



SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 25, 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

9:30 a.m. - Family Service
in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**WNL! begins again June 11*

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal
and Worship Experience in
Friendship Hall

THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave.
East Lansing, MI 48823
517.332.5073

ThePeoplesChurch.com



MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

8:00 - 9:30 a.m., Snider Social Hall

All Ages Welcome

Join us for a hearty breakfast, good fellowship with brothers in faith and an inspirational keynote presentation from our very own Pastor Drew Filkins: **"Fishing and the Art of Discipleship."**

Please RSVP by June 8. Call, text, or e-mail Pastor Drew at 517-899-3408 or dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com

"Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after." - Henry David Thoreau

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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
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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, MAY 26

MEMORIAL DAY - CHURCH CLOSED

TUESDAY, MAY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)
9:00 a.m. Hannah Circle
12:30 p.m. Rebekah Circle (RR)

THURSDAY, MAY 29

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)
1:00 p.m. Men's Study Group (L)

SATURDAY, MAY 31

1:00 p.m. Cullen/Bartoszak Wedding (S)
4:00 p.m. Parsons/Ruff Wedding (S)

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

8:30 a.m. Worship Service (C)
9:30 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

Prelude "Air and Allegro" from *Water Music* G.F. Handel

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

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

Call to Worship (Inspired by Acts 17)

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the Creator of our world and everything in it;
the One who gave us life and breath;
the One who is never far away from any of us;
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Let us worship God together!

Gathering Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" **No. 15**
(Please stand if able.) (Verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

Prayer of Confession (Inspired by 1 Peter 3 and John 14)

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments. We fail to love you. Our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

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 66:8-20
(Pew Bible Page 574, Large Print Page 837)

Children's Moment

New Testament Reading

Acts 17:22-31

(Pew Bible Page 1,111, Large Print Page 1,687)

Solo

Brandon Williams, tenor

Sermon

“Knowing the Unknown God”

Rev. Drew Filkins

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

“God , Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

arr. Dale Wood

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

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

No. 318

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response

**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

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Today's Floral Offering | *Given by Carol & Sandy Bryson in memory
of their parents, Irene & Clarence Coffman and Jean & Norris Bryson.*

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

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WE'RE GOING TO THE BALLGAME

Make plans now to enjoy an afternoon of Lugnuts baseball with your family and Peoples Church friends. We're reserving space in the Tailgate Terrace for the 5:05 p.m. game on August 24 -- it's Kids Day! Children will have the opportunity to play catch on the field before the game and run the bases after. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and include an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner. Reserve your spot at the church office through the week or on Sundays at the Welcome Center. Make checks payable to The Peoples Church.

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. 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 or 517.346.6807.

GROW

1 PETER & A CUP O' JOE

The Thursday morning Men's Study Group is reading through 1 Peter together each Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us for a good cup of coffee, fellowship and faith. It's a great way to start your day!

READING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on June 19 in the Robertson Room as we discuss, "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. On deck for July is "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" by Muriel Barberry.

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 9:30 a.m. worship service. The next Peoples 101 will be hosted June 1 in the Robertson Room.

THANK YOU

158 BOOKS COLLECTED FOR KIDS!

Once again our amazing congregation has responded admirably to a request for help. I am pleased to let you know that 158 new and gently used books were brought in to be given to children who come to MSU pediatric clinics for well-child visits. These books will keep many a young child engaged with delightful stories in the weeks ahead. Thank you to all who contributed!

- Loretta Johnston, Congregations Helping Kids Coordinator

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thank you to all who contributed to the special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday! Your generous gifts totaling \$2,247 have been divided and sent to the service organizations of our four denominations at The Peoples Church, those being the American Baptist Church, the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, USA and the United Church of Christ to assist individuals and communities suffering the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship.

- Community Engagement Ministry

USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to those who volunteered their time to put on the annual Fischbach Library Used Book Sale during last weekend's East Lansing Art Festival. Additionally, thank you to those who shopped our annual sale. More than \$470 was made to benefit The Peoples Church Fischbach Library.

- Library Committee

'CLOSURE IN GRIEF - DOES IT EXIST?'

Prof. Laurel Hilliker, Executive Director of the Center to Advance the Study of Loss, will present "Closure in Grief - Does it Exist?" from 6 to 8 p.m. on May 29 at The Peoples Church. All are welcome. Dinner will be served. Admission is free. RSVP requested to 517.763.4413 Learn more at ArtforCharlie.com.



SUMMER SERIES: 'SPIRITUALITY IN FILM'

The SoJo Community has concluded its Sunday evening worship for the season and will host a variety of events this summer, including a monthly cook out and film discussion at the home of Jenn Hill. Our next installment will be at 6 p.m. on June 28 with "Life of Pi." Future films include "Alice in Wonderland" on August 2 and "Where the Wild Things Are" on September 9. RSVP by June 24 to Jenn at jennfabu@gmail.com or 517.798.4035 for this month's gathering.

SHARE

WPC JEWELRY SALE

The Women of Peoples Church continues to accept donations for their annual Jewelry & More Sale to take place in August. Donations are tax deductible and can be dropped off at the church office. Sale proceeds benefit local charities supported by the Women of Peoples Church. Our 2013 sale raised \$6,000! Thank you for your continued support.

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