

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

## APRIL 30, 2017



*Congratulations*  
**CONFIRMATION**  
**CLASS OF 2017**

*Jayna Henry*

*Sydney Nagel*

*Adam Laxton*

*Matthew Paris*

*Mia Manolakoudis*

*Tess Piper*

*Matthew McMahon*

*Ethan Phillips*

## SUNDAY MORNING

**8:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Chapel

**9:30 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School  
Carol Choir Rehearsal  
PCYG Bible Exploration  
Peoples Forum

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Children's Sunday School

**11:30 a.m.**

Coppertones Rehearsal

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

Youth Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 p.m.**

Rumble in the Robertson Room  
Kids Serve | Children's Education  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Deborah Discussion | WPC  
Yoga Class



**THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

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**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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## FREE CONCERT | MAY 13

Lansing songwriter Joshua Barton and band Seerstones run a gauntlet of doubt while grasping at hope in the acoustic arrangements of their album "Witness." Join Joshua for a free all-ages show on May 13 in the McCune Chapel at The Peoples Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 7 p.m. Joshua and his family are active participants at The Peoples Church. Learn more about Joshua's music and "Witness," his first recorded collaboration with the band Seerstones, at [JoshuaBartonMusic.com](http://JoshuaBartonMusic.com)



**MAKE A  
GIFT  
ONLINE**

[ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE](http://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 | APRIL 30, 2017

**Prelude**                      *"Suite Gothique: Introduction and Allegro"*                      Leon Boellmann

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

**Call to Worship** (Adapted from our Confirmation students' Faith Statements.)

Leader:    Worship proves our love for the Lord

**People:    And our thanksgiving everything that Jesus provides for us.**

Leader:    Worship shows that we care  
              and that we are willing to prove our love  
              for everything that surrounds us.

**People:    Let our worship this morning show our gratitude,  
              our thankfulness and our praise for our Lord. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**                      "Lord, When I Came Into This Life"                      No. 691  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**Procession of the Light of Christ**                      Luke Nunez & Morgan Manolakoudis, acolytes

**Prayer of Confession** (Adapted from our Confirmation students' Faith Statements.)

**We believe God is always there for us and is the creator of the world.**

**We believe that the Holy Spirit is within every single person.**

**We believe that when we worship God through communion and scripture  
it will bring us closer to God and heaven.**

**We believe that when Jesus died on the cross, he cleaned everyone's soul so  
that they are able to meet God.**

**We believe that through prayer, we can connect with God and Jesus and we  
can talk directly with them, because they are always by our side.**

**Thank you Lord for your grace and love. Amen.**

**Dance 149**                      *Choreographed and performed by Haley Phillips & Denali Pomerville*

**First Reading**

Psalm 86:1-13

(Pew Bible Page 863; Large Print 771)

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

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

"We All Bow Down"

arr. Lenny LeBlanc

Youth Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed

**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.**

**Celebration of Baptism**

Debbie Ann Jenks (8:30 a.m.)

Ethan Phillips (10:30 a.m.)

**We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,  
and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity,  
unselfishness and service which he exemplified to the world.**

**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.**

**Second Reading**

Acts 6:1-7

(Pew Bible Page 1,096; Large Print 1,664)

**Sermon**

"A Growing Family"

Rev. Drew Filkins



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**Celebration of Confirmation** (10:30 a.m.)

Jayna Henry

Matthew McMahon

Tess Piper

Adam Laxton

Matthew Paris

Sydney Nagel

Mia Manolakoudis

Ethan Phillips

## **Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

### **Offertory**

“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

arr. Hal Hopson

### **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** (Adapted from our Confirmation students’ Faith Statements.)

**Lord, you are repairing this world. You are healing our relationships with you, with each other, with ourselves and with the world around us. May the gifts of our time, treasures and talents be used to join you in the repairing of this world. It is through the name of Jesus Christ, the one who is always with us, we pray. Amen.**

### **Recognition of Sunday School Teachers and Helpers**

Amy BATTERY

Holy Filkins

Jennifer Gabriel

Beth & Jon Lundy

Jodi Cook

Tammy Fickies

Phyllis Grummon

Rachell Pomerville

Carol & Ron Dooley

David Forsberg

Jennifer & Paul Nagel

Jenn & Lew Worthington

Raleigh Canady

Kelsey Mongoven

Trinity Kelly

Sydney Nagel

Mia Manolakoudis

Dean Przybylski

### **Sending Hymn**

*(Please stand if able.)*

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

**No. 700**

### **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**

“Festival Voluntary”

Flor Peeters

### **Today’s Floral Offering**

*Given by Dorothy VanLooy in memory of her parents, John & Emma Ready.*

### **WNL! RUMBLE IN THE ROBERTSON ROOM | WEDNESDAY**

Back by popular demand, "Rumble in the Robertson Room" has returned to our *Wednesday Night Live!* lineup. Join Pastor Andrew, Pastor Drew and Betsy Aho as they debate topics of our faith and spiritual life together each week through May 10. This week's topic is "Scripture: What is it good for?" Our community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall. The Rumble begins at 6:30 p.m.

### **PEOPLES FORUM | MAY 7**

Join us next Sunday as we welcome nurses from the Sparrow Cancer Team. The Forum is hosted at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Robertson Room.

### **NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS**

Our next round of New Member Inductions will take place at 6 p.m. on May 3 during *Wednesday Night Live!* and during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on May 7. If you have attended a New Members Class and have decided you are ready to join The Peoples Church, contact Diane Shafer, Welcome Ministry Co-Chair, at [dm-shafer2001@gmail.com](mailto:dm-shafer2001@gmail.com) or 517-388-0437.

### **VBS NEEDS YOUR EMPTY CONTAINERS**

"Hero Central" is looking for clean plastic containers of all shapes and sizes, from gallon milk jugs on down for our Craft Headquarters. If you have some items to share, drop them off at the church office. Children who have completed Kindergarten through the fifth grade can register for our 2017 VBS program June 19-23 at Woldumar Nature Center. Cost for the week is \$25 (pre- and post-camp care is available). Questions? Contact Julie Bills.

### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Council of Elders appointed a Search Committee to fill the new position of Associate Pastor for Campus Activity and Communications. Committee members include Wayne Budde, Chair, Martha Bristor, Mimi Burpee, Christine McCreedy, Susan Reedy and Ben Eysselinck. The Search Committee has begun the organizational process with the assistance of Dr. Campbell Lovett from the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ and will be meeting in earnest to get the search moving.

### **SPRING YARD CLEAN UP | MAY 6**

*Many hands make light work...* Mark your calendars for our annual Spring Yard Clean Up day. Join us from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on May 6 as we work to tidy up the church campus.

### **PEOPLES 101 | MAY 7**

Do you have questions about The Peoples Church? Come to Peoples 101 on May 7 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will gather in the Robertson Room for an informal discussion.

### **RIVER CLEAN UP | MAY 13**

The Earth Stewardship Committee invites you to join a community event to clean up the Grand River from 10 a.m. to noon on May 13. This annual event is sponsored by Impression 5 and the Board of Water and Light. We will meet at Impression 5 in Lansing. Be sure to bring a pair of work gloves. Lunch will be provided.

## TUTORS NEEDED

As MSU tutors finish their term in May, Edgewood Village is looking for volunteers, Monday through Thursday, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m., to provide homework help and computer lab assistance to K-8 students, now through the end of the school year. Please contact Mimi Burpee at 517-349-0806 or [mimburpee@gmail.com](mailto:mimburpee@gmail.com) if you are able to participate on any of these days.

## DESK RECEPTIONISTS

Volunteers are needed to offer their time as a desk receptionist at the Edgewood Village Network Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You may offer your help once a month or more depending on your availability. Please contact Cheryl Leece at [leecem44@gmail.com](mailto:leecem44@gmail.com) or 517-410-1313 to learn more of sign up.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

Calling all gardeners . . . Come lend your "green thumbs" or just enjoy working with friends at the Edgewood Village Garden this summer. We will gather from 5 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday from May through August. Please contact Lary Hill at [onerlary@comcast.net](mailto:onerlary@comcast.net) or 517-339-2502 to learn more of sign up.



## EDGEWOOD VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP

SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLES CHURCH OF EAST LANSING

- I WILL BE A TUTOR** | 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.
  - Mon.  Tues.  Wed.  Thur.
  
- I WILL HELP AS A RECEPTIONIST** | 6 - 8 p.m.
  - Mon.  Tues.  Wed.  Thur.
  
- I WILL HELP GARDEN** | 5 - 8 p.m.
  - May 24  June 28
  - July 26  August 23
  - September 27  October 25

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Women of Peoples Church

Present our Annual

### Strawberry Brunch

Saturday, May 13, 2017  
11:00 a.m. Snider Social

**\$10.00 per person**  
Children under 5 free

Quiche, strawberry shortcake,  
muffins & beverages

Featuring:

Diane Newman, Founding Director  
Missy Lije, Executive Director

 HAPPENDANCE

Proverbs 31:29 Many women  
do noble things, but you surpass them all. NIV

*A Blessing for Generations*  
*Circle of Strength*  
*Founded in Faith*  
*Kept by God*

# Legacy

**SIGN UP** | Return form 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 MAY 6**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring my own:  Rakes  Trimmers  Blower  Hedge Trimmer  
 Ext. Cords  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Matt Gosselin at 517.484.6813 or [mattcatgosselin@comcast.net](mailto:mattcatgosselin@comcast.net)

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE LIBRARY'S USED BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

- 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- 2 to 4 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE WPC JEWELRY SALE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 19 (SET-UP)**

- 9:30 a.m. until complete.

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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