

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015  
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

ROBERTSON ROOM, McCUNE CHAPEL, SNIDER SOCIAL HALL



## WHAT THE HEART DESIRES

WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH | 2015 FALL RETREAT

### Ticket Price: \$30

*Includes program, hot lunch, two snacks and a special take-home gift.*

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bring your favorite cup and saucer or mug for tea or coffee.
- Bring 2-3 photos that are important to you in some way.
- Dress casually and comfortably for the day!

**Registration Deadline**  
**Sunday, October 4**

### CO-FACILITATORS



REV. PENNY  
SWARTZ



BETSY  
AHO

*Tickets will be sold Sunday mornings, Sept. 20 and 27 and Oct. 4 as well as in Women of Peoples Church Board and circle meetings in September.*

Childcare available upon request.

For more information, contact Ruth Ann Ference at 517-381-5186 or [reference2@comcast.net](mailto:reference2@comcast.net)

## 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.**

Coppertones Rehearsal  
Campus Ministry

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

Youth Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 p.m.**

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



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

### A NOTE ABOUT THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY AND SUNDAY WORSHIP



This fall, we have begun using the Narrative Lectionary as our guide through the Word of God during Sunday morning worship. The Narrative Lectionary takes us through the entire story of scripture during the academic year. We start in Genesis and follow the stories of the Old Testament until Christmas. After Christmas, we will be exploring Jesus' life through Mark's Gospel before finally looking at the early church after Easter. This is a great way for us to study the scriptures and reflect on our place in God's narrative as we worship together.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

SEPT. 23

Tomato Basil Soup, Baked Ham,  
Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans  
and Pineapple Pudding



## MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

**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 20, 2015

**Prelude** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Jan Bender

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

**Minute for Mission** Women of Peoples Church Ruth Ann Ference

*Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let us rejoice!

**People: We worship a God of love, joy and enthusiasm!**

Leader: Let us rejoice! Let us celebrate with holy humor.

**People: Let us laugh, let us dance, and let us sing praises of joy!**

Leader: Let us worship our God!

**Gathering Hymn** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty!" **No. 35**  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**Procession of the Light of Christ** Rebecca Osei Owusu & Mia Manolakoudis, acolytes

### Prayer of Confession

**God of promise, Abraham scoffed and Sarah laughed when they were told of your plans for them and their family. Yet you remained faithful to your promise, and gave them a son, Isaac. Help us to trust in your promises for our lives, and to live according to your will. Change our cynicism to laughter, our doubt to belief, our fear to love. Through your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Choral Response of Assurance** (10:30 a.m.)

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

*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.*

**Celebration of Holy Communion** (8:30 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.**

**New Testament Reading**

Mark 10:23-27

(Pew Bible Page 1,014, Large Print Page 1,541)

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

"Thou Who Wast God"

arr. Katherine K. Davis

*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

**Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 18:1-15

(Pew Bible Page 15, Large Print Page 23)

**Sermon**

"Impossible Laughter"

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.**

**Offertory**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

arr. Wilbur Held

**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** (Inspired by Joshua 24)

Leader: Creating God, guide us to put first things first in our lives.

**People: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**

Leader: Christ our Lord, enable us to follow your example.

**People: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, shine your light that our choices may be a reflection.

**People: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**

**Sending Hymn**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

No. 547

**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**

"Toccata in Minor"

Johann Pachelbel

*FOLLOWING TODAY'S 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE . . .*

**CAMPUS MINISTRY: LUNCH & KAYAKING! MEET IN FRIENDSHIP HALL.**

**PERU MISSION 2016: INFORMATIONAL MEETING IN THE ROBERTSON ROOM.**

**YOUTH ADVISORS: INFORMATIONAL MEETING IN THE YOUTH DEN.**

**Today's Floral Offering**

*Given in memory of Clarence W. Minkel by his wife, Phyllis, and children.*



## CONNECT

### SEPTEMBER DATES SET FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS | SEPT. 21-22

Production of the The Peoples Church 2015 pictorial directory continues this fall. All members and friends are invited to have a family photo taken to be included as part of this celebration of our faith community. For those who were unable to have their portrait taken this spring, Lifetouch photographers will return to take photos September 21-22. You can make an appointment online at **ThePeoplesChurch.com** or stop by the sign-up table in Friendship Hall following Sunday worship. 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). For questions or to make an appointment by phone, contact Phyllis Grummon at 517-332-5073.

### PHOEBE CIRCLE | SEPT. 23

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 10 a.m. at Pat Brogan's home in East Lansing. Questions? Contact Renate Carey at 517-324-0262.

### REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE | SEPT. 23

The Rebekah-Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 1 p.m. on Sept. 23 in the Robertson Room for a presentation about The Edgewood Village Partnership. Questions? Contact Cindy Carson at 517-862-8896.

### PEOPLES 101 | OCT. 4

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. The next session will be hosted on Oct. 4. All are welcome.

*We will once again host our Dinners for Eight program. Sign up as singles or couples and enjoy four dinners throughout the upcoming year with other members of our faith community. This is a great way to meet new people from our family of faith and enjoy catching up with old friends.*



## DINNERS FOR EIGHT

### REGISTRATION IS DUE BY OCTOBER 1.

Contact Cheryl Leece at 517-410-1313 or [leece@msu.edu](mailto:leece@msu.edu) or return form into the Church Office.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  Couple  Single

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



## GROW

### CONFIRMATION CLASS | TODAY

Confirmation Class for the 2015-2016 school year will begin on Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room with an informational meeting for parents and students who are interested. Students will continue to meet from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Centennial Room most Sundays until Confirmation Sunday in the spring. Typically, Confirmation is done in 8th grade at The Peoples Church, but older students are welcome. Contact Betsy Aho to register.

### PEOPLES FORUM | SEPT. 27

Join us next Sunday as we welcome missionary Anita Gutierrez and her about her work South Africa. 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.



### MARRIAGE, SEXUALITY, AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH | SEPT. 23 - OCT. 14

Pastors Andrew and Drew will lead a 5-week series on “Marriage, Sexuality and the Life of the Church” as part of WNL! offerings on Sept. 23 and 30 as well as Oct. 7 and 14. This class will explore the biblical passages, historical traditions and modern experiences of marriage and sexuality. Every Christian who has ever read the Bible reads it through the lenses of their own experiences and we are hoping to have many different voices engaged in an open and honest conversation. Join the discussion at 6:30 p.m. each week in the Robertson Room. Our weekly community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.



**PEOPLES CHURCH  
CAMPUS MINISTRY**

**LUNCH & LOUNGE | SUNDAYS @ 11:30 A.M.**



## SERVE

### KNITTING PEOPLE | SEPT. 23

Knitting People will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 23. Join us to knit and crochet prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats and mittens for children and adults in local shelters. New knitters are always welcome. We will help you learn. Questions? Call Mary Anne at 517-214-1487.

### VISITATION TEAM

Our Visitation Team spends time with Peoples Church members confined to their homes or retirement community. Our next team meeting is at 1 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the Robertson Room. Call Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446 or Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517-332-5132 to learn more.

### SNOW PANTS

Lansing area churches provide a variety of clothing for those in need. Snow pants are often badly needed for children in grades K-6. Our Community Engagement Ministry is collecting new or gently used snow pants, or funds to purchase them. Contact Lary Hill at 517-339-2502.



## 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.

**FIRST SUNDAY:** SMALL BATTERIES

**SECOND SUNDAY:** POLYSTYRENE FOAM

**THIRD SUNDAY:** PLASTIC #1-7

**FOURTH SUNDAY:** GREEN GLASS



## Michigan Interfaith Power & Light 10th ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

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**KEYNOTE: SR. SIMONE CAMPBELL**  
"Nun on the Bus" & Executive Director, NETWORK

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS:

Rev. George Heartwell, Mayor, Grand Rapids  
Valerie Brader, Executive Director, MI Agency for Energy



Friday, October 9, 2015 at The Peoples Church of East Lansing

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