally our community around the unfinished work of LGBTQ+ equity. Chapel Hill's Faith In Action Team is a proud sponsor. Visit outfrontkzoo.org to learn more.

4th Wednesday Meals with God's Kitchen of Michigan

- Wednesday, September 22, 4:30—6 pm

Portage Chapel Hill Church is partnering with God's Kitchen of Michigan to serve a free meal to the church and community each and every month right here at Chapel Hill. God's Kitchen of Michigan provides nutritious meals to all those who are food insecure, regardless of individual circumstances or personal identity. The first of these meals will be served Wednesday, September 22 and will follow on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Learn more at pchum.org/godskitchen.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

- Saturday, October 16
- 10:15 am–4 pm in Fellowship Hall

It's time once again for the Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by Portage Chapel Hill. Sign up to be a blood donor or to serve at the event. Go to pchum.org/blooddrive for all the details.

Flu Shot Clinic

- October 17 and 18

Mark your calendars! Portage Chapel Hill is partnering with Ascension Borgess to provide flu vaccines to the church and community. No registration is necessary. We will have more information as the date draws closer.

Resettling our Afghan Neighbors

Many folks have been asking how Portage Chapel Hill Church is responding to the crisis in Afghanistan. The church's Faith In Action Team (FIAT) is working quickly to put together a plan of action. Here's how you can help:

- A huge need is for affordable housing. Anyone who has housing available is asked to contact Afifa Thaj at athaj@samaritas.org.
- Join the Action Team at Chapel Hill. This church has a history of helping to resettle refugee families from around the world. Previously this work has involved shepherding a family through the moving process and providing both tangible and emotional support, everything from collecting household goods to English language tutoring, to driving family members to appointments. If you are interested in being part of this team please contact co-chairs Carolyn Pesheck at cvpesheck@sbcglobal.net, or Joelle Ibanes at jdibanes@gmail.com.
- Donate. There are a number of ways to donate both physical items and financial gifts. You may donate money to Portage Chapel Hill with the note "Afghan Neighbors." Household items are being collected at People's Church in Kalamazoo, First Congregational of Kalamazoo, and Prince of Peace Lutheran in Portage.

Please Note: We do not yet have specific information on the family Chapel Hill will be helping to resettle. It is best to call ahead to see what items are most needed. Portage Chapel Hill Church is *not* a collection site at this time.

People's Church - peopleschurch.net

1758 10th St. N, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 - (269) 375-3262

First Congregational Church of Kalamazoo - firstcongregationalkzoo.org

345 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007 - (269) 343-1549

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - popportage.org

1747 W. Milham Ave., Portage, MI 49024 - (269) 343-3453

Dear Portage Chapel Hill Church Members and Community Groups,

As our Fall Kick-off approaches, Portage Chapel Hill Church's Guidance Board and church staff wanted to provide some clarity and direction for the COVID related safety measures that are expected now and moving forward until the spread of this virus in the community is under control. Understand that we are observing the trends and are seeing increased transmission in our local community based on the data released by the state of Michigan for Kalamazoo County. With this in mind, we want to thoughtfully open the doors and increase our in-person offerings in a safe manner for all members of our church community.

To ensure a safe environment for all, please comply with the following controls when visiting Portage Chapel Hill Church:

- If you are feeling unwell, stay home.
- All persons who are eligible are expected to be vaccinated.
- All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask while indoors.
- All persons should refrain from hand shaking and should regularly use hand sanitizer or wash hands in the facilities provided.
- Persons should maintain 6 feet physical distance between family groups where able.
- Everyone should proceed outdoors to socialize following services or other activities.
- For activities hosted outdoors masking and physical distancing is not required.

We appreciate the cooperation of all groups and individuals utilizing the facility in following these safety measures.

If you are not comfortable with these safety measures for any reason, the church continues to offer virtual service and Christian education opportunities.

Thank you!

The Chapel Hill Guidance Board and Pastors