



SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 2, 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, MARCH 3

- 11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)
1:00 p.m. Congregations Helping Kids
Board Meeting (CTR)
3:00 p.m. Library Committee (L)

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

- 10:00 a.m. Jewelry Sale Committee (SSH)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative
Movement Class (G)
7:00 p.m. Council of Elders (RR)

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

- 8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)
12:00 p.m. Worship Service (C)
5:30 p.m. *WNL!* Community Meal (SSH)
6:30 p.m. Worship Service (S)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)
12:00 p.m. John Rogers Memorial Service (C)
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)

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Direction (L)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

- 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)

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)

JOURNEY THROUGH JOHN

WITH PASTORS ANDREW AND DREW

Today's Floral Offering

*Given by Paul Babbitt for
"God's timing in my life
and His Blessing"*

ORDER OF WORSHIP MARCH 2, 2014

Prelude "Arise, Your Light Is Come" arr. Seth Bingham

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins
Please pass the Friendship Roster located at the end of your pew.

Moment for Mission Vacation Bible School Meaghan Gonzales

Call to Worship (Based on Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-9, Luke 9:28-36)
Joey Springer (10:30 a.m.)

We have seen the light of God;
**on high mountains of celebration
and in the ecstasy of a lover's embrace.**

We have seen the light of God;
**through the bitter scorn of betrayal
and the searing chasm of grief.**

We have seen the light of God;
**with eyes that have been shaded,
with eyes that have been opened,
with eyes that have been blinded.**

We have seen the light of God.

Procession of The Light of Christ Trinity Kelly & Celia Spink, acolytes

Gathering Hymn "Arise, Your Light Is Come" No. 744
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our selfish concerns with earthly things and our failure to acknowledge your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, for that blindness to the wonder of your presence that causes us to live our lives from day to day without knowing you. Have mercy on us, give us grace to discern the suffering servant Lord in the midst of our lives, to worship and serve you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

(Pew Bible Page 80, Large Print Page 115)

Celebration of Holy Communion

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.)

"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir directed by Liz Reed

New Testament Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

(Pew Bible Page 983, Large Print Page 1,496)

Sermon

"Mountain Speak"

David Forsberg,
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

"Hail to the Brightness"

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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

God of mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.

Sending Hymn "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"
(Please stand if able.)

No. 192

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 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

arr. David N. Johnson



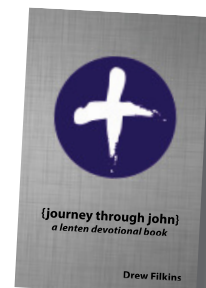
ASH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5, 2014

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

{worship service with the distribution of ashes}

LENTEN COMMUNITY DEVOTION

This Lent, we are encouraged to read and reflect - together as a community - through the Gospel of John. To help us along the way, Pastor Drew has authored a Lenten devotional book, "Journey Through John." Books are available at the Welcome Center this morning and in the Church Office during the week and everyday at ThePeoplesChurch.com Suggested donation is \$5.



PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

CONNECT



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 the 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.

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@thepeopleschurch.com



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 16-20, 2014

The Peoples Church and Woldumar Nature Center present Vacation Bible School 2104, "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 16 - 20. Register online at ThePeoplesChurch.com. Questions? Contact Meaghan Gonzales.

HELP SUPPORT VBS 2014

We are looking for volunteers, Crew Leaders, CITs and adult leaders. We also are counting on donated items to help make VBS a success! We need food coloring, baby wipes, sequins of any color, size or shape, colorful washcloths, craft store gift cards, cornstarch, spools of colorful ribbons and 300 empty 2-liter soda pop bottles. Donations can be dropped off at the church office anytime. Questions? Contact Meaghan Gonzales .

EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY: WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! INVITE A FRIEND.

GROW

THE READING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on Mar. 20 in the Robertson Room for "If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name" by Heather Lende.

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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

ABOUT THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

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 March, we are looking at the American Baptist Churches USA.

Though the roots of the Baptist tradition can be traced to 16th century English Congregationalism, the earliest Baptist churches began to flourish in English speaking communities in Holland in the early 1600s.

In 1638, Roger Williams established the first Baptist church in the New World in then uncolonized Rhode Island. By 1707, the Philadelphia Baptist Association was formed, laying the foundations of today's American Baptist Church USA (ABC-USA).

The Peoples Church is a member of The American Baptist Churches of Michigan. This local region of ABC-USA is comprised of 142 congregations spread across the state and range in size from less than 40 people to more than 2,000.

The American Baptist Churches of Michigan regional office is located at 4578 S. Hagadorn Rd. in East Lansing. Dr. Michael Williams, a member of The Peoples Church, is the Executive Minister for ABC-MI. Normal office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Learn more about the American Baptists Churches USA nationally and locally at www.abc-usa.org and www.abc-mi.org.

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: _____

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.