

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 20, 2018



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

PCYG Bible Exploration

Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! SUMMER EDITION BEGINS

June 13, 2018

Join us in Friendship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a fresh, summer meal and a brief Communion Service. All are welcome.



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.

Jennifer Nagel, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment. 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. 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.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP | MAY 20, 2018

Prelude (10:30 a.m.)

"Great Joy, Quiet Trust"
Coppertones, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Stan Engle

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

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.

Processional of Seniors

"Joyful Bell Processional"

Nancy Cappel

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and worship!

People: We will praise the One between, within, and over.

Leader: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

People: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love, calling us to do the same.

Leader: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

People: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.

Leader: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

People: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!

Gathering Hymn

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

No. 289

Procession of the Light of Christ

Abby Lindley and Piper Williams, Acolytes

First Reading

Genesis 11: 1-9
(Pew Bible Page 10; Large Print 15)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Betsy Aho

Lord God, thank you for this day of Pentecost when we celebrate the coming of your promised Holy Spirit. We give thanks that in eons past you poured out your Spirit on the earth, fashioning men and women in your image to enjoy the wonders of nature you had created; that you kept rescuing us from ourselves despite our foolish ways and our lack of understanding of what it means to be your children.

Lord, we give you thanks that you have kept your promises throughout the ages, even when you despaired of our ever grasping the importance of placing you first in our lives, and that you took steps to show us the futility of our actions.

At Easter, through your Son, Jesus the Christ, you were glorified;

(continued)

**At Pentecost, through your Holy Spirit, you set the early church on fire and led the disciples into the world to preach your Word. May all praise and worship be yours!
Amen.**

Congregational Response "Spirit of the Living God" No. 288
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (repeat)
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Celebration of Baptism Nico Louis Cervone
Born September 22, 2017

Statement of Faith **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.**

Baptismal Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 475

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

Passing the Peace of Christ *(Please stand if able. Children are dismissed at this time and can be picked up after service on the third floor)*

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

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(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.

Senior Recognition Carley Cruse • Logan Hindley • Christian Lundy • Claire Lundy
Kelsey Mongoven • Isaac Pratt • Dean Przybylski

Anthem "Come Down, O Love Divine" arr. John Leavitt
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Acts 2: 1-13
(Pew Bible Page 1,091 ; Large Print 1,657)

Sermon "Well, That Was Weird" Rev. Drew Filkins
 [@Connect2TPC#TPCSermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCSermon)

Offertory (10:30 a.m.) "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Lloyd Larson
Victoria Walker, pianist

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

God of wind and flame, blow into our lives. Ignite the fire of hope; fan the flames of possibility. Transform us into a people who share your love with a world in pain, a people who proclaim your hope into a world given to despair, a people who live as though the world can be changed into the kingdom that is to come. Amen.

Closing Hymn "We Are One in the Spirit" No. 300

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 "How Excellent Is Thy Name" arr. Dick Tunney



Today's Floral Offering

Given in celebration of Dean Przybylski on his 18th birthday and his upcoming graduation, by his parents.

Congratulations!



Carley Cruse

Logan Hindley

Christian Lundy

Claire Lundy

Kelsey Mongoven

Isaac Pratt

Dean Przybylski

"If you can dream it, you can do it!"
Walt Disney

JEWELRY & USED BOOKS!

The WPC annual Jewelry Sale and The Peoples Church Fishbach Library annual Used Book Sale is happening **TODAY from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Come explore and browse both sales to find the perfect items and books!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Wednesday Night Live! is on hiatus and will return with Summer programming on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum is on summer break and will return this September with a new line up of speakers.

SUMMER CAMP

The Peoples Church Preschool is now enrolling school-age children for Summer Camp! There are full-day and half-day options available. Lots of daily activities, play time, and field trips are sure to keep your child boredom free this summer! Visit ThePeoplesChurch.com to register your child and for more information.

REFUGEE COLLECTION COMING!

We will soon be holding another collection for St. Vincent Refugee Services. Mark your calendars for June 3 & 10 when we will do our collection for NEW long or short sleeved t-shirts for children (youth & teen). And to make it fun, we are requesting t-shirts with your favorite collegiate logo! Please place your t-shirt donations in the designated box located at the Northwest entrance.

DONATIONS NEEDED: PEOPLES CHURCH PRESCHOOL

We are looking for items to enhance our curriculum! Does your home or office create scrap paper? If so, please consider donating it to the Preschool. We also collect any old keys or key fobs; clean, but used towels; art supplies; or nature items. Donations can be dropped off in the Preschool or Church office and we can provide you with a donation receipt for tax purposes if requested.

REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE

Rebekah-Hannah Circle will meet **Wednesday, May 23, 2018**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Loretta Johnston will speak about the South Dakota Mission Trip.

PERSONAL NEEDS CLOSET HAS NEEDS YEAR ROUND!

The Personal Needs Closet is in need of people and items to fill the closet. People are needed to help shop, pack up, and distribute the items (distribution takes place every other Saturday). Times are flexible, people are thankful, the need is great and the rewards are many! If you would like to donate items to the cause, please consider shopping for extras of the following items and leaving them in the collection baskets near the Welcome Desk and Office: bar soap; baby wipes; disposable diapers; dish soap; paper towels; feminine hygiene products; disposable razors (men & women); shaving cream; deodorant.

Thank you for only dropping off items from the list. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Mary Heiderson: at 517.333.9396 or maryheiderson@gmail.com.



**JEWELRY & USED
BOOKS SALE,
SNIDER SOCIAL HALL**


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



TODAY!



Presented by:
The Women of Peoples Church &
The Peoples Church
Fishbach Library Committee



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JUNE 18-22, 2018

Registration for this year's Vacation Bible School is going on now. Children will experience the ride of a lifetime with God as they venture through the Rolling River Rampage this summer! Along the river, children will learn and discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

To sign up, go to ThePeoplesChurch.com and click on the Rolling River Rampage image on the homepage. Contact Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com with any questions.