

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

50 YEARS AGO TODAY

FEBRUARY 8, 1965



Today **we remember the generosity and dedication** of those who raised The Peoples Church “out of the ashes” after fire destroyed our beloved sanctuary 50 years ago.

We continue to **honor their legacy** as we find inspiration in this place to **live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing his love** in our homes, community and world.

PICTURED ABOVE: Jack Patriarche, Bill Hanel and the Rev. Dr. G. Wallace Robertson lay the cornerstone for rebuilding the church following the fire of Feb. 8, 1965.



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Children's Chapel
Confirmation Class
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
Campus Ministry

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Dance 149

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation
Faith Builders | Children's Education
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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TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M. | AKERS DINING HALL



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

FEB. 11

Tomato soup, hamburgers and hot dogs,
cole slaw, mixed fruit, and cookies.



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GIFT
ONLINE

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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 | FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "God Himself Is Present" Flor Peeters

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Gift of Grace"
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

Liturgical Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Love Never Fails" Jill Brickman
Dance 149 choreographed by Jodi Cook

Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 40: 21-31)

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

People: God created all things and summons everyone by name.

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

People: No one – nothing – can compare to God's glory.

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

People: The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth, and never grows tired or weary.

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

People: Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength forever and ever.

Gathering Hymn "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" No. 305
(Please stand if able.)

Procession of the Light of Christ Rebecca Osei-Owusu & Karli Gonzales, acolytes

Prayer of Confession (Inspired by Psalm 147, Matthew 1:29-39)

How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted.

We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly and with little regard to the future. We insist on wars as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need.

You have given to us all that we need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came so that we might learn how you would have us live, in honor and peace.

Forgive us and heal our hearts and spirits. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

(Pew Bible Page 626, Large Print Page 927)

Celebration of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Children's Moment (10:30 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.

*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.*

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Amen, Amen"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:29-39

(Pew Bible Page 1,002, Large Print Page 1,524)

Sermon

"Rhythm"

Rev. Drew Filkins



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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 (10:30 a.m.)

"On Eagles Wings"

Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Act of Praise

**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

Your gifts, O God, are beyond measure, and we respond with joyful praise. You are the home we long for, the family where we discover that we truly belong, the hearth where we are warmed and renewed. We worship you with our whole being, these gifts and our time. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"I Danced in the Morning"

No. 157

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

"Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

Today's Floral Offering

Given "in recognition of the ushers, greeters and others who make our church member centric."



CONNECT

HEARTS ON FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER | FEB. 22

Join us for the annual Chili Cook-Off on Feb. 22 in Snider Social Hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We are looking for chili chefs, tasters and eaters. Greater Lansing Pottery Guild members have generously donated some of their work for the Empty Bowls Fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit those in need in our community. We'll also have a friendly tasting competition, complete with prizes! Contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com if you'll make a chili for the competition.



2015 MEN'S RETREAT | FEB. 20-22

All men are invited to a weekend of manly fun, manly games, manly meals, manly movies, manly conversations and spiritual refreshment, Feb. 20 - 22, at our annual Men's Retreat. This year's retreat is all about "Screen Time: Exploring our Faith through Movies and Conversations" and will take place at the Howell Nature Center. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and end with a chapel service on Sunday morning. Cost is \$95; includes lodging and meals. To learn more or register, contact Aram Kabodian at 517-204-6440.



ASH WEDNESDAY is Feb. 18. Worship Services will be offered at Noon in the Chapel and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A soup supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

PEOPLES 101 | MAR. 1

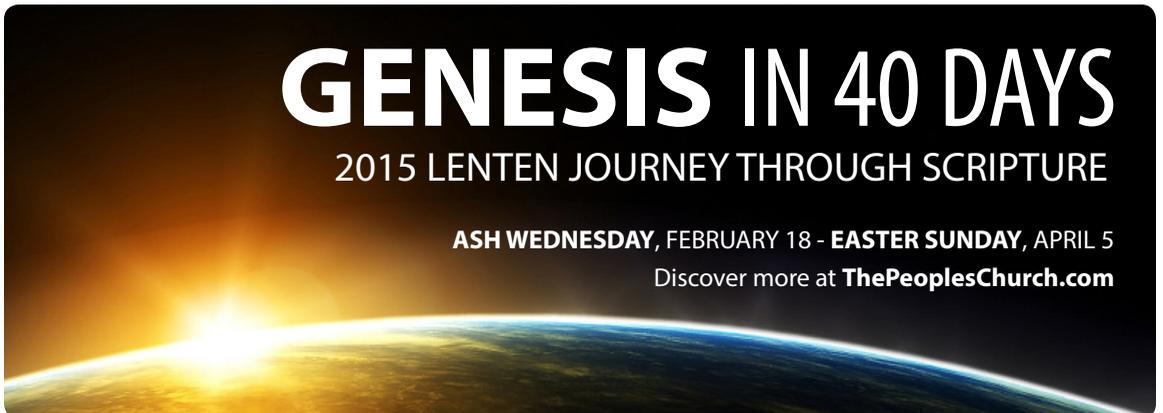
Want to learn more about The Peoples Church? Peoples 101, our informal Q&A session, is hosted on the first Sunday each month in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome.

GENESIS IN 40 DAYS

2015 LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - **EASTER SUNDAY**, APRIL 5

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GROW

BREAKING OPEN PARABLES | FEB. 11

Jesus taught using parables and we have been discussing them for more than 2,000 years. On Feb. 11, Pastor Drew will wrap up his *Wednesday Night Live!* series on understanding and engaging parables. The class is offered at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Come early to enjoy our weekly *WNL!* Community Meal, served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

PEOPLES FORUM | FEB. 15

Join us next Sunday as we welcome church member and vascular surgery consultant Marc Paris to discuss "New Treatments for Vascular Disease." The Peoples Forum hosts a variety of engaging and interesting "voices from our community" each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome.



SECTARIANISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST | FEB. 26

All are welcome to be a part of the next "Great Decisions" discussion set for 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 in the Robertson Room. Join us as Dr. Russell Lucas, associate professor of Arabic studies in MSU's Department of Linguistics and Languages and director of Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities presents "Sectarianism in the Middle East." Developed by the Foreign Policy Association, "Great Decisions" is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Eight topics are chosen each year as the most critical issues facing America. Study books are available in the Church Office for \$16 each and at the Feb. 26 program.

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT | FEB. 27-MAR. 1

The Winter Retreat for high school students will take place as part of the annual Alma Youth Mix from Feb. 27 to March 1. Our very own Pastor Andrew will be the guest speaker! **The registration deadline is Feb. 19.** Cost is \$80. It's guaranteed to be a great weekend of worship, music and fun! For more information, contact Jacob Gates at 517-332-5073 ext. 6264 or jgates@thepeopleschurch.com.



SHARE

ITEMS NEEDED FOR 2015 VBS

Our Children's Christian education program is looking to collect 700 clean gallon milk jugs (not crushed, with lids), large coffee cans, Pringles containers, hot cocoa canisters, oatmeal canisters and soda pop cans in addition to gift cards for supplies to stores, such as Meijer, JoAnn Fabric, Walmart and Michael's for its 2015 summer VBS program. Contact Meaghan Gonzales in the Church Office if you are able to donate any of these items.

BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY WITH FLOWERS

Each Sunday, the beautiful flowers that decorate our Sanctuary are shared with the home-bound members of our church and retirement center residents. A team of volunteers delivers the flowers each Sunday. This is a heart-warming ministry for any individual or family involved. If you would like to volunteer your time to help deliver flowers one Sunday, contact Irene Seahawk at 517-203-0308 or Shirley Noetzold at 517-339-0233.

**FINE ARTS COMMITTEE
ANNOUNCES NEW
LOCAL ARTISTS' EXHIBIT**

The Fine Arts Committee is pleased to present its new Spring 2015 exhibit, "Artists in Action". This exhibit was curated by Fine Arts Committee member Mary Liechty and includes work by creative artists, Janet Halfmann-Erickson, Marilyn Grove, Mary Liechty, Sally McCoy and Jan Reed. All artists are members of The Peoples Church. Works are on display in the west and east corridors of the church. The exhibit runs through April 16. Enjoy!



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PICTURED ABOVE: Community members gather for worship in the main sanctuary of The Peoples Church in this archive photo from before the space was destroyed by fire on Feb. 8, 1965.

SIGN UP | *Return forms to Offertory Plate on Sunday or the Church Office during the week.*

COUNT ME IN FOR THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF!

YES! I will bring a pot of my favorite chili to share.

I can help set up (10 - 11:30 a.m.) I can help clean up (12:30 - 2 p.m.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____