



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## FEBRUARY 23, 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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative  
Movement Class (G)

7:00 p.m. Council of Elders (RR)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)

1:00 p.m. Rebekah & Hannah Circles (RR)

5:30 p.m. WNL Community Meal (SSH)

6 / 6:30 p.m. WNL Programs

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)

12:00 p.m. Men's Study Group (L)

1:00 p.m. Knitting People (RR)

6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus (RR)

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (S)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

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)

6:00 p.m. SoJo (RR)

### ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

12:00 p.m. Worship Service (C)

5:30 p.m. *WNL!* Community Meal (SSH)

6:30 p.m. Worship Service (S)

**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

**PAUL'S E-MAIL**

WITH PASTOR DREW

***Today's Floral Offering***

*Given by Barbara Ball-McClure  
in memory of Fran & Dale Ball.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 23, 2014**

- Prelude** (8:30 a.m.)      “How Firm A Foundation”      arr. Lani Smith
- Prelude** (10:30 a.m.)      “Amazing Grace”      arr. John Wilson  
*Coppertones directed by Elizabeth Reed*

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!**      Rev. Andrew Pomerville  
*Please pass the Friendship Roster located at the end of your pew.*

**A Moment with the Boy Scouts**      Troop 2

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 2:12)      (10:30 a.m.) Isaac Pratt

**Glorious God,  
you are all wisdom  
and a lamp to our feet,  
yet we fail to listen to you  
and neglect to follow your guidance.  
Forgive us, heal us,  
and lead us on,  
that we may walk in your ways  
and be happy in your refuge;  
in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**      “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”      No. 458  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**Prayer of Confession** (Adapted from Matthew 5:38-48)

**Holy Jesus, you call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not. You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us. We want the easy way, but you have given us the hard path. Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with you, to allow ourselves at times to stumble, to live into the hard way so that we might fully experience your love, grace and peace in this world, by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others. In your name we pray. Amen.**

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

**Choral Response** (10:30 a.m.)

No. 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 119:33-40

(Pew Bible Page 611, Large Print Page 901)

**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.*

**Anthem** (10:30 a.m.)

"Be Filled With the Spirit"

Craig Courtney

*Sanctuary Choir*

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 5:38-48

(Pew Bible Page 970, Large Print Page 1,475)

**Sermon**

"Be Perfect"

Betsy Aho,

*Licensed Minister, UCC*

**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**

"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit"

Dietrich Buxtehude

**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**

**Almighty God, by your grace, accept our offering. Make us joyful in giving that we may grow in likeness to your supreme gift, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**  
*(Please stand if able.)*

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

**No. 753**

**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**

“Rejoice in the Lord”

James Mansfield



**ASH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5, 2014**

**12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

{worship service with the distribution of ashes}

# PEOPLES NEWS

## & Opportunities

### CONNECT



#### TODAY: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Celebrate Scout Sunday with the Boy Scouts of Troop 2 as they serve up a delicious pancake breakfast in Snider Social Hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.



#### 8TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW: MAR. 30

Start rehearsing now for the 8th Annual Talent Show. We will gather in 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

**Community Meal:** Ann Nichols, our wonderful hospitality coordinator, is looking for two people to help prepare the *Wednesday Night Live!* meal and one to help clean up afterward. Time commitments are from about 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Contact Ann at [annieg9@comcast.net](mailto:annieg9@comcast.net).

**Holy Moly:** Our *WNL!* children's program is growing and Meaghan Gonzales is in need of one or two adult volunteers to help with our Lego-themed Bible study from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Contact her at [mgonzales@thepeoplechurch.com](mailto:mgonzales@thepeoplechurch.com)

#### THE KNITTING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 27 in the Robertson Room as we bless prayer shawls, baby baptismal blankets and more. All skill levels are welcome.

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# Wednesday Night Live!

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

JOIN US EACH WEEK! INVITE A FRIEND.

## GROW

### **'PAUL'S E-MAIL': A SHORT STUDY ON A SHORT BOOK**

Pastor Drew will lead a *Wednesday Night Live!* discussion on one of his favorite letters, Philemon. Join him as he explores the depths of this short and relational letter.

### **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**

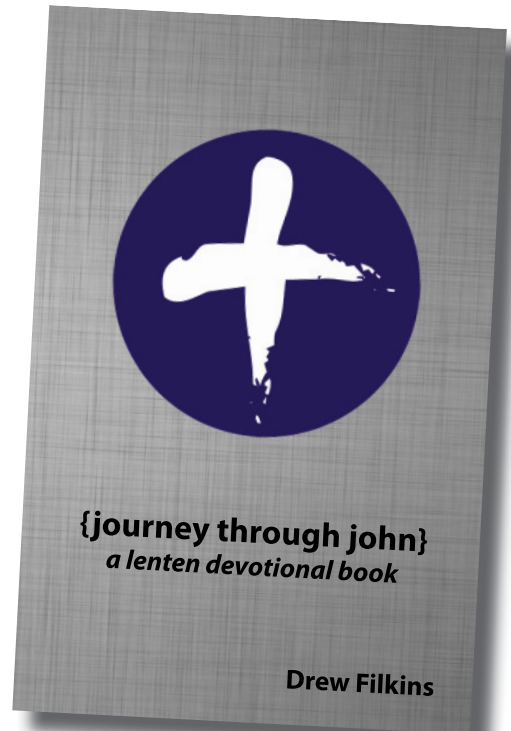
The Library Committee is happy to announce "Story Time with our Pastors" on Mar. 9 and 16 in the Fishbach Library following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

### **THE PEOPLES FORUM**

Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. Our next guest will be former MSU Trustee Melanie Foster on Mar. 2.

### **GREAT DECISIONS: ENERGY INDEPENDENCE**

Our next session will take place at 4 p.m. on Mar. 18 in the "green" conference room at Michigan Energy Options, 405 Grove St. in East Lansing. It is a solar energy demonstration house located behind City Hall. Our presenter will be John Kinch, Executive Director for Michigan Energy Options. For more Great Decisions information, contact Mary Anne Larzelere at 517.214.1487 or Sandy Bryson at 517.351.5976.



### **LENTEN COMMUNITY DEVOTION**

*This Lent, we are encouraged by our pastors to read and reflect, together as community, through the Gospel of John. To help us along the way, Pastor Drew Filkins has authored a Lenten devotional book, "Journey Through John."*

*Books will be available at the Church Office and Welcome Center on Sunday, Mar. 2; Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5; and Sunday, Mar. 9. They will be available in the Church Office during the week and everyday at [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com)*

*Suggested donation is \$5.*

## SIGN ME UP

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

### TALENT SHOW

\_\_\_ Yes, I (We) have a talent to share at the 8th ANNUAL TALENT SHOW on March 30.

Individual Act

Group Act

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Performers:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Act Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER YOUR ACT IS MARCH 23.

Questions? Contact Betsy Aho at 332-6074 or eaho@thepeopleschurch.com

### 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.

### 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 eggs during the workshop. All are welcome to participate (ages 12 and up). There is a \$10 registration fee for materials. Lunch will be served. Checks payable to The Peoples Church. Registration deadline is Mar. 3.