



# EASTER SUNDAY

## APRIL 20, 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

### 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

**THE PEOPLES CHURCH**  
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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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## OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Sunday mornings. Call 517.332.5073.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

CHURCH CLOSED

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative Movement (G)  
4:30 p.m. Great Decisions (RR)  
7:00 p.m. Council of Elders (RR)  
7:30 pm. Boy Scouts Troop 2

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)  
9:00 a.m. Hannah Circle (Off-Site)  
9:00 a.m. Phoebe Circle (Off-Site)  
1:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle (RR)  
5:30 p.m. WNL! Community Meal (SSH)  
6 & 6:30 p.m. WNL! Programs

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)  
12:00 p.m. Men's Study Group (L)  
1:00 p.m. The Knitting People (RR)  
6:30 p.m. Thursdays With Jesus (RR)  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (S)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 a.m. Worship Service (C)  
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 (SSH)

**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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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### APRIL 20, 2014

**Prelude** "Venite!" John Leavitt

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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

**Choral Introit** "Alleluia! Glorious Word!" arr. Carolyn Jennings  
*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed.*

### Call to Worship

We are here today because the weeping Mary once said:  
**"I have seen the Lord!"**

We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:  
**"Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."**

We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:  
**"My Lord and my God."**

We are here like Peter, tempted to forget the call of Jesus:  
**"I'm going fishing."**

We're here this morning because of Jesus, who asks us face-to-face:  
**"Do you truly love me?"**

We gather here to whisper timidly.  
**"Yes, Lord, you know that we love you."**

We are here as a congregation only because  
 many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus' words:

**"Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid!  
 Go and tell, 'Jesus has been raised!'"**

**Gathering Hymn** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**No. 232**

## ***Prayer of Confession***

Rev. Drew Filkins

**We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.**

**Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.**

## ***Assurance of Forgiveness***

### ***Children's Moment***

Tom Cawood, Heather Bick and Dana Snyder  
MSU School of Osteopathic Medicine

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### ***Choir Anthem***

"Hilariter"

arr. K. Lee Scott

*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed.*

### ***Gospel Proclamation***

John 20 1:1-20

(Pew Bible Page 1,087, Large Print Page 1,651)

### ***Hymn of Praise***

"Christ is Alive!"

**No. 246**

### ***Sermon***

"Everything is Awesome"

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**

"And Can It Be"

arr. Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan 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. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Where there was darkness, Lord, you brought forth light. Where there was pain, Holy Spirit, you brought healing. Where there was death, Jesus Christ, you offered life. We give you thanks for the great blessings you continue to pour over us and we return these gifts so that they may be used for the ministry of justice, peace and healing you have invited us to do in your world. Through your great love, let all people experience your joy. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*(Please stand if able.)*

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

No. 248

*Those who would like to join the Sanctuary Choir to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" are invited to come forward during the Sending Hymn. Music will be available.*

**Benediction** *(Please stand if able.)***Benediction Response**

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

**Postlude**

"Festive Recessional"

arr. Janet Linker

*Alleluia!*



## 'ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING': EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

One Great Hour of Sharing is our annual offering to assist communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict or severe economic hardship. Projects are underway in over 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. The collection takes place today, Easter Sunday, and will be equally divided among the outreach organizations of the four founding denominations of The Peoples Church. Thank you for your generosity.

# PEOPLES NEWS

## *& Opportunities*

### CONNECT

#### 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 hosted May 4 in the Robertson Room.

#### SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 18

Attention High School Class of 2014: We 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 the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Contact Betsy Aho to be part of the morning's celebration.

#### HANNAH CIRCLE

The Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 9 a.m. on April 23 at the home of Ellie Goff, 2347 Sapphire Lane, in East Lansing.

#### PHOEBE CIRCLE

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 9 a.m. on April 23 at the home of Pat Brogan, 500 Wildwood Drive, in East Lansing.

#### REBEKAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather a 1 p.m. on April 23 in the Robertson Room.



#### COMMUNITY GARDEN WITH THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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. Register to participate online at [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com). Select Lilac Garden as the community garden of choice and let the coordinator know you are with The Peoples Church. Questions? Contact Wes Reedy at [reedywes@gmail.com](mailto:reedywes@gmail.com) or 517.346.6807.

## GROW

### READING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on May 15 in the Robertson Room as we discuss next month's book "Someone Knows My Name" by Lawrence Hill. On deck for our June discussion is "Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd.

### 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.

### THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

Join our current series "The Life and Ministry of the Messiah" by Ray Vander Laan as our study guide. Join us from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room.

### PEOPLES FORUM

Join the Peoples Forum next Sunday, April 27, as we host Katherine Draper, Director of the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

### SWEATY SHEEP

Pastor Andrew's walk/run group will return April 23 as part of *Wednesday Night Live!* Be ready to run or walk at 6:30 p.m.



## SERVE

### THE KNITTING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:00 p.m. on April 24 in the Robertson Room as we create and bless prayer shawls, baby baptismal blankets, and baby hats together! Knitters of all skill levels are welcome.

### PERSONAL NEEDS BANK

We continue to serve our community with our Personal Needs Bank. Donations of bar soap, deodorant, sanitary pads, tampons, diapers and wipes, disposable razors, shaving cream, dish soap, paper towels and facial tissues may be placed in collection baskets at the Welcome Center or in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Betty Pond at 517.644.1064 or Mary Heiderson at 517.333.9396.

### USED BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS

\_\_\_ Yes, I (We) would like to offer our time to support the Library Committee's annual Used Book Sale.

- Friday, May 16 (Set Up)
- Saturday, May 17 (Sell)
- Sunday, May 18 (Sell/Tear Down)

**Name** (Please Print):

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**Phone** (Please Print):

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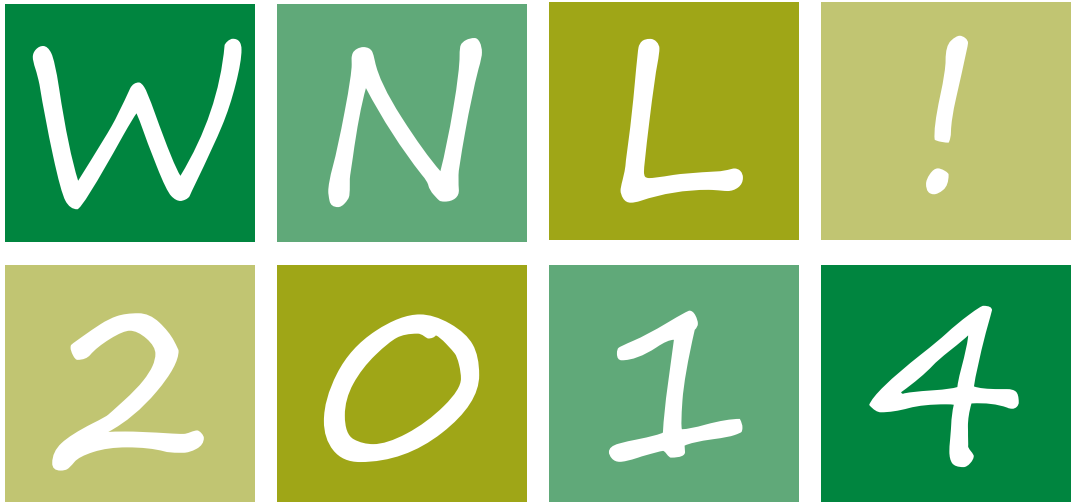
*Book Sale organizers will contact you to arrange shift times.*

*Questions? Contact Carol Jacob at 517.575.6297.*



## MUSIC SUNDAY: APRIL 27

Join us for a dynamic worship experience at 10:30 a.m. next Sunday, April 27 as Dr. Jonathan Reed and the Sanctuary Choir lead our service with award-winning composer Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living." Forrest has been described as "a composer of substance" and his works have been hailed as "superb choral writing...full of spine-tingling moments." Learn more about the composer at [DanForrest.com](http://DanForrest.com).



# Wednesday Night Live!

**5:30 p.m.** Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.** Dance 149 (K-5) Youth Choir (6-12)

**6:30 p.m.** Holy Moly (K-5) PCYG (6-12) Love Life (Campus)  
NOOMA\* (Adults) Sweaty Sheep

**\*WHAT'S NOOMA? ...** This *Wednesday Night Live!* discussion series will explore the provocative biblical and spiritual issues posed by national best-selling author and Okemos native Rob Bell in his NOOMA series of short-films.