



SUNDAY WORSHIP FEBRUARY 9, 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 Robertson Room.

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.

Crystal Branta, Chairperson

Pastor Drew and his family will be out of town on vacation from Feb. 11 to 18.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)
1:00 p.m. Adult Ed Meeting (L)
5:30 p.m. WNL Community Meal (SSH)
6 / 6:30 p.m. WNL Programs

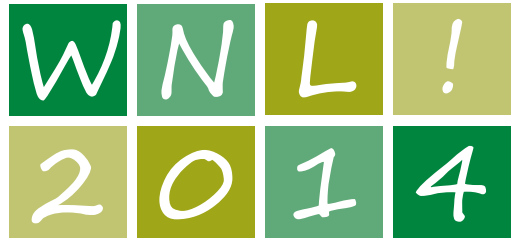
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Study Group (L)
6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus (RR)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (S)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 a.m. Worship Service (C)
9:00 a.m. Carol Choir (CC)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
9:30 a.m. Peoples Forum (RR)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (S)
12:00 p.m. Highland Dance (G)
6:00 p.m. SoJo (RR)

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.

DANCE 149 (K-5th)

YOUTH CHOIR (6-12th)

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

(Register at DaveRamsey.com)

6:30 P.M.

HOLY MOLY (K-5th)

PCYG (6th-12th)

LOVE LIFE (Campus Ministry)

FAITH & FITNESS

WITH PASTOR ANDREW

Today's Floral Offering

*Given by Joan Wright in memory of
her brother William on the
anniversaries of his death
and 78th birthday.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FEBRUARY 9, 2014

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "Four Seasons: Winter" Antonio Vivaldi

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Blessed Assurance" Cynthia Dobrinski
Clarion Rings directed by Elizabeth Reed.

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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

Minute for Mission Annual Men's Retreat: Feb. 21-23 Aram Kabodian

Call to Worship Betsy Aho, Youth Director

God of the salt

God of the fire

God of anger

God of laughter

God of parables and riddles

God of story and proclamation

God of comfort

God of affliction

God of the salt

God of the fire

Let us see you today

Let us know you today

Let us worship you today.

Let us worship you always. Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Praise Ye the Lord" No. 633
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

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

Assurance of Pardon (10:30 a.m.)

Dance 149

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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

*Children are invited to gather in the McCune Chapel at this time.
They will return to the sanctuary during the Offertory.*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

(Pew Bible Page 740, Large Print Page 1,116)

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart"

David N. Childe

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

New Testament Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

(Pew Bible Page 969, Large Print Page 1,473)

Sermon

"In the Darkness, Any Light Matters"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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

Isaac David Pratt

Born on April 4, 2000.

Son of Jodi Cook and David Pratt.

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.

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 (8:30 a.m.) "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" J.S. Bach

Offertory (10:30 a.m.) "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. Kevin McChesney
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed.

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 (Adapted from Hebrews 11:29-12:2)

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" No. 700
(Please stand if able.)

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 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" arr. Paul Taylor



HEARTS ON FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER
JOIN THE YUM! IN SNIDER SOCIAL HALL FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

● NEXT SUNDAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY

Next Sunday, you will find a special offertory envelope inside your worship bulletin to support the mission of Church World Service's Blankets+ program.

CONNECT



WHERE'S THE COFFEE?

If you are looking for that warm cup of coffee and fellowship following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, feel welcome to make your way to the Hearts of Fire Chili Cook-Off & Empty Bowls Fundraiser event downstairs in the Snider Social Hall! It's guaranteed to warm your heart!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: FEB. 23

Our own Boy Scout Troop 2 will once again celebrate Scout Sunday by serving up a delicious Pancake Breakfast in Snider Social Hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Feb. 23.



8TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW: MAR. 30

Start rehearsing now for the 8th Annual Talent Show. We will gather in the Snider Social Hall on Mar. 30 following 10:30 a.m. worship service for on-stage talent and a delicious lunch. Donations are accepted to help Peoples Church Youth Group pay for the mission trip to Chicago this summer. All are welcome to perform; simply contact Betsy by Mar. 23 with the name(s) of the person/people in your act, and what you would like to perform. We also welcome those who are just coming to cheer on the performers. The more, the merrier at the Talent Show!

SERVE

WNL! NEEDS HELP

Ann Nichols needs help! Our wonderful hospitality coordinator is looking for two people to help prepare the *Wednesday Night Live!* community meal and one to help clean up afterward. The time commitments are from about 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. If you are unable to commit weekly, you are welcome to volunteer to be counted on in a once-per-month rotation. If you can help, Contact Ann at annieg9@comcast.net.

SHOVEL FOR SENIORS

The Tri-County Office on Aging is looking for snow removal help for seniors. If you are interested in offering a helping hand, contact Deb in the Tri-County Office on Aging at arendsend@coa.org or 517.887.1440.

JOIN US THIS WEEK AT *WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!* AND FEEL FREE TO INVITE A FRIEND.

GROW

GREAT DECISIONS: U.S. TRADE POLICY

Join us at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 in the Robertson Room with international trade managers Frank Ferro and Laura Deierlein as they discuss, "The President's National Export Initiative, the STEP export program, and how Michigan's nascent export promotion program is an important piece of the Michigan turnaround story". To learn more about the Great Decisions program, contact Mary Anne Larzelere at 517.214.1487 or Sandy Bryson at 517.351.5976.

THE READING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 in the Robertson Room for "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schealbe.

STORY TIME WITH OUR PASTORS

The Library Committee is happy to announce "Story Time with our Pastors" on Mar. 9 and 16 in the Fishbach Library following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Stop in with the kids and enjoy a short story read by Pastor Andrew and Pastor Drew.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

Join us each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Robertson Room to hear from the "Voices of Our Community." Our next guest is Gina Spencer of Hospice House on Feb. 16. Zachary Constan, from National Superconducting Cyclotron at MSU will join us Feb. 23.



DID YOU KNOW?

METHODIST THEOLOGY

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 February, we are looking at The United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Church traces its theological roots through theologian and pastor John Wesley during the 18th century revival movement in the Church of England.

This Wesleyan theological heritage is categorized and particularly marked by the concern for inviting people to experience God's grace and to grow in the knowledge and love of God through disciplined Christian living.

The emphasis on living a full, deliberately disciplined life was promoted by Wesley as a powerful way to demonstrate God's salvation by grace.

Grace is seen in three parts – *prevenient grace* that goes before us to motivate our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, *justifying grace* that forgives us of our sin, and *sanctifying grace* that sustains believers on their journey toward Christian perfection.

The UMC insists that faith and good works belong together and personal salvation must be expressed in ministry and mission in the world, reflecting James 2:17, "faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." For Wesley, because of what God has done for us, we offer our lives back to God through a life of service.

Learn more at www.westmichiganconference.org and www.umc.org.



MEN'S RETREAT: 'MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY'

Whether we work in the church or the secular world, we are tempted to lead in a worldly manner rather than follow Christ. Come explore these temptations and how we can respond to them together. This year's men's retreat is scheduled for Feb. 21-23 at the MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, Mich. Car pooling is available. Pick up a registration form in the church office or at the Welcome Center. *Questions? Contact Aram Kabodian at 517.204.6440*

PYSANKY WORKSHOP

Learn the art of making Ukrainian Easter Eggs with Susan Reedy! The Fine Arts Committee will sponsor a "Pysanky Workshop" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mar. 15 in Snider Social Hall. Participants will have an opportunity to complete one or more eggs during the workshop. All are welcome to participate (ages 12 and up). There is a \$10 registration fee for materials. A soup-and-salad lunch also will be served. Make checks payable to The Peoples Church. Registration deadline is March 3.

GIVE

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 some one you know is looking for a good home for these precious toys, contact Meghan 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.

SIGN ME UP

Please return your completed form with payment in the Sunday offering plate or to the church office.

PYSANKY WORKSHOP

Yes, I (We) would like to learn the art of making Ukrainian Easter Eggs.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 3.

The \$10 registration fee includes materials and lunch.

Please include a check made payable to THE PEOPLES CHURCH.