

SUNDAY WORSHIP
MARCH 8, 2015

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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.

#TPCgenesis | Adult Formation
Faith Builders | Children's Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Youga 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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TALENT SHOW MAY 3

The Peoples Church Annual Talent Show is happening on May 3 following 10:30 a.m. worship service! Performers of all ages can sign up to share their talent by contacting Betsy Aho at 517-332-5073 x6074 or eaho@thepeopleschurch.com. Mark your calendar - you won't want to miss this fun and popular event.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

MAR. 11 | TACO NIGHT

Tacos (with all the fixings), Spanish Rice, Mexican Fruit Salad and Churros



**MAKE A
GIFT
ONLINE**

ThePeoplesChurch.com/Give

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.*

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

(Pew Bible Page 1,142, Large Print Page 1,732)

Sermon

"Faith as Rebellion Against Wisdom"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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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 (10:30 a.m.)

"Be Thou a Smooth Way"

Ralph M. Johnson

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan 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

**Creator God, we listen as the heavens declare your glory,
likewise, we seek to sing of your glory.**

(continued)

**And yet sometimes our words fall short.
Our very actions cause us to stumble.**

**Lord, if we appear foolish to the world
Let us proclaim the wisdom of Jesus crucified.**

**Let your presence be within us and around us,
breathing new life into us, so that we may do good.**

**Now let the words of our mouths,
and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you,
O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

Sending Hymn "Come Seek the Ways of Wisdom" **No. 174**

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 "Trumpet Finale" Francesco Manfredini

PASTOR ANDREW WILL HOST AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT
THE OCT. 18-28 ADULT MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA
IN THE FISCHBACH LIBRARY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.
ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED TO ATTEND.

LET US REMEMBER TO KEEP BETSY AHO, PASTOR DREW AND OUR
CAMPUS MINISTRY MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER AS THEY SERVE THE PEOPLE
OF VILLA EL SALVADOR, PERU, DURING NEXT WEEK'S SPRING BREAK.

Today's Floral Dedication

*Given by The Brookover Family in honor of Edna & Wilbur Brookover
and many other family birthdays in March and April.*



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 4. **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: PLASTIC #1-7 (THIRD 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. 11

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. 15

Join us next Sunday as we welcome the retired Rev. Penny Swartz, our former associate pastor. The Peoples Forum hosts a variety of engaging “voices from our community” each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



THURSDAYS WITH JESUS POTLUCK CELEBRATION | MAR. 26

Thursdays With Jesus, a Bible Study for women, began in the fall of 2001 under the guidance of Carol Dooley and Bev Mason. Carol and Bev will no longer be the leaders after March of this year. It’s been an amazing time of fellowship, study, prayer and discussions working out God’s word for our own lives while supporting and loving one another. We would like to invite all who have ever studied with us to join us for a potluck dinner on March 26 in the Robertson Room at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Susan Coopes at gcoopes@wowway.com or 517-349-0450 or Jan Perron at rperron631@aol.com or 517-337-2656.

GREAT DECISIONS:

U.S. POLICY TOWARD AFRICA | MAR. 26

All are welcome to be a part of the next “Great Decisions” discussion set for 4:30 p.m. on Mar. 26 in the Robertson Room. Join us as Dr. David Wiley, MSU professor of sociology and African studies and former director of the African Studies Center, discusses the question: “How can U.S. policy live up to its promise and values while securing its interests in the region?” Africa is in the midst of an unprecedented transformation. The continent is home to some of the fastest growing economies in the world. The U.S. has promised to promote “strong institutions, not strong men,” and to favor good governance and healthy economies over profit. 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 Mar. 26 program.

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.

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.



SERVE

THE KNITTING PEOPLE | MAR. 26

The Knitting People will meet on Mar. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Robertson Room. We invite interested knitters to join us! We are currently working on a variety of projects, especially hats and mittens for children and adults. We have patterns and yarn, and we welcome your knitting fingers as we work to bring warmth and care to area residents in need. Please bring completed projects for blessing and distribution to local schools and shelters. Questions? Contact Mary Anne at 517-214-1487.

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 Apr. 4. Questions? Contact Joan Wright at 517-349-1074.



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.

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 heartwarming 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.

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 Apr. 4.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____