

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

*The Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ & The Peoples Church welcome internationally-known pastor, author and speaker*

**OCTOBER 10**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

Worship Service &  
Keynote Presentation

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

**All are welcome and invited.**



**Nadia Bolz-Weber**

*An engaging and honest voice  
in the modern church ...*

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**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.**

Coppertone Rehearsal

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## 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 | Adult Formation  
Holy Moly! | Children's Education  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Yoga Class

## CHURCH OFFICE

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## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

**Crystal Branta**, Chairperson  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

### MONDAY, SEPT. 22

11:00 a.m. Imoh Enoidem Funeral Service  
7:00 p.m. Faith On Campus @ MSU

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative Movement  
7:00 p.m. Council of Elders Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

8:00 a.m. Sermon Prep Group  
10:00 a.m. Phoebe Circle  
1:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle  
5:30 p.m. *WNL!* Community Meal  
6:00 p.m. Dance 149  
Youth Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Animate  
Book of Jonah  
Holy Moly!  
PCYG  
Yoga Class  
7:30 p.m. Clarion Ringers Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group  
6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

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

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

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. Coppertone Ringers 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 21, 2014

**Prelude** "God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven" arr. Wilbur Held

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

**Minute for Mission** CROP Walk

**Call to Worship** (Inspired by Matthew 20:1-16)

Come!

**Come and worship,**

you who woke early and you who slept late;

**you who come often, and you who do not.**

Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,

**there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,**

and more than enough grace to go around.

**Let's worship God together!**

**Gathering Hymn** "For the Fruit of All Creation" **No. 36**  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**Prayer of Confession** (Inspired by Jonah 4)

**Holy God, we would rather proclaim death to our enemies, than see them forgiven and redeemed. Forgive our hardness of heart, O God, and our reluctance to see your divine image in those who hate and despise us. Teach us to love our enemies, that our lives may proclaim your truth— that love is stronger than hate, and mercy is greater than vengeance. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Children are dismissed to participate in Sunday School at this time. (10:30 a.m.)  
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Sending Hymn and gather on the chancel.*

## **Old Testament Reading**

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

(Pew Bible Page 926, Large Print Page 1,407)

## **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** (8:30 a.m.)

## **Celebration of Baptism** (10:30 a.m.)

Henrik James Hunter

*Born on March 13, 2014.*

*Son of Mathew and Jennifer Hunter.*

**We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness and service which He exemplified to the world.**

## **Choir Anthem** (10:30 a.m.)

"Grace"

arr. Mark Hayes

*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

## **New Testament Reading**

Matthew 20:1-16

(Pew Bible Page 987, Large Print Page 1,501)

## **Sermon**

"That's Not Fair"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

## **Thanksgiving & Commitment** (10:30 a.m.)

"Psalm 100"

Doug McConnell

*Lydia Skrlec-Erickson, soprano*

## **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***

**God, you are bighearted with no limitation. You over give and overpay, handing us not only the rewards due us, but heaping on us the fortunes of everlasting life and love. We thank you that heaven is not just like our earth, that grace does not abide by our rules. We are grateful that our little ways open out when we listen to you. Lavish your spirit of kindness upon us. Help us give and never count the cost. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## ***Sending Hymn***

**"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

**No.761**

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

## ***Benediction***

### ***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***

**"Toccatina"**

Carl Simone

### ***Today's Floral Offering***

*Given by Norm Huver in memory of Doris Dahl.*



## **SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM**

### **NEXT DROP-OFF: GREEN GLASS (FOURTH SUNDAY)**

The Peoples Church Recycling Program is a volunteer service to the members of our faith community. Items can be dropped off near our sign in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to only drop off items at this location on the Sundays that they are to be collected. It is difficult for us to store all of the items we recycle. Also, clean and rinse the items you bring in. Soiled items will be discarded in the trash. Recycle many other items each day at our Recycling Center across from the Church Office.



## 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](http://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, 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 are a great way to make new friends and catch up with familiar faces. Couples and individuals are welcome. Participants are asked to plan or host one "Dinner for Eight." Sign up 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](mailto:leece@msu.edu).

### PHOEBE CIRCLE

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church meets next at 10 a.m. on Sept. 24 in the Robertson Room.

### REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah-Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church meets next at 1 p.m. on Sept. 24 in the Robertson Room

#### 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](mailto: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 prophetic book. The study is offered at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 1 in the Robertson Room.

### THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

All women are welcome to join Thursdays With Jesus at 6:30 p.m. each week in the Robertson Room. Their fall study is "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.

### 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. 28, **PEOPLES FORUM** hosts Ron Flinn, MSU's Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure and Physical Plant. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room for his fascinating presentation, personal insights and anecdotes about the physical growth of this magnificent university though out his more than 50 years of service on the banks of the Red Cedar.

**FAITH ON CAMPUS @ MSU** | 7 p.m. on Mondays in the Lake Michigan Room (340) at the Union.

**FAITH ON CAMPUS @ LCC** | 4 p.m. on Fridays in Gannon 322 at Lansing Community College.



## 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. Stay tuned for more information about how you can support this wonderful community event!



## SHARE

### SERVE UP SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday, coffee, juice and snacks are served to encourage fellowship as we come and go from worship together. Consider offering a little extra time on a Sunday morning to set up, serve up and clean up so all may enjoy. A sign-up sheet is in Friendship Hall on Sunday mornings or contact Jane Ledebuhr at [jledebuhr@yahoo.com](mailto:jledebuhr@yahoo.com).



**SHARE**

**VOLUNTEER:** Helpers are needed to assist with our *Wednesday Night Live!* Community Meal. Contact Hospitality Coordinator Gerri Nichols at [gnichols@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:gnichols@thepeopleschurch.com).

**SIGN ME UP**

**PASTOR DREW'S PEOPLES PEDAL - OCT. 5**

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Registration for the Peoples Pedal is FREE. Questions? Contact Pastor Drew Filkins.

**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.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Peoples Church Preschool is looking for substitute assistant teachers for part-time positions in classrooms for infants, toddlers and preschool-age children. These are entry level positions, however experience working with children and course work related to early childhood are recommended. Contact Dana Johnson at 517-332-2885.