



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 30, 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.

Crystal Branta, Chairperson elders@thepeopleschurch.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

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, APRIL 3

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)

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

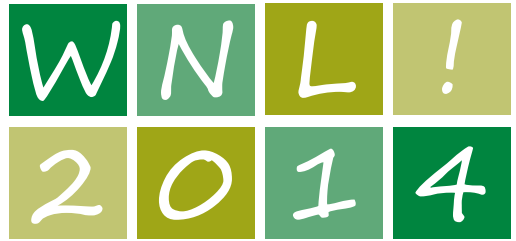
8:30 a.m. Marriage Prep Class (RR)
10:00 a.m. Highland Dance (SSH)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

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)

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

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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

*In memory of Edna & Wilber Brookover
by Patty, George and Eliza Brookover*

ORDER OF WORSHIP MARCH 30, 2014

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Janet Linker

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Thy Holy Wings" Martha Lynn Thompson
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

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 1 Samuel 16:7, Ephesians 5:8-9 and John 9:5)
(10:30 a.m.) Tommy Morgan

God does not see as mortals see.

We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now —as children of light,
we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Gathering Hymn "Lift High the Cross" **No. 826**
(Please stand if able.)

Lenten Candle Lighting Week Four: Repentance

We try to do the right thing, but at times we fail, and temptation seems to win. At other times, we seem to drown in our failures, believing nothing good can come from us. We forget that God has called us to repent, and that God remembers our sins no more. We light this candle as a symbol of our trust in Jesus Christ that our sins are forgiven, when we repent and turn back to God. Let us pray:

Loving God, help us to turn back to you when we stray. As we journey toward the cross this Lenten season, help us to repent from where we have gone wrong. Amen.

Congregational Response **No. 441**

**Hear the good news of Salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ how much I love you! Jesus Christ you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

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 23

(Pew Bible Page 548, Large Print Page 792)

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

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Abide With Me"

arr. Molly Ijames

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Children are invited to gather in the McCune Chapel at this time.

They will return to the sanctuary during the Offertory.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

(Pew Bible Page 1,176, Large Print Page 1,780)

Sermon

"What We Have in Common . . ."

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Reflection on the Word

"Die Meistersinger"

Richard Wagner

Grace McMahan, Bassist

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.)

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. Wilbur Held

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Prayer"

A. Sherman

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 *(Based on Ephesians 5)*

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

No.853

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response

(Please stand if able.)

No. 228

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?)
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?)**

Postlude

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

arr . David N. Johnson

**TODAY !!!
IT'S THE 8TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW !!!**

*Join us in Snider Social Hall following
the 10:30 a.m. worship service
for lunch and entertainment.*



PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

CONNECT

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Have you been thinking about formally joining The Peoples Church family as a member? You are invited to come to our next New Members Class on April 13. We will gather in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Contact the church office if you wish to join us. Child care is available upon request. We look forward to welcoming you!

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 18

Calling all members of the High School Class of 2014: The Peoples Church would like to celebrate your graduation with a breakfast for you and your family on May 18. The meal will be followed by special recognition during 10:30 a.m. worship service. Contact Betsy Aho if you would like to be part of the morning's celebration.

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. Donations 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.

CONNECT & SERVE



GREATER LANSING
foodbank
GARDEN PROJECT

COMMUNITY GARDEN WITH THE FOOD BANK

The Building & Grounds Ministry has partnered with the Greater Lansing Food Bank to support its community garden project. We are invited to care for plots in the Lilac Garden in East Lansing's Flower Pot Neighborhood.

Register to participate at ThePeoplesChurch.com. Select Lilac Garden as the community garden of choice and let the coordinator know you are with The Peoples Church. There is a modest fee for using the garden and it will require some volunteer work hours during the year to maintain the site.

Questions? Contact Wes Reedy at reedywes@gmail.com or 517.346.6807. Wes will offer a presentation on the garden project at the Peoples Forum at 9:30 a.m. on April 6 in the Robertson Room.

GROW

THE PEOPLES FORUM

Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. Our next guest will be Wes Reedy who will present "The Lansing Garden Project and The Peoples Church Involvement" on April 6.

GREAT DECISIONS: ISRAEL AND THE U.S.

The Arab Spring, Iran's nuclear ambitions, failed peace talks, and Israel's own decision to give Washington the cold shoulder have put new strains on the 65-year-old "special relationship." Join us at 4:30 p.m. on April 22 in the Robertson Room as we welcome speaker Yael Aronoff, Sering Chair in Israel studies at MSU's James Madison College. For more information, contact Mary Anne at 517.214.1487 or Sandy at 517.351.5976.

{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!*

SHARE

SUPPORT VBS WITH GIFT CARDS & POP BOTTLES

Each week we will feature one item of need in the bulletin. This week's featured items are gift cards to craft stores, Meijer or Walmart. We also hope to collect 300 empty 2-liter pop bottles in time for our June summer camp. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Questions? Contact Meaghan Gonzales.



SERVE

CONGREGATIONS HELPING KIDS BOOK DRIVE



The Children's Christian Education Program and Congregations Helping Kids (CHK) are promoting literacy during Lent by collecting new and gently used books appropriate for children ages 6 months to 5 years old. CHK works with MSU pediatric clinics to collect new or gently used books for children of low-income families who come for well-child visits. 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. Book donations may be brought to the church office throughout Lent.

EASTER FOOD BASKET DELIVERY

___ Yes, I (We) would like to help deliver Easter Food Baskets from 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, April 19.

Name (Please Print):

Address (Please Print):

Phone (Please Print):

E-mail (Please Print):

HOLY WEEK & MORE

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 17
5:30 p.m. Seder Meal, Snider Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Klezmer Concert, Snider Social Hall

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18
6:30 p.m. Worship Service

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

MUSIC SUNDAY | APRIL 27
10:30 a.m.



SIGN ME UP

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

EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

___ Yes, I (We) would like to help the sanctuary come alive with Lilies on Easter morning. Please accept my gift of \$20 in support of the Sanctuary Decoration Fund.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of | <input type="checkbox"/> To the Glory of God |



Dedication (Please Print): _____

Given By (Please Print): _____