



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 2014

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 expected and encouraged during worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Early Service
in the McCune Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Family Service
in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. - SoJo Community
in the Robertson Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

9:30 a.m. - Faith Formation
Programs for Children, Teens
and Adults

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal
in Snider Social Hall

6:30 p.m. - Faith-based
Programs for All Ages

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

MONDAY, MARCH 24

11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (L)

11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative
Movement Class (G)

7:00 p.m. Council of Elders (RR)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)

11:00 a.m. WPC Meeting (L)

1:00 p.m. Rebekah & Hannah Circles (RR)

5:30 p.m. *WNL!* Community Meal (SSH)

6 & 6:30 p.m. *WNL!* Programs

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)

12:00 p.m. Men's Study Group (L)

1:00 p.m. Knitting People (RR)

6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus (RR)

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (S)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 a.m. Worship Service (C)

9:00 a.m. Carol Choir (CC)

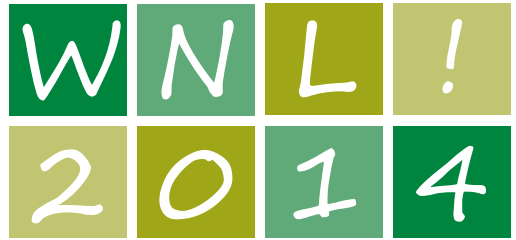
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

9:30 a.m. Peoples Forum (RR)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (S)

11:30 a.m. Talent Show (SSH)

6:00 p.m. SoJo (RR)



Wednesday Night Live!

5:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY MEAL

6:00 P.M.

DANCE 149 (K-5th)

YOUTH CHOIR (6-12th)

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

(Register at DaveRamsey.com)

6:30 P.M.

HOLY MOLY (K-5th)

PCYG (6th-12th)

LOVE LIFE (Campus Ministry)

{JOURNEY THROUGH JOHN}

WITH PASTORS ANDREW AND DREW

(Robertson Room)

ROOM KEY: C = Chapel; CC=Children's Chapel
CTR = Centennial Room; CR = Choir Room; G = Gymnasium;
FH = Friendship Hall; L = Library; N = Newton; R = Rotunda;
RR = Robertson Room; S = Sanctuary; SSH = Snider Social Hall;
TL = The Lounge; YP = Youth Parlor

Today's Floral Offering

*Given by Lary Hill in celebration of
Mary's 80th birthday.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP MARCH 23, 2014

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Dale Wood

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Meditation" William Melton
Coppertone Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Please pass the Friendship Roster located at the end of your pew.

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 95) (8:30 a.m.) Kyle Goosen
(10:30 a.m.) Joe Corner

Holy, Creating, Creative God,

We sing from the depths of our sorrow.

We sing from the abundance of our joy.

We sing in voices separate and unique.

We sing with one voice as your body.

**May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song,
and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or poetry,
be pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" **No. 488**
(Please stand if able.)

Lenten Candle Lighting Week Three: Trust

God has proven trustworthy throughout history, but at times we question and doubt, and even deny, God's presence in our lives. We forget the larger picture at times and focus only on that moment, that period of time, when we experience God's absence. We worry and fret about what is happening and what will happen next, rather than trusting in our Savior. We light this candle as a symbol of our faith in Jesus Christ that his presence is with us, and that we are not alone. Let us pray:

God of hope, help us to remember the promise that you will never leave us or forsake us. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, remind us of your presence, and help us to remember to trust in you. Amen.

**Hear the good news of Salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ how much I love you! Jesus Christ you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

Celebration of Holy Communion (8:30 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.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7
(Pew Bible Page 73, Large Print Page 105)

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

Celebration of Baptism

Kyle Robert Goosen (8:30 a.m.)
Born on June 5, 2000.
Son of Jennifer & Brian Goosen.

Mirabel Sesti (10:30 a.m.)
Born on March 30, 2013.
Daughter of Kristin & Tony Sesti.

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.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Lord, I Know I Been Changed" arr. More & Regin
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

*Children are invited to gather in the McCune Chapel at this time.
They will return to the sanctuary during the Offertory.*

New Testament Reading Romans 5:1-11
(Pew Bible Page 1,130, Large Print Page 1,713)

Sermon "Why I Shaved My Face" Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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.

Offertory (8:30 a.m.) "In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust" J.S. Bach

Offertory (10:30 a.m.) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Kauffmann
Coppertone Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Act of Praise *(Please stand if able.)*

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn "I Will Come to You" No. 177
(Please stand if able.)

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response No. 228
(Please stand if able.)

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)**

Postlude "Toccata in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

CONNECT

NEXT SUNDAY: 8TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

The 8th Annual Talent Show is upon us! We will gather in Snider Social Hall on Mar. 30 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for on-stage talent and a delicious lunch. Donations are accepted to help Peoples Church Youth Group pay for the mission trip to Chicago this summer. All are welcome to perform; simply contact Betsy by Mar. 23. We also welcome those coming to cheer on the performers. The more, the merrier at the Talent Show!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Have you been thinking about formally joining The Peoples Church family as a member? You are invited to come to our next New Members Class on April 13. We will gather in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Contact the church office if you wish to join us. Child care is available upon request. We look forward to welcoming you!

BOOK SALE

The Peoples Church Fischbach Library Book Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 17 and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on May 18 in the Gymnasium. Fill a bag on Sunday for just \$3. Donations of books are needed and appreciated. Please deliver them to the Snider Social Hall Stage.

CONNECT & SERVE

COMMUNITY GARDEN WITH THE FOOD BANK

The Building & Grounds Ministry has partnered with the Greater Lansing Food Bank to support its community garden project. Members of The Peoples Church are invited to care for plots in the Lilac Garden, located at the west end of Lilac Street in East Lansing's Flower Pot Neighborhood.

Register to participate at ThePeoplesChurch.com. Select Lilac Garden as the community garden of choice and let the coordinator know you are with The Peoples Church. There is a modest fee for using the garden and it will require some volunteer work hours during the year to maintain the site.

For questions or to learn more, contact Wes Reedy at reedywes@gmail.com or 517.346.6807. Wes also will offer a presentation on the garden project at the Peoples Forum at 9:30 a.m. on April 6 in the Robertson Room.

PEOPLES 101

Do you want to know more about The Peoples Church? Join our informal Q & A session, Peoples 101, as it is offered on the first Sunday of each month following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The next Peoples 101 will be on hosted April 6 in the Robertson Room.

GROW

THE PEOPLES FORUM

Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. Our next guests will be Carol & Ron Dooley, along with Scott Weaver, who will discuss "Advancements in the Treatment of Type 1 Diabetes" on March 30.

GREAT DECISIONS: ISRAEL AND THE U.S.

The Arab Spring, Iran's nuclear ambitions, failed peace talks, and Israel's own decision to give Washington the cold shoulder have put new strains on the 65-year-old "special relationship." Join us at 4:30 p.m. on April 22 in the Robertson Room as we welcome speaker Yael Aronoff, Sering Chair in Israel studies at MSU's James Madison College. For more information, contact Mary Anne at 517.214.1487 or Sandy at 517.351.5976.

{journey though john}

Pastors Andrew and Drew will lead discussions on our daily Lenten devotions through the Gospel of John each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Telder Room and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. as part of *Wednesday Night Live!*

SHARE

SUPPORT VBS WITH SEQUINS & POP BOTTLES

Each week we will feature one item of need in the bulletin. This week's featured item is sequins (any color, shape or size). In addition, we hope to collect 300 empty 2-liter pop bottles in time for our June summer camp. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Questions? Contact Meaghan Gonzales.



SERVE

CONGREGATIONS HELPING KIDS BOOK DRIVE



The Children's Christian Education Program and Congregations Helping Kids (CHK) are promoting literacy during Lent by collecting new and gently used books appropriate for children ages 6 months to 5 years old. CHK works with MSU pediatric clinics to collect new or gently used books for children of low-income families who come for well-child visits. CHK is a non-profit organization with a mission of supporting local out-patient pediatric clinics and the families and children served by these clinics. Participating congregations are All Saints Episcopal Church, Eastminster Presbyterian Church and The Peoples Church. Book donations may be brought to the church office throughout Lent.

EASTER FOOD BASKET DELIVERY

___ Yes, I (We) would like to help deliver Easter Food Baskets from 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, April 19.

Name (Please Print):

Address (Please Print):

Phone (Please Print):

E-mail (Please Print):

NEXT SUNDAY: LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT!!!

8th Annual Talent Show

Snider Social Hall
Sunday, March 30, 2014
Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Do you have a talent you'd like to perform?
Contact Betsy Aho by March 23.



SIGN ME UP

Please return your completed form with payment in the Sunday offering plate or to the church office.

EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

___ Yes, I (We) would like to help the sanctuary come alive with Lilies on Easter morning. Please accept my gift of \$20 in support to the Sanctuary Decoration Fund.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of | <input type="checkbox"/> To the Glory of God |



Dedication (Please Print): _____

Given By (Please Print): _____