

THE VOICE

September 26, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

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confession means
reconciliation with God.



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Celebration of Discipleship

Prelude	Intermezzo in E major	Brahms
Pastoral Welcome		Jess Davenport
Call To Worship		
Songs	Change My Heart, O God This is Holy Ground	New Life Team
Celebration Moment		Video
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>	
Reflection and Confession		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Billie Dalton
Offering of Our Confessions, Prayer, and Absolution		
Hymn	I've Been Redeemed	On Screen
Scripture	1 John 5:1-6	Sheila Bigelow
Message	Confession	Barry Petrucci
Offering & Special Music	He Never Failed Me Yet	Chancel Choir
Doxology and Dedication		UMH 95
Hymn	This Is A Day of New Beginnings	UMH 383 vs 1-4
Closing Liturgy		Lisa Drzick
Song	Hope Is A River	
Blessing	Kyrie	On Screen
Postlude	Down to the River to Pray	

Christian Education for All Ages

- **Nursery** is available for infants and toddlers in Room 205 from 10 am—Noon
- **Children's Sunday School** for kids in Preschool—6th grade happens outside on the playground at 11 am (will be in the Sanctuary in case of severe weather)
- **Confirmation** for 7th & 8th graders is at 11 am in Rooms 114/115
- **Senior High Sunday School** is at 11 am in Room 108
- **The Wired Word—Online** class is at 9 am on Zoom (contact Kathy Willhite at kathleenwillhite@att.net for the Zoom link)
- **The Wired Word—In-Person** will meet at 11 am in Room 218 beginning Sunday, September 26
- **The Upper Room** Bible study meets at 9 am in Room 209
- **Adult Connection** is an informal time for conversation and fellowship at 11 am in Fellowship Hall

To learn more about any of these offerings please contact Director of Discipleship Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org or visit pchum.org/discipleship.

World Communion Sunday

- Sunday, October 3

On the first Sunday in October each year, Christian denominations around the globe celebrate World Communion and take a special offering. Money collected goes toward scholarships for people going into Seminary.

Red Cross Blood Drive—Please Consider Giving Your Time

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

Portage Chapel Hill needs people to serve at our next Blood Drive on Saturday, October 16. Set-up, morning shift, afternoon shift, tear-down, and food donations are all needed. Please go to pchum.org/blooddrive to sign up, or contact Blood Drive Coordinator Gail Thompson at gkdt@sbcglobal.net.

Share The Warmth Coat Drive

As you get out and dust off your jackets and coats in anticipation of cooler weather, please consider donating items you no longer need to the Salvation Army's annual Share The Warmth coat drive. Throughout the month of October, there will be collection bins at Portage Chapel Hill Church for you to donate gently used coats and jackets. Collection bins will be available by October 4.

Flu Shot Clinic

- Sunday, October 17 from 9 am—Noon
- Monday, October 18 from 10 am—Noon

Portage Chapel Hill is partnering with Ascension Borgess to provide flu and pneumonia vaccines to the church and community. No registration is necessary. Flu and pneumonia vaccines are free with most insurances.

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

Resettling our Afghan Neighbors

Portage Chapel Hill's Faith In Action Team is working with Bethany Christian Services to prepare to welcome our neighbors from Afghanistan who have left the country amid the recent government crisis. 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 family information. 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 we begin our Fall Worship and Christian Education schedule, 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 covering nose and mouth 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