

SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 24, 2017



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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.

Coppertones Rehearsal
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Dance 149

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Children's Education K-5

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Middle School Youth Group
Yoga Class
(Childcare for infant/preschool)



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.

Alan Canady, Chairperson
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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.

SAVE THE DATE!

PROFESSOR DAVID STOWE

"Song of Exile: The Enduring Mystery of Psalm 137"

Don't miss the chance to hear Professor David Stowe speak, here at The Peoples Church, in October as he leads us through the journey of the mystery surrounding Psalm 137.

Be sure to join one of the following lively discussions:

October 18 at WNL!

October 22 at Peoples Forum & during worship



MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Following the Children's Moment, Julie Bills, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Prelude "Toccatina in C" Gordon Young

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "The Heavens Are Telling from Creation" Franz Josef Haydn
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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.

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13 Rev. Betsy Aho
(Pew Bible Page 283; Large Print 402)

Call to Worship

Leader: Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of the universe.

People: You transform shepherds into kings,

Leader: the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,

People: and hardened hearts into compassionate ones.

Leader: Bless us this day with your life-giving Spirit,

People: and shape us to your purposes, through Jesus Christ.

Gathering Hymn "Amazing Grace" No. 649

Procession of the Light of Christ Kate Dana and Ava Giltner, Acolytes

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.

Congregational Response "God Welcomes All"

No. 399

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

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

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

(Children are invited to participate in Sunday School at the conclusion of the Children's Moment)

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Thou Art God"

Lionel Bourne

Second Reading Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23
(Pew Bible Page 26; Large Print 38)

Sermon "Don't Trust Guys With Beards"
 @Connect2TPC #TPCsermon

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Hymn of Response "Take, O Take Me As I Am"

No. 698

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory "O, Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells"
Peter Boylan, baritone

arr. Howard Helvey

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

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. Teach us to measure our wealth, not by what we have, but what we have given away. Let us give generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 611

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 "My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker"

Jan Bender

2017 CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Each household can pick up one in Friendship Hall or at the carnival.



Today's Floral Offering

Given in recognition of Marge and Doug Kik's 25th wedding anniversary!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church? Come to one of our next New Members Classes for more information. You have your choice of Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, October 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room (located in the lower level inside the Snider Social Hall). Classes last about 90 minutes. If interested, please call the church office at 517-332-5073 to register and request child care if needed.

FIGHTING HUNGER: CROP WALK

Save the date to fight hunger in this community and the world! The 2017 CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. at Lansing STEM Academy (2600 Hampden Drive, Lansing). More information available at crophungerwalk.org and from Loretta Johnston who will be signing up walkers and accepting CROP Walk donations in upcoming weeks.



SERMON PREP

Join Pastor Andrew for a preview of Sunday's scripture readings. This dynamic group helps prepare Sunday sermons and offers wonderful opportunities to dive deeper into scripture. All are welcome to attend at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Robertson Room.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet this Thursday, September 28 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. New knitters welcome!

A TEACHER'S APPRECIATION

Katie Swords, a teacher at Reo Elementary in Lansing, sent a heartfelt thank you to the congregation for the school supplies she received. She said,

"Dear Peoples Church, I wanted to let you know how thankful I am for your donated school supplies. Teaching in an urban school with limited resources can be challenging for students, me as a teacher, and my bank account. Your generous support of Reo School is a positive note to start the school year. Your effort does not go unappreciated." Sincerely, Katie Swords

THE PEOPLES FORUM

Next Sunday, October 1 The Peoples Forum welcomes John Findley, Executive Chef at the MSU University Club. Although many of us have eaten at the University Club, and enjoyed a variety of food choices, how many of us really know what it takes to feed literally thousands of meals each week and try to please everyone? John is an East Lansing native who will delight us with "his story" and what he does on a regular basis to feed and please a variety of palates. The Peoples Forum welcomes a different speaker each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join us each Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room as Pastor Drew leads us in discussion and exploration of Luke and Acts—the wonderful gospel set in two parts.



LET'S PLAY: PARENTS & KIDS GROUP

After a summer break, let's meet up again! On Sunday, October 8, in the sweet spot between services at 9:30 a.m., let's get together in the gym on the lower level for some fun. Kids can run (or crawl) around and parents can chat and enjoy a warm drink! This group is geared toward families with infants through preschoolers; older siblings are welcome, too! For more information, contact Margaret Tassarò at: mtassarò@gmail.com.

NYAKA MOVIE SCREENING

On October 5 at 6:00 p.m., our international mission partner, Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project, will be holding a screening of a documentary on the work of Nyaka in Uganda at Studio C!. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at nyakaschool.org. Funds will help to support the grandmothers and children of Uganda.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Meets Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Den. All 9 - 12th graders are invited; join us!

DORCAS CIRCLE

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. For more information, please contact Phyllis Gauden at 517-482-0930.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in The Lounge. Questions? Please contact Jess Eysselinck at jessica@eysselinck.com.

REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE

Wednesday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Andy Mayville, our Facility Director, will lead a discussion on "The Peoples Church Funerals and Memorial Garden."

PHOEBE CIRCLE

Wednesday, September 27 at 9:30 am. in the Robertson Room. Join us for fellowship, music, and singing. Judy Kabodian, our gifted organist, will present, "Music Fills My Heart & Soul." For more information, please call Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446.

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR DREW!



Please join me in celebrating with and congratulating Pastor Drew Filkins on his acceptance into the American Baptist conference of Michigan on September 21!

Pastor Andrew



A GARDEN JOURNEY

WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH FALL RETREAT 2017

OCTOBER 13 (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)

OCTOBER 14 (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Contact Jessica Eysselinck to register today!



COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE

TODAY!

**See you downstairs in the
Snider Social Hall for games,
food, and prizes!**

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ALL CHURCH CARNIVAL



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. - Community Dinner (Snider Social Hall)

6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir (Youth Den)

Children's Programming (3rd Floor)

6:30 p.m. - Yoga (Yellow Room, 3rd Floor)

Adult Programming (Robertson Room)

• This week: Texts of Terror with Pastor Betsy

Middle School Youth Group (Youth Den)