

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 1, 2015

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THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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

#TPCgenesis | Adult Formation
Faith Builders | Children's Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Youth Class

**off this week*

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.

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TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY

You will find a special envelope today inside your bulletin to support the mission of Church World Service's Blankets+ program. This is an annual effort of our Community Engagement Ministry. Checks may be made payable to The Peoples Church.

MEMORIAL DEDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

Sunday Floral Dedications offer members weekly opportunities to celebrate important moments and remember loved ones. Dedications for Sanctuary Flowers may be reserved with a memorial gift of \$85 made payable to The Peoples Church. Gifts benefit the Sanctuary Fund. Sundays may be reserved by using the sign-up notebook located at the Welcome Center or contacting the Church Office at 517-332-5073.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

MAR. 4

Baked Ziti, Mixed Greens Salad, Bread Sticks, Sliced Pears and Sherbert.



MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

ThePeoplesChurch.com/Give

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.*

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Prelude "The Lord is My Shepherd" arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

Minute for Mission Blanket Sunday+ Loretta Johnston

Lenten Call to Worship Claire Lundy, Confirmation Student

Leader: Pilgrims! We are invited to journey through this season of Lent,
People: toward the one who calls us each by a new name.

Leader: Disciples! We walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,
People: pulling our fears, our doubts and our longings behind us.

Leader: Believers! We seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
People: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news that is Christ.

Gathering Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 39
(Please stand if able.)

Procession of the Light of Christ Boyd Cook & Audrey Cook, acolytes

Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, when we catch sight of the totality of your claim on our lives, our believing wavers. When we hear the absurdity of your unbreakable covenant with us, like Sarah and Abraham, we laugh. When we face the foolish wisdom of the looming cross, like Peter, we suggest an alternative. Meet us in our disbelieving, loving God, and move us gently into the deep waters of faith. Amen

Old Testament Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
 (Pew Bible Page 15, Large Print Page 21)

Celebration of Holy Communion

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 Closing Hymn.*

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

New Testament Reading

Mark 8:31-38

(Pew Bible Page 1,011, Large Print Page 1,537)

Sermon

"Generosity as Rebellion Against Contentment"

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.

Thanksgiving and Celebration of Gifts and Talents

Offertory Music

"Adagio in A Minor"

J.S. Bach

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 can only 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, wonderful and loving God. Amen.

Sending Hymn "The Church of Christ in Every Age" **No. 320**

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Choral Lenten Response "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (Verse 1) **No. 775**

*I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

Postlude "Fugue in G Minor" J.S. Bach



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015 KICK OFF
IS TAKING PLACE TODAY IN FRIENDSHIP HALL
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Today's Floral Dedication

Given by Jack & Margaret Bates in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary.

PEOPLES 101 | TODAY

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



CONNECT

WE ARE MAKING A NEW PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Smile! It's that time again. Production of the The Peoples Church 2015 pictorial directory is underway. All members and friends are invited to have a family photo taken to be included as part of this celebration of our faith community. Lifetouch photographers will be on site to take photos March 24-28, 30 & 31, April 14 & 15, and May 1. **Stop by the sign up table in Friendship Hall to schedule your portrait session.** There are no sitting fees and each family will receive a free 8x10 portrait (as well as a directory when it is published this fall). Lifetouch does offer photo packages for those interested. You may also make an appointment at ThePeoplesChurch.com or by contacting Phyllis Grummon in the church office at 517-332-5073.



'SHINING MOMENTS' NOMINATIONS AND APPRECIATION EVENT

You are invited to help celebrate the inspiring people, programs and projects that have made our faith family shine with the light of Christ during the past year. Using our community pillars of CONNECT, GROW, SERVE and SHARE, members and friends are invited to nominate one or more of their peers who they feel have made a positive mark in the life of The Peoples Church during the past year. All nominees will be recognized at an appreciation reception on April 17 in Snider Social Hall. The reception will be followed by a free folk music concert in the sanctuary featuring local artists *Seth and May* and *Gifts or Creatures*. Keep an eye out for more details about this wonderful celebration. Shining Moments nominations are available at the Welcome Center or ThePeoplesChurch.com. Nominations are due to the church office no later than Good Friday, April 3.



SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM



NEXT DROP-OFF: POLYSTYRENE FOAM (SECOND 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.

FIRST SUNDAY: SMALL BATTERIES
SECOND SUNDAY: POLYSTYRENE FOAM

THIRD SUNDAY: PLASTIC #1-7
FOURTH SUNDAY: GREEN GLASS



GROW

GENESIS IN 40 DAYS | MAR. 4

Pastor Andrew and Betsy Aho will lead a review on readings from our community Lenten Bible study of Genesis each week during *Wednesday Night Live!* Discussion will take place 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. For more information, including a reading calendar, visit ThePeoplesChurch.com

PEOPLES FORUM | MAR. 8

Join us next Sunday as we welcome East Lansing Police Lt. Steve Gonzales. 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.



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

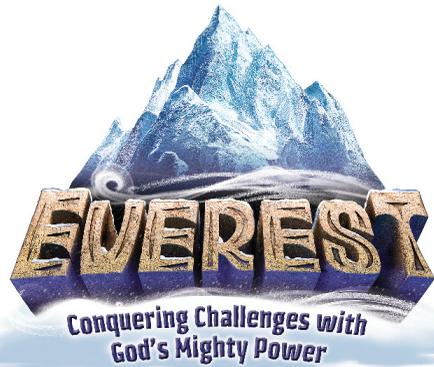
Interested in digging deeper into scripture? Be a part of Monday Morning Bible Study, which gathers at 11 a.m. each week in the Centennial Room. Join us for study and friendship. Questions? Contact Mary Hill at 517-339-2502, Barb Potter at 517-332-4733, or Pastor Drew.

THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

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

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUPS

Our *MORNING MEN'S GROUP* meets at 7:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room and the *AFTER-NOON MEN'S GROUP* meets at 12:00 p.m. in the Library each week.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015 KICK OFF IS TODAY

If you have a child who is between 5 years old and leaving the 5th grade this summer, then EVEREST VBS is the place to be!

If you are a young person leaving 6th or 7th grade this summer, our EVEREST VBS CIT program may be the spot for you!

If you are a young person who is leaving the 8th grade this summer, you don't want to miss the an amazing opportunity to lead!

And if you are an adult who would like to have amazing fun with terrific kids this summer, EVEREST VBS is for you!

TODAY is the first day to register for VBS this summer. Stop by the EVEREST VBS table in Friendship Hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service to find out more about this exciting event.

Discounts are available! Spaces are limited!

Contact Meaghan Gonzales at 517-332-5073 or go to ThePeoplesChurch.com to learn more.



SERVE

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Members of our Community Engagement Ministry look forward to helping families in the greater Lansing area have a wonderful meal on Easter Sunday. They are looking for volunteer drivers to deliver food baskets from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Mar. 29. Questions? Contact Joan Wright at 517-349-1074.

PERSONAL NEEDS BANK

Help stock the Personal Needs Bank. We collect bar soap, deodorant, sanitary pads, tampons, disposable diapers, baby wipes, disposable razors (men's and women's), shaving cream, dish soap, facial tissue or paper towels. The Personal Needs Bank is a joint ministry of The Peoples Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. Donation baskets are located in the Main Sanctuary and at the Welcome Center in the Northwest Entrance.



SHARE

VBS ITEMS NEEDED

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

ELECTRONIC-GIVING OFFERTORY CARDS

If you make your weekly gift to the church electronically, you may also participate in the weekly offertory if your wish. You are invited to pick up one of the "I Made My Gift Online" cards from the Welcome Center or tables in Friendship Hall or the east hallway on your way into the sanctuary. You may then place the card in the offertory plate. Thank you for your continued and generous support of the ministry at The Peoples Church.



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

YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS

I will drive to deliver Easter Food Baskets on Mar. 29.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____