

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016



Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

+ Genesis 50:18-21 +

SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Carol Choir Rehearsal
Confirmation Class
PCYG Bible Exploration
Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children’s Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Coppertones Rehearsal
Dance 149

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Holy Moly | Children’s Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Cal Kerr, Chairperson
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A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR . . .

I'd like to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to our congregation for your overwhelming outpouring of support following my announcement regarding my call to serve as a chaplain with the Michigan Air National Guard. It is a call I feel honored to pursue.



This wonderful opportunity to minister to our air men and women is a fitting extension of our congregation's mission to serve our community.

I welcome the chance to continue the conversation with each of you about what this important ministry will mean for me, my family and our congregation.

It is always such a pleasure to learn from your experiences and I invite you to share your thoughts, concerns, hopes and dreams.

Most importantly, I ask for your continued prayers.

Again, **THANK YOU.**

Pastor Andrew



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COVER ART: "Joseph Comforts his Brothers"
by Shoshannah Brombacher, 2008

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 25, 2016

Prelude "Prayer" Jacques Lemmens

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "I Love You, Lord" Laurie Klein
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Inspired by Matthew 11:28-30)

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ —

People: Come and worship!

Leader: Even if you're tired and worn out —

People: Come and worship!

Leader: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying —

People: Come and worship!

Leader: Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you —

People: Come and worship!

Leader: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you —

People: Come and worship!

Gathering Hymn "Sing Glory to the Name of God (Psalm 29)" No. 10

Prayer of Forgiveness (Inspired by Genesis 37)

God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question your presence and your power.

Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives — to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it. Give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. Amen.

Congregational Response

"Listen, God Is Calling"

No. 456

First Reading

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34
(Pew Bible Page 39; Large Print 56)

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.)
You may pick up your child in the McCune Chapel following the worship service.*

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"In the Sweet By-and-By"

arr. Howard Helvey

Second Reading

Genesis 50:15-27
(Pew Bible Page 55; Large Print 79)

Sermon

"Nothing is Unredeemable"

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 Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

arr. Dale Wood

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 Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who, like Joseph, find themselves deeply wounded by people they love — people they thought they knew and trusted — and who are struggling to know how to respond. Use our gifts, our ideas, our talents, and our very lives to make reconciliation and hope a reality.

Sending Hymn

"Make a Joyful Noise to God! (Psalm 66)"

No.54

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

"Break Forth, Ye Heavens!"

Edward Broughton

**PEOPLES CHURCH CAMPUS MINISTRY MEETS EACH SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE. STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO GATHER
WITH CAMPUS MINISTER BETSY AHO IN FRIENDSHIP HALL.
JOIN US FOR FREE LUNCH AND GOOD COMPANY.**

Today's Floral Offering

*Given by Cary & Kristen Grattan in celebration of the birth of Everest Hawk,
Will & Aly Grattan's first born child, on Sept. 8, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio.*



CONNECT

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | SEPT. 28 & OCT. 2

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church? New Members Classes will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 during *Wednesday Night Live!* and following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Oct. 2. Contact the Church Office to RSVP. Childcare is available upon request. All are welcome

'DINNERS FOR 8'

It's once again time to sign up for our annual "Dinners for 8" for the 2016-2017 season. This is a fun opportunity to meet new members of the church and get to know long time members better. There will be four dinners scheduled, starting in November. Groups will differ for each dinner so you will have an opportunity to share meals with a variety of groups. Please sign up quickly as a minimum of 16 couples are necessary to arrange groupings. Singles also are welcome. The more the merrier! Reservation deadline is Oct. 1. Contact Cheryl at 517-410-1313 or leece@msu.edu.



WPC RETREAT: 'THE CUP OF LIFE' | OCT. 13

The Women of Peoples Church will host its annual Fall Retreat from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 in the Robertson Room. Our presenter will be Jean Schaub, who will talk to us about "The Cup of Life." Jean has a Master's Degree in Theology from Loyola University and has teaches religious studies at Sienna Heights University. A light breakfast and lunch provided. Cost is \$25. Tickets are available each Sunday in the Northwest Entrance and at Circle Meetings.



MEN'S FALL RETREAT:

'EVERYBODY MATTERS' | OCT. 21-23

All men are invited to a weekend of fun games, delicious meals, great conversations and spiritual refreshment Oct. 21-23 during our Fall Men's Retreat at the Howell Nature Center. This year's retreat, "Everybody Matters" will be led by LaShawn Erby, a Christian social activist and entrepreneur. The retreat begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and ends Sunday morning with a chapel service. Cost is \$100 for the weekend and includes lodging and meals or \$75 for Saturday's program only. Registration brochures are available in the Northwest Entrance.



PHOEBE CIRCLE | SEPT. 28

WPC's Phoebe Circle will gather at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 28 at the home of Sally McCoy, 926 Wildwood Dr. in East Lansing. Questions? Contact Renate Carey at renatecarey@yahoo.com.

REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE | SEPT. 28

WPC's Rebekah-Hannah Circle will gather at 1 p.m. on Sept. 28 in the Robertson Room. Marcia Beer, director of Southside Community Kitchen, will be our special guest.

LOU & PETER BERRYMAN CONCERT | OCT. 9

Musical humorists Lou and Peter Berryman will perform at The Peoples Church at 7 p.m. on Oct. 9. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door and at LouAndPeter.com.

ALMA COLLEGE CHOIR | OCT. 23

We will once again welcome the wonderful Alma College Choir to The Peoples Church as they help to lead our 10:30 a.m. worship service on Oct. 23. A lunch reception will follow in Snider Social Hall.





GROW

GRIEF RECOVERY & SUPPORT | SEPT. 28

Abigail Waller, LMSW is a clinical social worker who has lived in East Lansing with her family for more than 10 years. In 2011, she co-founded the Art for Charlie Foundation to support children with life-threatening illnesses and families who have lost a child. Abigail is honored to partner with The Peoples Church ministry team to provide grief support for individuals and families. Her role will be to offer a safe and understanding place in which anyone in our church community can talk about loss and in which families can learn how to provide one another with the support they need. The partnership is made possible through generous gifts made to support this ministry. Grief counseling will be offered through pastor-based referrals. She will present more about this ministry at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 during *WNL!* at the Peoples Forum at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 9, each in the Robertson Room.

PEOPLES FORUM | OCT. 2

Next Sunday, the Peoples Forum welcomes Big Ten Referee Bob Cantrell, who will speak to us about College Football Officiating. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

'REVEALING REVELATION' | MONDAYS

Mysterious scrolls, four-horned creatures and a beast rising out of the sea. These are a few of the weird images that Revelation contains. Join us each week at 11 a.m. in the Robertson Room for Monday Morning Bible. Pastor Drew leads us as we study of the Book of Revelation and explore its meaning for today. All are welcome.

'LISTENING TO OTHER FAITH TRADITIONS' WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! | OCT. 5 - NOV. 16

We excited programs to begin our adult formation program "Listening to Other Faith Communities," on Oct. 5 during Wednesday Night Live! Join us each week, through Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room as we welcome many different faith leaders from our community as they share about their own faith. We will hear from our Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Baha'i, Sikh neighbors and more. Come early to enjoy our weekly Community Meal with friends at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

BURCHAM HILLS BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Andrew leads a weekly evening Bible study of Judges from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. each Thursday, on the fourth floor at the Burcham Hills Retirement Community, 2700 Burcham Dr. in East Lansing. All are welcome.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Gather with others looking to dive deeper into the scripture passages each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fischbach Library. We explore the passages read during worship.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL



SEPTEMBER 28

Chicken Noodle Soup
Rosemary Pork Loin
Mashed Redskin Potatoes
Steamed Green Beans
Baked Apples
Frozen Yogurt



SERVE

NYAKA CELEBRATES 15 YEARS! | OCT. 6

The Nyaka AIDS Orphan Project will host its *One By One Celebration* from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Oct 6 at the University Club. The late Dr. Curt Liechty, a beloved member of The Peoples Church, will be honored. To reserve tickets to the event, go to NyakaSchool.org or contact the Nyaka Office at 517-575-6623.



RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Beginning Oct. 2, The Peoples Church Recycling Program's Sunday Collection will be reserved for **batteries and polystyrene foam ONLY**. Items can be dropped off in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to only drop off items on Sundays. 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. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



SHARE

FALL YARD DAY CLEAN UP | OCT. 22

Many hands make light work ... Join members of the Building & Grounds Ministry for our annual Fall Yard Day clean up from 9 a.m. to Noon on Oct. 22. Help to make our church campus beautiful and make a new friend or two along the way. Questions? Contact Matt Gosselin at mattcatgosselin@comcast.net or 517-484-6813.

SUNDAY FLOWER MEMORIAL GIFTS

Sunday Floral Dedications offer members weekly opportunities to celebrate and remember loved ones. Dedications may be reserved with a memorial gift of \$85 to benefit the Sanctuary Fund. Reserve a Sunday using the notebook at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office at 517-332-5073.



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

I WANT TO HELP ON SPRING YARD CLEAN UP DAY | 9 A.M. - NOON ON OCT. 22

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I will bring my own: Rakes Trimmers Blower Hedge Trimmer

Ext. Cords Other: _____

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