

## WORSHIP, NEW FACES AND THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

*Welcome to Summer!* It's that beautiful time of the year when the weather is warm, the kids are home from school and we are thankful to live in such a beautiful community!

For me, summer at The Peoples Church officially began on June 7 with our first *Wednesday Night Live!* Community Meal (5:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall) and worship service with communion (6:15 p.m. in the McCune Chapel). We are working our way through the fascinating book of Ecclesiastes each week during worship. Drop in on any Wednesday and enjoy food, fellowship, and worship!

This summer also finds us saying goodbye to two long-time church staff members, Communications Director Matt Treadwell and Youth Director Jacob Gates. Both are moving on to new adventures, jobs and callings. We are grateful for their time with us at the church. Please join me in offering thanksgiving for their service as we pray for their good fortunes in the future!

At the same time, the congregation welcomes two familiar faces to new positions. Our former intern, Joe Kennedy, is taking the PCYG baton from Jacob and our recent seminary grad and Campus Minister, Betsy Aho, officially has been called as our new Associate Pastor for Community Engagement, Campus and Communications. Both bring a knowledge, love and commitment to The Peoples Church. Keep an eye out for more information about Betsy's upcoming installation as we prepare for her ordination in late August. I offer a special thank you to the Associate Pastor Search committee for its work in following the direction of the Council of Elders to fulfill the mandate to call a second associate pastor to focus on the outreach, communication and visitation for the church.

Summer is a time of great transition at the church as we continue to be a present, active congregation in mission and ministry in our community. Thank you for following your call to be the hands and feet of Christ through the ministry of The Peoples Church. It continues to be my greatest honor and privilege to serve as your senior pastor.

In Christ's peace I pray for a blessed summer, *Pastor Andrew*



## DEEP BLUE, VBS & ZAPZONE, OHMY!

Summer has arrived! We have our new Deep Blue Sunday School curriculum kicked off on June 4 and will continue to be offered each week during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children age 3 through fifth grade are taking "the plunge" and exploring courageous people and prophets from the Hebrew Scriptures through video, art, games and more.

We even get to meet in the air conditioned room on the third floor, so we can stay cool!

I am so excited to participate in my first Vacation Bible School at Woldumar Nature Center from June 19-23. The kids are going to have a great time getting in touch with their hero powers and I plan to as well. Sharing God's love through VBS is one of my favorite things!

And last, but not least, a Family Fun Event is on the horizon for August 26. Come out to play at Zap Zone in Lansing from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. We may even get a chance to visit with our missionaries from Peru, Tony and Silvia Palomino. I can't wait for the RSVPs to start rolling in.

- Julie Bills

## ENCOUNTER WISDOM ON MONDAY MORNINGS



Join Pastor Drew as he guides our weekly Monday Morning Bible Study through "The Wisdom Literature" of the Hebrew Scriptures. We will explore Proverbs through July 31, Ecclesiastes from July 24 to Aug. 7, Job on Aug. 14 and the Song of Solomon on Aug. 21. Monday Morning Bible gathers each week at 11 a.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome.

## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

\*80 & OVER

6/1 - Jeanette Minkel  
6/4 - Shirley Guider  
6/5 - Charles Moore  
6/12 - Phyllis Willis  
6/20 - Richard Belding  
6/23 - Mary Zehner  
6/25 - Iola Zick  
6/26 - Jo Hacker  
6/26 - Sylvia Rundquist  
6/28 - Martha Grambau  
6/29 - Mary Culham  
7/4 - Patricia Howell  
7/11 - Lary Hill  
7/12 - Jim Dalley  
7/12 - William Walworth, Jr.  
7/13 - Edith Newman  
7/16 - Helen Ramsey  
7/21 - Martha Bristol  
7/24 - Rosemary Walker  
7/25 - Marilyn Harding  
7/30 - Mary Fossum  
8/1 - June Toth  
8/1 - Vivienne Kreer  
8/9 - Dale Schuster  
8/10 - Evelyn Davis  
8/20 - Judith Skea  
8/20 - Suzanne Goodrich  
8/22 - Charles Blackman  
8/24 - Ken West  
8/25 - Dorothy Boettcher  
8/25 - Barbara Lott  
8/25 - Marge Lott  
8/26 - Eleanor Heusner  
8/26 - Charlotte Sprinkel  
8/28 - Barbara Potter  
8/31 - Donald Bailey

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# PCYG Summer Events!

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEAS AND HANGOUT** | Every Wednesday this summer starting June 28, meet at the Church Office at 1p.m. with Jacob and Joe will take whoever shows up to lunch! Afterward, hang out at the park playing soccer, Wiffle Ball, football, Frisbee, or cards until 4 p.m.

**VBS | JUNE 19-23** | Come lead Vacation Bible School as a crew leader or CIT! E-mail Julie Bills for more info. [jbills@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jbills@thepeopleschurch.com)

**MISSION TRIP TO ST. LOUIS | JULY 9-14** | Open to students going into high school through graduating seniors, the mission trip is always a great way to make friends and have an awesome time while serving others and growing in your faith. Cost is \$275 and full scholarships are available. E-mail Joe for info.

**KAYAKING | AUGUST 2 – 1 P.M.-3 P.M.** | Hangout and enjoy some fun on the river! Drop-off and pick-up will be at Lansing City Market. E-mail Joe to RSVP. Cost: \$10.

**CEDAR POINT! | AUGUST 23** | The culmination of our summer is always the Cedar Point trip! We take a bus down to the park and spend all day riding rides, walking around and generally having an amazing time. Sign-up is available online; e-mail Joe for the link.

*For questions or RSVP information, contact  
Joe Kennedy at [jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com)*



**EDGEWOOD VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP**

SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLES CHURCH OF EAST LANSING

On May 18, The Peoples Church again hosted the Edgewood Scholars' Banquet. This was the second such recognition event. Jasmine Moreno was this year's honored graduating senior. She will attend Lansing Community College this fall.

Parents and siblings of the Community of Scholars were invited to the event. Edgewood Board and Committee members also attended. More than 100 guests enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by culinary students enrolled from the Capital Area Career Center and Hospitality Coordinator Gerri Lynn Nichols, Hospitality Director of The Peoples Church.

Jonathon Rosewood is the Scholars' Program Director. The Keynote Speaker was Quintin Shine, a tutor at Edgewood for the past five years and the Art of Leadership Coach for three years. He was the recipient of the John Duley Award for his years of service and many contributions. Sixteen women of the church and Edgewood staff members served as the wait staff, four men of the congregation were on the dish-washing crew, Design Team members greeted the visitors; and Barbara Scott served as The Peoples Church liaison.

"Hats off" once again to the volunteers and others who help make this evening special for many Edgewood young people and their families.

*- Maxine Ferris*

# WHAT WE LEARN IN OUR GARDEN



One of the things we most look forward to when the weather turns warm is gardening with the children.



The preschool's outdoor classroom has a number of raised gardens and the children have grown many things over the years including vegetables, herbs and flowers.

This year the children are growing chives, kale, carrots, peas, beans and cherry tomatoes. All of the vegetables grown are used for nutrition breaks (snack time) or to share with some of our classroom animals. Kale is a favor-

ite of our Russian tortoise, our iguana and our guinea pigs.

In addition to the vegetable garden, the children plant a Scent Garden each year that includes herbs such as lavender, lemon grass, chocolate mint and basil.

Working in the garden gives young children experiences using all five senses. It exposes them to lessons in cause and effect, caring and nurturing, experimentation, and mathematics. It also gives children the opportunity to strengthen the small muscles in their hands through planting, weeding and harvesting.

- Dana Johnson

## CONNECT | GROW | SERVE | SHARE

### GIFT CARD COLLECTION | JUNE 11

Our Community Engagement Ministry is collecting gift cards for St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services as its June activity. Meijer and Target gift cards may be donated in the Northwest entrance on June 11. Thank you.

### 'UNDIE SUNDAYS' ARE COMING

Undie Sundays are coming! Each year our congregation collects underpants, undershirts and socks for school-age children (K-12). Items will be delivered to Judson Memorial Baptist Church for distribution to low income families through their clothes closet. We will collect every Sunday, starting June 18 and concluding August 6. Donations may be placed in the red "Kids Stuff" basket near the Welcome Center.

### VISITATION TEAM

The Peoples Church Visitation Team visits church members who are confined to their own home or retirement community to help them feel a connection with their church family. Visitors make a contact with the church member at least once a month and keep our pastors informed about any situations that need their attention. This can be a very rewarding type of Christian ministry. If you would like to join our Visitation Team or are confined and would like a visitor, contact Pat at 517-337-1446 or Gretchen at 517-332-5132.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate for the 2017 Fall election. We encourage the congregation to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider suggestions. We are currently seeking nominations for the Council of Elders, Nominating Committee and Denominational Representatives. If you are personally interested or would like to suggest someone, submit names to the Nominating Committee at [raference1@gmail.com](mailto:raference1@gmail.com) or to the Church Office. Thank you for your prayers and assistance.

### ANNIVERSARIES

\*MILESTONE & 60+

- 6/4 - James & Connie Close (50)
- 6/10 - Jack & Jean Draper (72)
- 6/15 - Charlie & Christi McLravy (25)
- 6/18 - Don & Evelyn Davis (62)
- 6/18 - Lary & Mary Hill (62)
- 6/19 - Bob & Helen Ward (63)
- 6/25 - Jim & Sally McCoy (50)
- 7/4 - Joanne & Sal DiFranco (64)
- 7/6 - Christine & Clark McCreedy (25)
- 7/21 - Alvin & Dorothy Boettcher (66)
- 7/27 - Bob Roth & Patti Ganey (25)
- 8/3 - Karen & Todd Selin (25)
- 8/3 - Jeff & Lynne Emerson (30)
- 8/6 - Patricia & Wayne Holden (50)
- 8/6 - Alan & Phyllis Grunewald (68)
- 8/10 - Carol Gruen & Jim Cash (25)
- 8/20 - Irene & John Cantlon (73)
- 8/24 - Amy & Jeff Myers (25)
- 8/29 - Clare & Cecil Mackey (64)
- 8/31 - Rob & Terri Thompson (25)

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# LIFE UNDER THE SUN

EXPLORING THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!**

5:30 P.M. | Community Meal, Friendship Hall

6:15 P.M. | Worship Service, McCune Chapel

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*Summer Worship Series*



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