

THE VOICE

September 5, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

Even dogs
get some crumbs.

Mark 7:24-30



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Fall Kick-Off and Community Picnic—Next Week!

- Sunday, September 12

Portage Chapel Hill will celebrate its Fall Kick-Off on Sunday September 12, both in-person and virtually! There will be information about what the fall worship and Sunday School schedule will look like as well as a church and community picnic following the worship service. 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, but there will also be tables and chairs in the church parking lot for those who feel comfortable to stay and eat. All are welcome!

If you are interested in serving in the kitchen for meal prep please email the church office at office@pchum.org.

New Partner in Ministry: God's Kitchen of Michigan

Portage Chapel Hill Church is partnering with God's Kitchen of Michigan to serve a free meal to the 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. Please help Chapel Hill welcome the ministry of God's Kitchen of Michigan! Learn more at godskitchenofmichigan.org.

Disciple Fast Track I Bible Study: New Testament

- Mondays at 6:30 pm on Zoom
- Begins September 13

Pastor Barry will be leading a 12-week study of the New Testament Monday nights at 6:30 pm on Zoom, beginning September 13. If you were in the Disciple Old Testament study earlier this year, there is no need to sign up again—you are already registered. But if you missed out earlier this year you may sign up for the New Testament session now. Go to pchum.org/christianeducation to register. There is a required study guide available in the office for a suggested donation of \$15. If you have any questions please email office@pchum.org or call (269) 327-6643.

Collecting Gift Cards for Students at Haverhill Elementary

In this back-to-school season, Portage Chapel Hill is mindful that there are families in our community for whom buying school supplies is an added budget strain. If you are able and willing, please pick up gift cards from Target, Meijer or Walmart in any denomination. The church will give the gift cards to the staff at Haverhill Elementary School in Portage, who will distribute the cards to families who need them. A collection basket is in the lobby. If you have any questions please contact Andrea Trantham at andreatrantham@pchum.org. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events at Portage Chapel Hill and our Partners in Ministry:

Worship in the Garden

- Sunday, September 5 at 6 pm

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come worship together outside on the church lawn. Outdoor worship is happening the first Sunday of each month through the summer. There will be music, prayer, a time for devotion, and Communion. We hope to see you there!

Rally For Equality—OutFront Kalamazoo

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

This one-day outdoor 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.

4th Wednesday Meal with God's Kitchen

- Wednesday, September 22
- 4:30—6 pm, in Fellowship Hall

Portage Chapel Hill is teaming up with God's Kitchen of Michigan to provide a *free* community meal on the 4th Wednesday of each month. This monthly dinner will be open to everyone—please help us spread the word!

ISAAC Virtual Banquet

- Thursday, October 14
- 6 pm on Zoom

Interfaith Strategy for Action & Advocacy in the Community (ISAAC) is pleased to have Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, author of "Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America," as the keynote speaker for its annual banquet. Save the date; Zoom link will be made available at a later date.

Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Give the gift of life by donating blood at the next Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by Portage Chapel Hill Church. Volunteers are also needed to work at this event to help make it a success. Please consider giving your time.

Ascension Borgess Flu Clinic

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

Portage Chapel Hill, along with nurses from Ascension Borgess, will be hosting a flu and pneumonia immunization clinic in October. Look for more information as the date draws closer.

If you have questions about any of these events please contact the church office at office@pchum.org or call **(269) 327-6643**.

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