

SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

Thursdays With Jesus

*Fall Series Begins on September 11
6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room
All Women are Welcome*

LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF

EXPLORING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Children's Chapel
PCYG Open Hang Out
Peoples Forum

9:45 a.m.

Carol Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Dance 149
Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Animate | Campus Ministry
Book of Jonah
Holy Moly! | Children's Education
How to Be a Liturgist
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class

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Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible
3:00 p.m. Library Committee
7:00 p.m. Faith On Campus @ MSU

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

9:00 a.m. WPC Board Meeting
11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative Movement
1:00 p.m. Fine Arts Committee
7:00 p.m. Ministry Meetings

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

8:00 a.m. Sermon Prep Group
5:30 p.m. WNL! Community Meal
6:00 p.m. Dance 149
Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Animate
Book of Jonah
How to be a Liturgist
PCYG
Yoga Class

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group
1:00 p.m. Men's Study Group
6:00 p.m. Coping With Grief
6:30 p.m. Thursdays With Jesus
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Transplant Support Group

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

4:00 p.m. Faith on Campus @ LCC

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

9:00 a.m. Marriage Preparation
10:00 a.m. Troop 2 Committee
4:00 pm. Newitt/Kearney Wedding

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Children's Chapel
PCYG Open Hang Out
Peoples Forum
9:45 a.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Children's Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Coppertones Rehearsal

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 signs of a church that is alive and growing; your entire family is welcome in worship.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

Prelude

"Tocatta in G Major"

William Walond

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Based on Matthew 18:15-20)

Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table.

In times of disagreement, teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice,

And bind us to your way of forgiving grace.

Through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.

Procession of Light

Zoe Aho & Trinity Kelly, acolytes

Gathering Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"Come! Live in the Light!"

No. 749

Prayer of Confession (Based on Matthew 18:15-20)

Reconciling God, we would rather gossip about those who sin against us, than speak to them privately; we would rather parade our wounds for all to see, than quietly work toward forgiveness and reconciliation.

Help us choose the harder road, the road that opens possibilities for real healing, real forgiveness, and real growth in your Spirit. Help us place the best interests of our community of faith above our own need for public vindication. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 149

(Pew Bible Page 627, Large Print Page 929)

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

"Preparing for All Kinds of Things"

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 (10:30 a.m.)

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

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.

Celebration of Holy Communion

New Testament Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

(Pew Bible Page 985, Large Print Page 1,498)

Sermon

“My Friends and I Would Like to Speak with You”

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Offertory

“Love Divine, All Loves Exvelling”

arr. Wilbur Held

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.**

Minute for Mission

“Remember to Water Your Faith, and GROW”

Rev. Drew Filkins

Prayer of Dedication

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. Use our gifts for peace, justice, and unity. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation.

Sending Hymn

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 35

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

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Paul Manz

It's **FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY!**

*Stick around after worship today for building tours and fantastic fellowship.
It's a great day to make new friends and reunite with old ones!*



WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

Join Campus Ministry Director Betsy Aho for breakfast after today's 10:30 a.m. worship service. Meet her in Friendship Hall.

Today's Floral Offering

In memory of Skeeter & Bob Rentschler from their friends.



CONNECT

PASTOR DREW'S PEOPLES PEDAL

Pastor Drew's Peoples Pedal will set off through East Lansing following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Oct. 5. There are routes planned for riders of various levels. Each route will include a stop for ice cream at the MSU Dairy Store! Registration is free. Peoples Church-branded bicycle jerseys are available for purchase. Contact Pastor Drew to learn more. **Register on line at ThePeoplesChurch.com.**

FUN DAY AT CAMP PA-WA-PI

Enjoy tons of fun, great friends and laughter from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 as The Peoples Church takes over the YMCA's Camp Pa-Wa-Pi for a day. There will be activities for every age, including a low-ropes challenge, archery, a huge climbing tower, a 400-ft. zip line, nature hikes, a rappelling wall and more! Bring a sack lunch. Our day will conclude together with S'mores and songs around the campfire. Cost is \$30 per family up to four, \$5 for each additional member. Individual price is \$10. A registration form is available on the back of this bulletin. Deadline is Oct. 12.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT

All are invited to enjoy a new season of "Dinners for Eight." These small gatherings coordinated through the Welcome Ministry are a great way to make new friends and catch up with old one. Couples and individuals are welcome. Participants are asked to plan or host one "Dinner for Eight." Sign up to participate using the form at the bottom of this page. Deadline is Oct. 15. Questions? Contact Cheryl Leece at 517-410-1313 or leece@msu.edu.

DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church gathers next at 7 p.m. on Sept. 16 at the home of Jan Perron. The program will be "Cultural Connections: Women Weaving Worlds." Questions? Contact Mary Heiderson at maryheiderson@gmail.com.

PHEOBE CIRCLE

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church meets next at 10 a.m. on Sept. 24 in the Robertson Room. Questions? Contact Renate Carey at renatedecarey@yahoo.com.

I/WE WANT TO BE A PART OF 'DINNERS FOR EIGHT'

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Drop this form in the Sunday Offertory or return to the Church Office by Oct. 15.

Questions? Contact Cheryl Leece at leece@msu.edu or 517-410-1313.

PEOPLES 101 | The next informal Q&A session about The Peoples Church will be hosted Oct. 5 in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.



GROW

THE BOOK OF JONAH

A special *Wednesday Night Live!* study series on the book of Jonah will be presented by Art Seagull, former MSU professor and member of Congregation Shaarey Zedek. Art will help us better understand and appreciate this popular Old Testament book from a literary standpoint. This study is offered at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday from Sept. 10 to Oct. 1 in the Robertson Room.

THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

All women are welcome to join Thursdays With Jesus at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 in the Robertson Room as they begin their fall study "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruits of the Spirit."

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUPS

Our **MORNING MEN'S GROUP** meets at 7:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room and the **AFTERNOON MEN'S GROUP** meets at 1:00 p.m. in the Library each week as they grow together in faith and community. All are welcome.

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People gather on the third Thursday each month. Join them next at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 18 in the Robertson Room as they discuss "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce. Their October selection will be "The School of Essential Ingredients" by Erica Bauermeister.

GREAT DECISIONS: ISLAMIC LAW IN THE ARAB WORLD

The Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions series continues this fall as we host Dr. Mohammad Hassan Khalil, associate professor of religious studies, adjunct professor of law and interim director of the Muslim Studies Program at MSU, at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 in the Robertson Room. The author of "Islam and the Fate of Others: The Salvation Question" will discuss the origins and sources of Islamic law, its evolution, its modern manifestations, the development of *Islamism* and the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood in modern times.

Next Sunday, Sept. 14, **PEOPLES FORUM** begins its weekly schedule at 9:30 a.m. Join us in the Robertson Room as we host Bob Peralas, manager for community services and public relations at Lansing Board of Water & Light. He will discuss last winter's major power outage and how the organization plans to avoid such extreme outages in the future.

FAITH ON CAMPUS @ MSU gathers at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays at the MSU Student Union beginning Sept. 8. Spartan sophomore Rachel Rick will host this on-campus faith-based discussion group that explores themes of Rob Bell's inviting and compelling NOOMA short films.

FAITH ON CAMPUS @ LCC gathers 4:00 p.m. on Fridays at Lansing Community College beginning Sept. 12 (location TBD). LCC student Frances Szczubelek will host this discussion group based on Rob Bell's inviting and compelling NOOMA short films.



SERVE

2014 CROP HUNGER WALK

Save the date: The 2014 CROP Hunger Walk is Oct. 12. The annual event has supported Church World Service's efforts to provide food and water to people in need since the 1960s. Our goal this year is to have at least 25 walkers and rockers at this year's event. Stay tuned for more information about how you can support this wonderful community event!

PERSONAL NEEDS BANK

Personal care items, such as diapers, dish and bath soap, deodorant, razors and shaving cream continue to be collected and shared with members of our community who are in need. Donated items may be placed in the baskets in the Welcome Center or Sanctuary.

THANK YOU

This August's annual Jewelry Sale raised nearly \$5,000 to benefit many local charities supported by the Women of Peoples Church. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event. - *Dottie Spousta, WPC President*



SHARE

BECOME A LITURGIST

The word *liturgy* means "work of the people." A *liturgist* leads worship services on Sunday mornings (the work of the people). Would you like to help lead worship? Learn more at *Wednesday Night Live!* on Sept. 10. Pastor Andrew will lead a 6:30 p.m. class on "How to be a Liturgist" in the Sanctuary. Come early and enjoy the fellowship of our Community Meal in Snider Social Hall at 5:30 p.m.

SERVE UP SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday, coffee, juice and snacks are served to encourage fellowship time as we come and go from worship together. How is this possible? People like you who volunteer to spend a little extra time on a Sunday morning to set up, serve up and clean up so that all may enjoy in the company of one another. Consider taking a turn to help. A sign-up sheet is in Friendship Hall on Sunday mornings or contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com.

SIGN ME UP

Return your completed form with payment (if applicable) in the Sunday offering plate or to the church office.

SIGN ME/US UP FOR THE 'FUN DAY AT CAMP PA-WA-PI'

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Questions? Contact the Church Office.