



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 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.

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Pastor Andrew will be away from East Lansing from March 9 to 16.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

MONDAY, MARCH 10

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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)
7:00 p.m. Transplant Support Group (CTR)

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- 10:00 a.m. Pysanky Workshop (SSH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 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)
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

(Robertson Room)

Today's Floral Offering

*Given in honor of
Jack & Margaret Bates'
65th anniversary.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP MARCH 9, 2014

Prelude "Prelude in D Minor" Robert Cundick

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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

Call to Worship (Based on Matthew 4:1–11) Tommy Paris (8:30 a.m.)
Mike Buttery (10:30 a.m.)

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?
The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?
Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?
We worship the Lord our God alone.

Gathering Hymn "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" **No. 41**
(Please stand if able.)

Lenten Candle Lighting Week One: Resistance

There are many temptations we face in our lives together. We face the temptation of putting our wants above another's needs. We face the temptation of ignoring problems such as hunger, poverty, war, and disease, with the false hope that they will go away without our intervention. We face the temptations of wealth and consumerism. We face many temptations to stray from the path of our faith. We light this candle as a symbol our faith in Jesus Christ to help us resist the temptations of the world. Let us pray together:

Lord, help us to keep our feet moving, our hands outstretched, and our hearts open to you. As we journey toward the cross this Lenten season, keep us from temptation and help us to do Your work in our world. Amen.

Choral Response (10:30 a.m.) **No. 551**

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

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

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

Psalm 32

(Pew Bible Page 553, Large Print Page 801)

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

“Song of Peace”

Donnelly / Strid

Youth Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed

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.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Sermon

“God Knows Who We Are”

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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.)

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

J.S. Bach

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

“In the Shadow of Your Wings”

John Leavitt

Sanctuary Choir directed by Brandon Williams

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 *(Based on Romans 5:15-18)*

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn "When We Are Tested"
(Please stand if able.)

No. 783

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response
(Please stand if able.)

No. 228

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)**

Postlude "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

J.S. Bach



{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 in the Church Office and at ThePeoplesChurch.com. Suggested donation is \$5.

{ Look for daily video reflections at ThePeoplesChurch.com }

{ Be a part of the weekly group discussion at Wednesday Night Live! }

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!

BOOK SALE

The Peoples Church Fischbach Library Book Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 17 and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on May 18 in the Gymnasium. Fill a bag on Sunday for just \$3. Donation of books are needed and appreciated. Please deliver them to the Snider Social Hall Stage.

PEOPLES 101

Do you want to know more about The Peoples Church? Join our informal Q & A session, Peoples 101, as it is offered on the first Sunday of each month following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The next Peoples 101 will be on hosted April 6 in the Robertson Room.

SERVE

CONGREGATIONS HELPING KIDS BOOK DRIVE

The Children's Christian Education Program and Congregations Helping Kids (CHK) will work together during Lent to promote literacy among young children. CHK is working with MSU pediatric clinics to collect new or gently used books for children of low-income families who come for Well Child visits. The Peoples Church children will have opportunities to be part of this service project by bringing new and gently used books appropriate for children ages 6 months to 5 years old to story hours in the Fischbach Library. Story Hours with our Pastors will be held after the 10:30 worship services today and again on Mar. 16.

CHK is a non-profit organization with a mission of supporting local out-patient pediatric clinics and the families and children served by these clinics. Participating congregations are All Saints Episcopal Church, Eastminster Presbyterian Church and The Peoples Church.

BRING A FRIEND TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! THIS WEEK

GROW

{journey though john}

Pastors Andrew and Drew will lead discussions on our daily Lenten devotions through the Gospel of John each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Telder Room and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. as part of *Wednesday Night Live!*

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” will take place today and on Mar. 16 in the Fischbach 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 MSU engineer David Smith to present “MSU Recycling Program” on Mar. 16.

GREAT DECISIONS: ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Our next session will take place at 4:30 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 information, contact Mary Anne at 517.214.1487 or Sandy at 517.351.5976.



DID YOU KNOW?

10 FACTS ABOUT AMERICAN BAPTISTS

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.

The 1.3-million members and 5,200 congregations of American Baptist Churches USA share with more than 42 million Baptists around the world a common tradition begun in the early 17th century. That tradition has emphasized the Lordship and atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, believers’ baptism, the competency of all believers to be in direct relationship with God and to interpret Scripture, the importance of the local church, the assurance of freedom in worship and opinion, and the need to be Christ’s witnesses within society, according to ABC-USA.org. The following facts are representative of the tradition and practice of American Baptists:

- 1) American Baptists believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and that the Bible is the divinely inspired word of God that serves as the final written authority for living out the Christian faith.**
- 2) For American Baptists the local church is the fundamental unit of mission in denominational life.**
- 3) American Baptists partake of two ordinances: believers’ baptism and The Lord’s Supper.**

Learn more about these statements and discover facts 4-10 at www.abc-usa.org/10facts.

SHARE

SUPPORT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WITH BABY WIPES, COLORFUL WASHCLOTHS & SODA BOTTLES

We are looking for volunteers, Crew Leaders, CITs and adult leaders. We also are counting on donated items to help make VBS a success! Each week we will feature one item of need in the bulletin. This week's featured items are baby wipes and colorful wash cloths. In addition, we hope to collect 300 empty 2-liter soda pop bottles in time for our June summer camp. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Questions? Contact Meaghan Gonzales.



WILL YOU CONSIDER PROVIDING A VBS SCHOLARSHIP?

We anticipate more than 125 children at Vacation Bible School this summer. Five-year-olds through fifth-graders will spend each day out at Woldumar Nature Center from June 16 to 20. They shine God's light, learn some catchy tunes, make and take home projects, do community service projects, eat healthy snacks, hike the trails, learn about their environment and get a T-shirt all for only \$80! Each year we have children that want to attend but their families are unable to afford the tuition. This is where your assistance would be so deeply appreciated. Would you consider making a tax-deductible donation for the full or partial cost of tuition for one child? Every gift will help make a child's summer incredible. Checks may be made out to The Peoples Church with "VBS Scholarship" on the memo line. Questions? Contact Meaghan Gonzales. Thank you so much for your support of this incredible program!

SIGN ME UP

Please return your completed form 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