

The Messenger

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – Jan Cox

“Here I am; you called me.” (1 Samuel 3)

We know that God spoke directly and audibly with Moses, Joshua, and Samuel; but it's not something that we think would ever happen to us. I will tell you my recent experience that I have titled my “Samuel Moment.” Words will not do it justice, but I will try to convey the awesomeness of my experience.

Some of you know that my mother recently had hip replacement surgery right before Thanksgiving. I was doing what I could to take care of her during her recovery, but my mom has a tendency to “blow-up” between days 5-7 of any visit. My sister and I have learned to expect this, so on day 7 after her surgery, the usual happened. I told my mom that I was taking the rest of the night off and that she was on her own. I didn't even set my alarm for the morning like I had been doing; I was going to sleep in! In prayer, I asked God for strength to start anew.

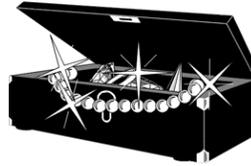


JAN! I bolted out of bed (7:42 am, Nov27) adrenaline pumping and ran down the stairs and stopped short. The world seemed to be turned upside down— everything was bright pink! It took me a moment to focus and realize that I was seeing the most beautiful sunrise that I had ever seen.

Bright pink beads of altocumulus clouds reflected in the lake and on the snow and even the carpet in my parent's front room.

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Jewelry Sale Coordinators Needed



We are still in need of one or two people to serve as coordinators of the jewelry sale. This event provides income critical to help

Women of Peoples meet their outreach efforts. Cheryl Leece and Kim Schramm are serving their last year and are anxious to begin training the new person or people so they will be ready for the 2019 sale. Please contact Cheryl (517)-410-1313 or any of the WPC Board members if you are interested.

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

Great News!

Over \$3400 was collected through the special offerings on Christmas Eve to go towards the Habitat for Humanity's "Raise the Roof" campaign goal of \$7000 to build one roof. We also have a new Community Engagement Chair in Jodi Cook who will be working with Jenn and Holly to further this endeavor and prepare for the Strawberry Brunch in May. Watch for more information on how you may make a personal contribution toward this project.



Board Member Spotlight:

Margaret Tassaro
Circle Local Giving
Coordinator

Margaret and her
husband, Eric, have

been members of People’s since the summer, 2017.

Margaret met Eric while both were students at Calvin College. Before moving to Michigan four years ago, they were living in Pittsburgh, PA, her hometown, where she taught high school Social Studies. Currently, she works part-time at the Refugee Development Center teaching English to adults.

She enjoys reading children’s books with her two-and-a- half year old daughter, Melle, and enjoys finding real-life applications and healthy reminders in Llama Llama, Mad At Mama, I Like Myself, and No Matter What. Some of her favorite adult books are The Round House by Louise Erdrich, Beyond the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo, and Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver.

In addition, Margaret likes gardening, and for the past two summers she helped coordinate a community garden in my neighborhood. “I find harvesting root crops extremely satisfying and think beets are tastiest when baked into chocolate cake.”

Margaret has also become active with the group Voters Not Politicians and has been collecting signatures and educating people about redistricting reform (ending gerrymandering) in Michigan. I am happy to talk to anyone interested in learning more!

Great Decisions

The first Great Decisions program of the year will be on Thursday afternoon, February 22, with Dr. Kirstin Hasler Brathwaite, Assistant Professor in MSU's James Madison College, on the timely topic of *US Global Engagement and the Military*. We meet in the Robertson Room from 4:30 to 6. We invite you to join us for this presentation and discussion.



Board Member Spotlight:

Pam Sievers
Communications
Co-Coordinator
/ Messenger Editor

Pam is a retired Girl

Scout Executive Director, and has been a member of People’s since xxxx. In retirement, she has volunteered with Community Volunteers for International Programs (CVIP), Waverly Middle School, Delta Township Senior Council and currently, she is a cook with the Southside Kitchen. This is an outgrowth of her work as a server through People’s.

She enjoys reading, especially historical fiction, women’s fiction and mysteries. She has also finished a draft of her first book, and is in the revision process She has visions of finishing it in this decade. She also writes a personal blog (<http://mypatchworkjourney.com/>) and participates in Fiction 440, a local writing challenge.

In other free time, she enjoys making quilts, which she calls her happy time, as well as cooking. It is merely a coincidence that she was a Home Ec teacher for a brief period following her graduation from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

Travel is a passion whether it’s following the migration of the wildebeest in Tanzania (picture above) or a road trip visiting family in her native Wisconsin She also enjoys rooting for MSU, and in the summer, she gardens at the community garden in her neighborhood.



Knitting People

The Knitting People will meet on Thursday, January 25, from 1-3 in the Robertson Room. We invite you to join us as we work on prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats and mittens. We have a nice assortment of yarn to share! Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Mary Anne at 517-214-1487.

Circle Meetings and News Circle News

(information is limited due to the cancelation of the board meeting)

Phoebe Circle will meet Wed., Jan. 24 at 9:30am in the Robertson Room.

Guest presenter will be Abby Waller MSW, a counselor on the Peoples Church staff. She works extensively with grieving children and their families at ELE's PLACE in Lansing and also with the UoM Medical Hospital. Through her own personal sadness, she has empathy and professional wisdom to share as she discusses with us "Grieving at any Age".

We invite anyone to come and bring a friend.

Deborah – third Wednesday of each month following the WNL dinner; 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.

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 21: Maxine And Jake Ferris, Authors
"Our recent publications"

January 28: Richard Thelen, Survivor
"Surviving the USS Indianapolis"

February 4: Brian Philson, Director
Camp Highfields
"Saving Boys And Building Men"

February 11: Dori Leyko,
Superintendent Of E.L. Schools
"Challenges Facing Secondary Ed"

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Then I ran to my parent's room. "Here I am." Both my parents were sitting up in bed and they looked at me oddly. "You called me, I heard you shout my name!" They said, "we didn't call you." At that moment, I realized that the voice I heard, had not sounded anything like my dad, but it was a very clear "JAN!" It had to have been God calling me to see His beautiful sunrise knowing that this was what I needed. I ran and got my camera and was able to get a few pictures, but the majesty was already fading.

This will be a moment in time that I will always treasure. If I had not heard the call of my name and responded, I would have missed God's awesome display (sunrise lasted just over a minute). Like Samuel, we need to be ready to say "Here I am" when God calls us to action. Whether it is just to revel in His glory or do something bold, we need to be prepared to listen.



NEXT WPC BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 12, 9:30, Robertson Room

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.

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