

THE VOICE

Weekly Newsletter 9-13-20 15th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

“In the beginning
God created...”

Genesis 1:1



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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

15th Sunday After Pentecost - 10 a.m.

Lies My Sunday School Teacher Told Me

Prelude	Menuet	Ravel
Welcome & call To worship		Lisa Drzick
Songs	Echo You Say	New Life Team
Pastoral Prayer		
children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Morning Has Broken	
Scripture	Genesis 1-2:4 Genesis 2:5-25	Sheila Bigelow
Message	wait, There Are Two creation Stories?	Jess Davenport
offering & Special Music	carefully Taught	Darlene Sang
Dedication		
Hymn	How Great Thou Art	
closing Liturgy		Tonya Boot
Song	wonder	
Sending		
Postlude	The Lord Bless You and Keep You	

Welcome Pastor Jess!

- Sunday, September 20 at 4 p.m. on Zoom

The second of three virtual open houses to welcome Pastor Jess Davenport and her family to Portage Chapel Hill Church is coming up on September 20 at 4 p.m. To attend this virtual open house, go to pchum.org/openhouse on September 20 at 4 p.m. There you will find the link to be connected to the Zoom meeting. Bring your own slice of cake and cup of coffee and come say hi to Pastor Jess and family! There will be one more virtual open house on Sunday, October 11.

Poll Workers Needed!

In the presidential election in November, very large numbers of citizens are expected to vote by mail and also at polling locations. One of the best ways you can help today is by signing up to serve as an election worker on Election Day to assist voters and count ballots. Election workers are the front lines of our democracy.

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, democracy will march on in November. Election workers are pivotal to the success of these upcoming elections and will adhere to health guidelines and best practices to keep all staff and voters safe.

If you are a registered voter in Michigan or a 16-17 year old looking to do your part in this critical moment, learn more and sign up at Michigan.gov/DemocracyMVP. If you are 18+ and not yet registered to vote, you can register to vote online (at Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration) and then sign up to serve as an election worker. You will be paid for your time on Election Day, and you will be a crucial part of the team helping to protect and defend Michigan's elections.

Introduction to Systemic Racism

- September 23–24
- October 21–22

Portage Chapel Hill's Faith In Action Team encourages everyone to learn about and be a part of the effort to dismantle racism in our community. Chapel Hill will pay the \$150 registration fee for anyone wanting to attend a virtual workshop put on by Eliminating Racism And Creating/Celebrating Equity (ERACCE). To register for a workshop go to eracce.org/event-calendar. You will be asked to pay the registration fee at that time. Once you have done so, contact the Chapel Hill office at office@pchum.org for reimbursement. For other anti-racist activities for you and your family, go to pchum.org/dismantlingracism.

The Trouble with Online Worship

The office staff of Portage Chapel Hill Church has heard from a number of folks who have expressed frustration in finding the worship services online. When the COVID-19 pandemic began in early March, Chapel Hill moved to online worship using Facebook – a *no-cost* alternative that enabled the worship team to continue to provide a weekly worship experience. Recognizing that online worship is here to stay, Chapel Hill has a team of volunteers currently working on making access to our worship videos easier for everyone. As this involves significant time and expense, we ask for your continued patience.

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73256

A Note from Pastor Barry

These are weird times, right? Since the second week of March we have been pretty much constrained to our homes, church stuff has been almost exclusively online, and staff and leadership have continued to look to the daily needs and to the long-range plans of Chapel Hill. I could not be prouder of the ways you all have prayed for the church and leadership, wrote notes of support and longing, and kept commitments of financial support to general fund, capitol expenses, and missions (particularly Helping Hands for those struggling financially right now).

We are in a very good financial position as a church, and I celebrate that with you. Even as I say that, I am aware that we had to spend some money in the last few months that stretched the budget. Several huge trees needed to come down on edges of our property bordering our neighbors. Our move from in-person worship to pre-recorded to live-streamed online presence required equipment that will continue to support us as live-streaming continues long after we return fully to our sanctuary. Equipment and supplies to keep us all safe as we slowly come back to ministries within the building were, of course, unbudgeted.

All of this is to encourage us all to keep up the faithful giving to keep us strong so that ministries we all want to be about do not go unfunded because of some costs that were way outside of anything we anticipated! Above all keep your church in prayer, and do everything you can to stay connected to each other by phone, email, with safe distance visits, or notes done in ink or digitally during Facebook worship! The Church continues in all the places we are individually and collectively. I am strengthened daily by your witness!

Be safe, be well, be blessed~



Pastor Barry

Save the Date!

October Blood Drive

- Saturday, October 3
- 10:15 a.m.—4 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for Chapel Hill's October Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross. Contact Blood Drive Coordinator Sue Dueweke at suzydue@sbcglobal.net if you would like to volunteer to work at the event. To make an appointment to donate blood, please go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "CHUM."

Flu Clinic

- October 25 & 26

Getting your flu shot is always important, but even more so this year. Chapel Hill will be hosting a flu shot clinic at the church, COVID restrictions permitting, October 25-26. If you would like a flu shot earlier, you may want to consider a drive-thru clinic being held at Ascension Borgess Westside on September 26, October 17, and October 24 from 2-4 p.m. For more information please go to ascension.org/flushotkalamazoo.