

The Messenger

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – Jessica Eysselinck

“For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given.”

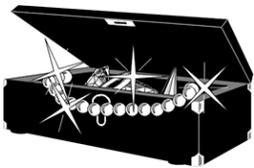
As we entered the Advent Season this year, we enjoyed the fellowship of our annual Advent Tea which took place on December 2. We welcomed Habitat for Humanity to speak to our group as we painted “Blessing Stones” and marveled over the handmade centerpieces fashioned by our own organist Judy Kabodian.

This season calls us to spend time with family and loved ones that we maybe don't get to see the rest of the year. Christ calls us to remember his gift of unconditional love for even those who “trespass against us” so that we might forgive, and choose to love beyond reason.

My call to you this season is to reach out of your comfort zone, to find a way to do something bold, to stand up for those who cannot. My hope is that you will all surprise yourselves this holiday season, find a new capacity to help others, and experience a new level of the Spirit of Christmas.

May the Lord bless you and keep you all safe and secure into the new year.

Jewelry Sale Coordinators Needed



Cheryl Leece and Kim Schramm are serving their last year as jewelry sale coordinators and are looking for one or two women to take

over. The sooner we find someone, the sooner they can start shadowing us and learn the process before taking over for the 2019 sale. Please contact Cheryl (517)-410-1313 or any of the WPC Board members if you are interested.

Thank you...

With gratitude and thanksgiving to all the people who supported the missions of the Women of Peoples Church through their purchase of wreaths and poinsettias. The sale was a tremendous success because of you!

Blessings, Janet Perron

Thank you to everyone who supported the Advent Tea. It was wonderful to see women (and a few men) of different ages and interests, including women in Circles and those who aren't, all come together to celebrate the goodness of God's love during this Advent season.

The Advent Tea and the Strawberry Brunch have historically been times for all the women of Peoples Church to come together for a time of fellowship. Primarily social, the events have included devotion and a small program.

This year at the Advent Tea, we introduced a new outreach partnership with Habitat for Humanity that will include both service and fund-raising opportunities for people interested. Look for more on that in 2018. The good news - the fellowship and devotion remain a strong part of the event, and this is in line with the purpose of the Women of Peoples Church.

In appreciation,
Holly Filkins and Jenn Worthington

Our Peoples Church schedule for monthly serving at the Southside Kitchen has been filled for 2018. Congratulations!

My gratitude always, Janet Perron





**Board Member
Spotlight:**
Holly Filkins
Co-Vice President

Many people know Holly because of her husband (Drew) and her children, Jack (9) and Ida (6). But how much do you really know about Holly?

She's an MSU grad, majoring in history and minoring in math. After teaching for a few years, she returned to MSU to earn her Masters' in Curriculum and Teaching. Just recently, she began a new job as Course Development Manager (basically a Project Manager) at Michigan Virtual. It's a non-profit that provides professional development courses for teachers in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Education, and also provides online high school courses for students.

A native of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, she met Drew when they were both 13 through church. She loves to draw and paint, and adores being outdoors, especially near the big lakes. "Small lakes are great, but it's hard to top Superior," she says. Lately, if she has time to herself, she loves to read including audio books, but her favorite is reading with or to her kids.

Lastly, one of her favorite Christmas Carols is *What Child is This?* "My dad plays piano, and when I was growing up, he would always play more around the holidays. I now have the Christmas song book he used to use, and that's the song I find myself drawn to when I play - I really like the arrangement of the song."



**Board Member
Spotlight:**
Jenn Hill
Worthington
Co-Vice President

Jenn is the former Campus Ministry Director of Peoples Church, and still

misses it pretty much every day. Following the birth of her son, Jenn returned to real estate, and a year ago, she started her own Real Estate company called Community Realty. "I love helping build community, and finding homes for people all across the Greater Lansing Area."

Jenn and her husband, Lew, are the parents of Caleb, "five and three quarters if you ask him," she says. By the way, she and Lew are a modern couple who met each other online.

Born in Trenton, Michigan south of Detroit, she grew up mostly in the Greater Houston, Texas area. In 2010, she visited a good friend in Okemos and never left. The Lansing area has been her home since then.

If she had a day all to herself, she would probably sing and play guitar, write some poetry, and then go out for a hike on the River Trail or a local park and grab a cup of coffee at Blue Owl, a popular coffee shop in Reo Town.

When asked her favorite Christmas songs, she chose two - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* and *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*.

We are very fortunate to have the passion and energy that both Holly and Jenn bring to the Women of Peoples Church. Thank you, ladies, for your willingness to serve while managing so many other responsibilities.

Donations Wanted

Women of Peoples Church

Annual Jewelry Sale

Donations of old, new, estate, costume & broken jewelry, scarves, handbags, art, wallets, MSU Items, puzzles, games and watches gratefully accepted.

Proceeds support Community and Church Projects

Donations can be dropped off Monday – Friday, church office 9am-4pm

Phone (517) 332-5073. Tax receipts available

Circle Meetings and News

Deborah – third Wednesday of each month following the WNL dinner; next meeting is January 17, 6:30 in the downstairs Lounge. For more information, contact Jessica Eysselinck at 646-244-2102 or jessica@eysselinck.com

Dorcas— third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. unless noted differently. January 16, “Home Instead: Choices for Home Care in Your Own Home” Call Phyllis Gaulden at 517-482- 0930 for more information.

Rebekah-Hannah— meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. unless noted differently. Their January 24 meeting is lunch at 12:30, Coral Gables. Contact Joan Wright at 349-1074 or Gretchen Rosenbrook at 332-5132 for information.

Phoebe— last Wednesday of the month, 9:30 am, unless otherwise noted. Jan 24, in the Robertson Rm. Amy Waller will discuss "Grieving at Any Age" and all are welcome. For more information, contact Pat Brogan at pbrogan500@aol.com.

A special thanks to the members of the Phoebe Circle and to others not in the Circle who contributed twenty-two shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Project.

Your Closing Devotion: First Coming

*God did not wait till the world was ready,
till... nations were at peace.*

*God came when the Heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.*

God did not wait for the perfect time.

He came when the need was deep and great.

*God dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine. God did not wait
till hearts were pure. In joy he came
to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.*

*To a world like ours, of anguished shame
God came, and his Light would not go out.*

*God came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.*

*In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*

Madeleine L'Engle



Uniting and serving the women of the church since 1907.

Reminders

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 28, 10:30, to approve the church budget

PEOPLES FORUM

Join us each Sunday for interesting and informative “Voices of the Community” at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

January 7, **Jake Boss**, MSU Baseball Coach

January 14, **Pastor Andrew and Betsy**, Marriage Preparation

January 21, **Jake and Maxine Ferris**, Published Books

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Monday Morning Bible is on a break until January 22, when we will start a study on Acts.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

WNL! will start again on January 10. The adult formation class will be looking at the Art Work of the St. John's Bible, led by Susan Reedy and Drew Filkins.

Connecting with WPC

On the web...

<http://www.thepeopleschurch.com/grow/adults/women-of-tpc>

New email address...

wpc@thepeopleschurch.com

Facebook ...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/176961292710166/>

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NEXT WPC BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 8, 9:30, Robertson Room

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Co-Vice Presidents: Holly Filkins and Jenn Hill Worthington
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