



SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 12, 2014

ALL ARE WELCOME

Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, doubtful or hopeful ... no matter where you are in your faith journey, YOU are welcome here. For those with children, be assured that noises and wiggling are expected and encouraged during worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Early Service
in the McCune Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Family Service
in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. - SoJo Community
in The Lounge

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

9:30 a.m. - Faith Formation
Programs for Children, Teens
and Adults.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal
in Snider Social Hall

6:30 p.m. - Faith-based
Programs for All Ages

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

Chrystal Branta, Chairperson

Pastor Andrew and his family will be out of town from Jan. 17 through Jan. 25.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 9:00 a.m. WPC Board Meeting (RR)
11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (L)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative
Movement Class (G)
7:00 p.m. Ministry Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)
5:30 p.m. WNL Community Meal (SSH)
6 / 6:30 p.m. WNL Programs

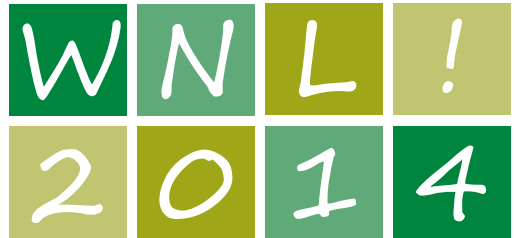
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Study Group (L)
1:30 p.m. The Reading People (RR)
6:00 p.m. Preschool Lead
Teacher Meeting (CTR)
6:00 p.m. Wool Gatherers (L)
6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus (RR)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (C)
9:00 a.m. Carol Choir (CC)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (S)
11:30 a.m. Peoples 101 (RR)
6:00 p.m. SoJo (L)

ROOM KEY: C = Chapel; CC=Children's Chapel
CTR = Centennial Room; CR = Choir Room; G = Gymnasium;
FH = Friendship Hall; L = Library; N = Newton; R = Rotunda;
RR = Robertson Room; S = Sanctuary; SSH = Snider Social Hall;
TL = The Lounge; YP = Youth Parlor



Wednesday Night Live!

5:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY MEAL

6:00 P.M.

LITURGICAL DANCE (K-5th)

YOUTH CHOIR (6-12th)

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
(Starts Jan. 29. Register at DaveRamsey.com)

6:30 P.M.

HOLY MOLY (K-5th)

PCYG (6th-12th)

LOVE LIFE (Campus Ministry)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WITH PASTOR DREW

FAITH & FITNESS WITH PASTOR ANDREW
(Starts Jan. 29.)

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

Sunday, January 5, 2013

*Given by Mary Culham
in memory of her daughter, Joan,
who died Jan. 4, 2010.*

Sunday, January 12, 2013

*In memory of Celia Wycoff Marxer
and Carol Turner by Frank Marxer.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
JANUARY 12, 2014

Prelude "In Thee Is Gladness" J.S. Bach

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Please pass the Friendship Roster located at the end of your pew.

Call to Worship

In the beginning, at creation,
the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**In the waters of the flood,
God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

God caused the waters to part
so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

**Jesus taught us how to live
by washing his disciples' feet in water.**

**Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman,
the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

**God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family.
Let us worship God!**

Gathering Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **No. 475**
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession (Based on Acts 10:34)

**God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accept-
ing. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be
found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

"Alleluia" (x2)

No. 586

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 29

(Pew Bible Page 551, Large Print Page 797)

Anthem

"Above All Praise and All Majesty"
Sanctuary Choir directed by Sandra Snow

Felix Mendelssohn

New Testament Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

(Pew Bible Page 967, Large Print Page 1,471)

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

*Young people are invited to participate in Children's Chapel at this time
and will return to the sanctuary during the Offertory.*

Passing the Peace of Christ (Please stand if able.)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Sermon

"Water is Just Melted Snow"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Celebration of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Celebration of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Sara Ann Beer

Anna Shirls Beer

Lauren Katherine Beer

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness and service which He exemplified to the world.

Baptismal Hymn (10:30 a.m.) "Take Me to the Water"

No. 480

Prayers of the People

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

"Flute Solo"

Thomas Arne

Act of Praise *(Please stand if able.)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"We Know That Christ is Raised"

No.485

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response *(Please stand if able.)*

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Postlude

"March in D"

Henry Purcell

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

CONNECT

TODAY: NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Are you interested in formally making The Peoples Church your faith home? Join us in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for our New Members Class. You'll have the opportunity to meet with one of our pastors, members of our Welcome Ministry and others interested in The Peoples Church. We'll serve light refreshments and the class will last approximately 90 minutes followed by an optional tour of the building. All are welcome to attend the class.



HEARTS ON FIRE CHILI-COOK OFF

Sunday, Feb. 9, has been set for the annual Peoples Church Chili-Cook Off. Plan on joining us in Snider Social Hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We need chili chefs, tasters and diners. Contact Kim Gools at kgools@yahoo.com.



IMPORTANT: A congregational meeting will take place during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 29. The Council of Elders will present its proposed 2014 church operations budget for approval.

DID YOU KNOW?

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)



NOTE: The Peoples Church is an official congregational member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), The United Methodist Church, the American Baptist Churches USA and the United Church of Christ. Our members come from a number of theological backgrounds in addition to our four parent denominations, though it is helpful to understand the mission and ministry of these four churches. Each month we will focus on one of our four denominations with particular attention paid to missionaries, polity, theology, and current ministries. In January, we are looking at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Peoples Church is a member of the Lake Michigan Presbytery. The Presbytery is the governing body which discusses and determines the official business of the Presbytery, recommends regional policies, and serves as an ecclesial court with regard to matters of church discipline. The Presbytery has 67 congregations, 18,000 active members and 162 ordained ministers, with 74 actively serving parishes. Geographically, the presbytery is 125 miles in width and 190 miles from north to south. Approximately 10 miles north of Cadillac to the Indiana border. From Lake Michigan on the west to an irregular boundary to the east which includes Lansing, Stockbridge, Jackson and Brooklyn. The Presbytery meets five times each year with elected representatives from each member church. The Peoples Church elected representative is Joan Wright.

GROW

THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

We begin our winter series on Jan. 16 with “The Life and Ministry of the Messiah” by Ray Vander Laan as our study guide. Pastor Andrew will be our “special guest and study motivator” of the evening. There will be a video and discussion questions each week with a personal study at home. The study guide costs \$10. All women are welcome to join us from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room.

FAITH & FITNESS WITH PASTOR ANDREW

This will be a five-week class focused on biblical perspectives related to healthy diets, exercise and physical fitness. This series begins at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 as part of Wednesday Night Live! programs.

GREAT DECISIONS: DEFENSE AND THE RISE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Join us at 4 p.m. on Jan. 21 in the Robertson Room with David Wiley, a Professor of Sociology at MSU and co-chairperson of a group working on human security of the national U.S. Africa Network. Since World War II, there has been a revolution in the U.S. military and intelligence agencies, how they are funded, their prominence in American society, and how they conduct wars abroad.

PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum will return to the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m on Jan. 19.

THE READING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 in the Robertson Room as Suzanne Goodrich leads a discussion on “Life After Life” by Kate Atkinson.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WITH PASTOR DREW

We all have gifts, talents and abilities that God has given us. Through this inventory, led by Pastor Drew, you will discover your spiritual gifts and through this class you will see how they can be used for God’s glory in his kingdom. This class will be offered weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

ANNUAL MEN’S RETREAT

Mark it on your calendars: The men’s winter retreat “Ministry and Leadership” in the 21st Century” with Pastor Drew is scheduled for February 21-23 at MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, Mich. Pick up a registration brochure at the Welcome Center.



PHOEBE CIRCLE

The Phoebe Circle meets next at 9 a.m. on Jan. 22 in the Robertson Room. Questions? Contact Renate Carey.

SERVE

LOOKING FOR LEGOS

The Children’s Christian Education program is looking for Lego building blocks – ALL kinds (Star Wars, girls, boys, new or old). If you or anyone you know would be interested in donating used or new Lego building blocks, contact Meaghan Gonzales at 517.908.4447 or deliver them to the church office.

WPC JEWELRY SALE

The Women of Peoples Church are accepting donations for their next Jewelry & More Sale. Donations are tax deductible and can be dropped off at the church office.

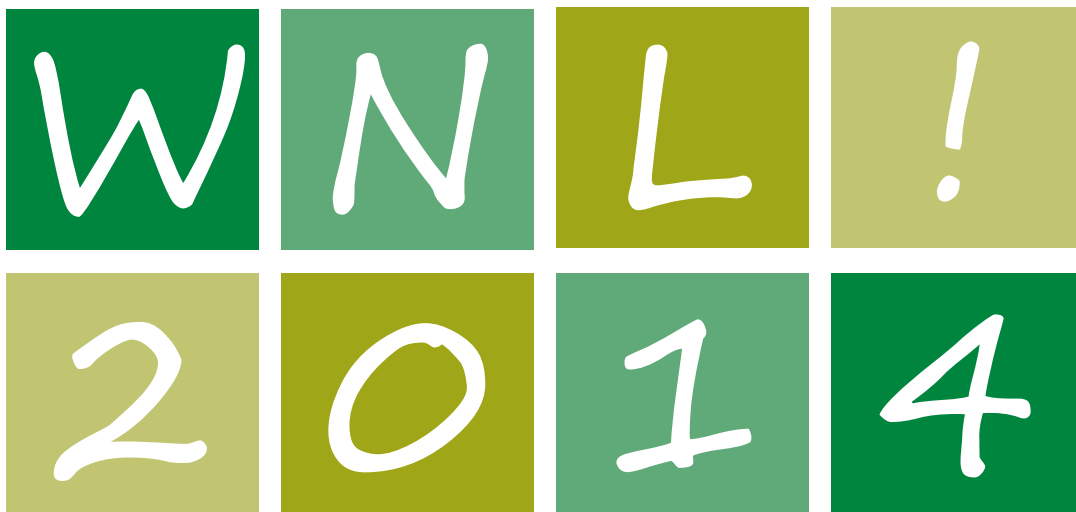
GIVE

THANK YOU: FROM CONGREGATIONS HELPING KIDS (CHK)

On December 20, 2013 Doug Schrems, treasurer for Congregations Helping Kids, delivered forty-four \$25 gas cards and two \$25 Meijer gift cards to the MSU outpatient subspecialty pediatric clinics located in the Sparrow Professional Building. The funds for these gifts to support families with seriously ill children came from a generous donation from our Community Engagement Ministry on behalf of our congregation, and from what had been received at the CHK Giving Tree as of that date.

Doug reported that, "Nurse Laura accepted the cards with tears welling in her eyes and extreme gratitude. She pointed out how important the cards are to families, mentioning in particular all the trips to Mott Children's Hospital that many of the families must make." Without the support you are helping to provide, many children would be unable to keep their medical appointments. On behalf of CHK, I thank you profoundly for your support.

- Loretta Johnston, CHK Coordinator



Wednesday Night Live!

RETURNS ON JANUARY 15 !!!

COMMUNITY MEAL @ 5:30 P.M. | PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES @ 6 & 6:30 P.M.