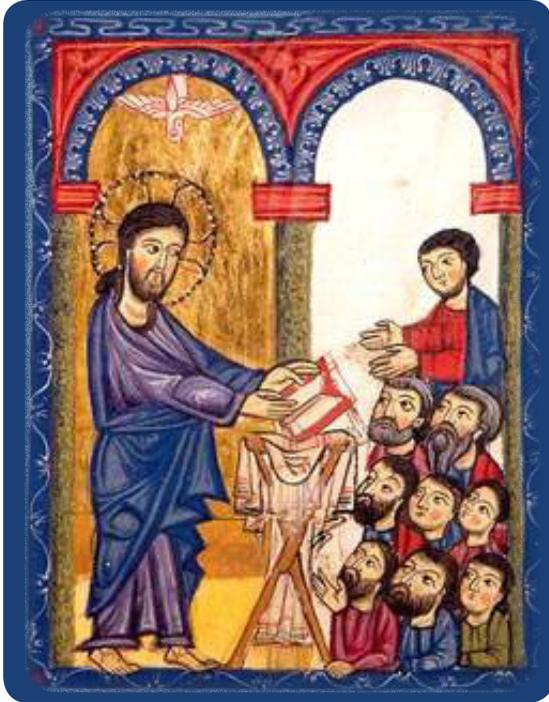


SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 15, 2017



*He found the place where it is written:
“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim
good news to the poor...”*

+ Luke 4:17-19 +

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

**Off this Week*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Kids Serve | Children’s Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class



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Appointments by Pastoral Referral

COUNCIL OF ELDERS | Our Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

Alan Canady, Chairperson
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A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR . . .

In recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, today's worship service contains prayers written by the Rev. Dr. King, his favorite hymns, and themes throughout the service that were reflected in his sermons and writings.

He is arguably the most influential American theologian and preacher from the last century.

It is an honor to use his theological thoughts in today's service and I hope you will join me in giving thanks to God for his life, work, and ministry.

Pastor Andrew



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | JAN. 29

The Council of Elders approved its proposed 2017 operating budget at its November meeting. The budget will be presented to the congregation for final approval during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 29. The 2017 Annual Campaign begins today. Please return your pledge of support in the Sunday Offering or to the Church Office no later than Feb. 19.



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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.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 15, 2016

Prelude "Balm in Gilead" arr. L.N. Porter

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Lift Every Voice and Sing" arr. L.N. Porter
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship

(One of King's very last public prayers, recited at the end of his sermon "Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution." This sermon was preached at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on March 31, 1968, five days before he was assassinated. King paraphrases Job 38:6-7.)

Leader: Let us pray together.

People: God grant that we will be participants in this newness and this magnificent development. If we will but do it, we will bring about a new day of justice and brotherhood and peace. And that day the morning stars will sing together and the sons of God will shout for joy. God bless you.

Gathering Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" No. 263
(Please stand if able.)

(King quoted this hymn in a 1957 sermon, saying the Easter message was encapsulated in this song.)

A Prayer for King's Vision

(This statement resembles a prayer as delivered at the conclusion of King's "Some Things We Must Do" speech on December 5, 1957)

God grant that right here in America and all over this world, we will choose the high way; a way in which men will live together as brothers. A way in which the nations of the world will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. A way in which every man will respect the dignity and worth of all human personality. A way in which every nation will allow justice to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. A way in which

men will do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. A way in which men will be able to stand up, and in the midst of oppression, in the midst of darkness and agony, they will be able to stand there and love their enemies, bless those persons that curse them, pray for those individuals that spitefully use them. And this is the way that will bring us once more into that society which we think of as the brotherhood of man. This will be that day when white people, colored people, whether they are brown or whether they are yellow or whether they are black, will join together and stretch out with their arms and be able to cry out: "Free at last! Free at last! Great God Almighty, we are free at last!" Amen.

Congregational Response "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" **No. 744**

First Reading Psalm 146
(Pew Bible Page 625; Large Print 927)

Anthem (King's favorite Gospel hymn) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" **No. 835**
8:30 a.m., Congregation / 10:30 a.m., Choir

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

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

*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.*

Passing the Peace of Christ (Please stand if able.)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Second Reading Luke 4:14-30
(Pew Bible Page 1,030; Large Print 1,565)

Sermon "King's Beloved Community" Rev. Andrew Pomerville
 [@Connect2TPC #TPCsermon](#)

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.

Annual Campaign 2017 "ONE faith, ONE hope, ONE community in Christ"
Crystal & Jack Branta, Co-Chairs

Offertory (10:30 a.m.) "Steal Away" arr. Gilbert Martin

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

O God, make us willing to do your will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ. Amen.

Sending Hymn "We Shall Overcome" No. 379
(Please stand if able.)

(King incorporated this text into themes throughout his sermons and used this song during many of his worship services.)

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 "Epilogue" Norman Gilbert

Today's Floral Offering

Given by Frank Marxer in memory of Celia Wycoff-Marxer and Carol Turner.



CONNECT

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | JAN. 18 & 22

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church? New Members Classes will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 during *Wednesday Night Live!* and following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 22. Contact the Church Office to RSVP. Childcare is available upon request. All are welcome.

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE | JAN. 25

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet for lunch at Coral Gables in East Lansing, at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 25. Questions? Contact Joan at 517-349-1074 or Gretchen at 517-322-5132.

2017 HEARTS-ON-FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER | FEB. 5

The 2017 Hearts-On-Fire Chili Cook-Off and Empty Bowls Fundraiser will take place following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Feb. 5 in Snider Social Hall. Sign up to enter your chili or help out during the event at ThePeoplesChurch.com. Questions? Contact the Welcome Ministry's Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com.



SERVE

RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Earth Stewardship Committee is in need of volunteers to deliver Styrofoam collected as part of our Sunday Recycling Program to Dart Container in Mason. Interested? Contact Facility Director Andy Mayville at 517-908-4444 or amayville@thepeopleschurch.com.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET APPRECIATION

Thank you to those who helped deliver Christmas food baskets to families in the Lansing area on Christmas Eve. The generous gift of your time was much appreciated.

- Food Basket Committee, Community Engagement Ministry

HELP WITH HOMEWORK

Our Edgewood Village Partnership is looking for volunteers to help students with homework from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (M-Th). Interested? Contact Mimi Burpee at 517-374-1313.

HOSPICE VISITORS NEEDED

McLaren Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit with patients in nursing facilities or their homes a few hours each month. Questions? Contact Suzanne Mauer at 517-975-9915 or Suzanne.Maurer@mcclaren.org.



PCYG WINTER RETREAT | FEB. 3-5

The PCYG Winter Retreat for middle and high school students is just around the corner. We will travel to Grace Adventures camp near Muskegon from Feb. 3 to 5 for daily worship opportunities, fellowship with other students and tons of fun activities, like gaga, rock climbing, snow tubing, broom ball, open gym time, arts and crafts and an exploration of Lake Michigan's frozen shoreline. Contact Youth Director Jacob Gates at jgates@thepeopleschurch.com to learn more.



GROW

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! | JAN. 18 **'OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH NYAKA'**

We continue to look at our mission partnership with Nyaka Aids Orphans Project. on Jan. 18, with the presentation of "Cornerstone," a documentary featuring Nyaka. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Come early to enjoy our weekly Community Meal with friends at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

DORCAS CIRCLE | JAN. 17

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17 in the Robertson Room. Our guest speaker will be Aram Kabodian who will talk about "The Writing Project and How it Helps Teachers." Contact Phyllis Gaulden at 517-483-0930.

PEOPLES FORUM | JAN. 22

Next Sunday, the Peoples Forum welcomes Pastor Andrew & Rachael Pomerville and Pete & Kurt Guter to share about their December visit to Nyaka in Uganda. Join us at 9 :30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

READING PEOPLE | JAN. 19

The Reading People gather at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 in the Robertson Room to discuss "The Two-Family House" by Lynda Cohan Loigman. Questions? Contact Joanne at 517-349-5977.

GREAT DECISIONS | JAN. 26 **'SAUDI ARABIA IN TRANSITION'**

As Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to the drastic decline in oil revenue, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman is attempting to transform the country and shift more power to the younger generation. At the same time, many countries such as the United States criticize the nation's lack of democracy, human rights violations, and blame its promotion of Wahhabism for creating jihadists. On Jan. 26, we welcome Dr. Russell Lucas, Associate Professor of Arabic Studies in MSU's Department of Linguistics and Languages, to discuss "Saudi Arabia in Transition." Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. We meet from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Topic books are available for \$20 each. Questions? Contact Mary Anne at malarz@aol.com or Sandy at sbryson@msu.edu.



PEOPLES CHURCH
CAMPUS MINISTRY

HELP SUPPORT CAMPUS MINISTRY SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP | JAN. 22

We are excited to partner with Habitat for Humanity in St. Lucie County, Fla., for our annual Spring Break Mission Trip this March. We invite you to support our efforts when we lead worship next Sunday. On Jan. 22, we will unveil our Wall of Blessings - 12 dozen envelopes numbered from 1 through 144. Each envelope includes a message from a student and asks that you commit to donating the corresponding \$1 to \$144. Keep the message and return the envelope with your donation to the office or Sunday offertory by Feb. 5. Wall of Blessings donations benefit the Campus Mission Trip Fund.

ONE *faith* ONE *hope* ONE *family* IN CHRIST

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2017

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL GENEROSITY.

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

2017 HEARTS OF FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER

YES! I want to participate in the 2017 Hearts on Fire Chili Cook-Off and Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Feb. 5 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

- I have a fantastic chili to share. I will bring a warmed crock-pot full of delicious chili to Snider Social Hall by 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 5.
 - Youth Entry (Under 18)
 - Adult Entry (18 and Over)
- I will help set-up for the event.
 - Saturday, Feb. 4 (Time TBD)
 - Sunday, Feb. 5 (9 to 10 a.m.)
- I will help during the event as a server, rover or buffet line worker.
- I will help clean up after the event. (Noon - 2 p.m.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Questions? Contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com or 517-256-2655.