



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 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 Lounge

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE*

**Returns on April 23.*

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.

Crystal Branta, Chairperson elders@thepeopleschurch.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

MONDAY, APRIL 7

- 9:00 a.m. WPC Board Meeting (RR)
11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)
3:00 p.m. Library Committee (L)

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (L)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative
Movement Class (G)
3:00 p.m. Jewelry Sale Committee (L)
7:00 p.m. Ministry Meetings

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

- 8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)
1:00 p.m. Adult Ed. Meeting (L)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Study Group (L)
6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus (RR)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (S)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:00 a.m. Preschool Happendance
Performance (G)
7:00 p.m. Capital Green Concert (S)

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13 -

- 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)
6:00 p.m. SoJo (L)

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



SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM

- **FIRST SUNDAY: SMALL BATTERIES**
- **SECOND SUNDAY: POLYSTYRENE FOAM**
- **THIRD SUNDAY: PLASTIC** | #1-2 and #2-7
- **FOURTH SUNDAY: GREEN GLASS**

Drop off items in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to clean and rinse items to be recycled. Soiled items will be discarded in the trash.

Please only drop off items at this location on the Sundays in which they are to be collected. It is difficult for us to store all of the items we recycle.

Recycle many other items every day at our Recycling Center across from the Church Office.



Wednesday Night Live!

WNL! will be off on April 9 (Spring Break) and April 16 (Holy Week).

Our Wednesday evening community meal and family programs **will return on April 23.**

Today's Floral Offering

*Given by the congregation
in celebration of Dr. Jonathan Reed's
recovery and The Peoples Church's
wonderful music program.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
APRIL 6, 2014

Prelude "Idylle mélancolique" Louis Vierne

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 Ezekiel 37: 1-14)

The Spirit of God has brought us here.

The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.

Can these dry bones live?

Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!

Today, we come together to experience new life.

Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!

Procession of The Light of Christ Maddy Moreno & KayLeigh Rust, acolytes

Gathering Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" **No. 610**
(Please stand if able.)

Lenten Candle Lighting Week Five: Forgiveness

Jesus has taught us that we must forgive, but at times we find this too hard to do. We have been hurt, and we have hurt others. At times we become angered by the actions of another to the point that we carry a grudge, and sometimes, this grudge can define who we are. We light these candles as a symbol of our faith in Christ to help us to forgive as we are forgiven, to help us love as we are loved.

Faithful God, forgive us for our shortcomings and help us to forgive others. As we journey toward the cross this Lenten season, help us to let go of our grudges and to seek forgiveness where we have gone wrong. Amen.

Congregational Response **No. 441**

**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.**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 130

(Pew Bible Page 618, Large Print Page 913)

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Kyrie Eleison"

Louis Vierne

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Celebration of Holy Communion

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:6-11

(Pew Bible Page 1,132, Large Print Page 1,717)

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

Children are invited to gather in the McCune Chapel at this time.

They will return to the sanctuary during the Offertory.

Sermon

"The Next Step"

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

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

arr. Richard Walters

Linda Erickson, soprano

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 (Based on Ezekiel 37:11–14)

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

“Faith Begins By Letting Go”

No. 684

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response

(Please stand if able.)

No. 228

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Postlude

“Chorale”

Leon Boëllmann

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

CONNECT

NEXT SUNDAY: 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!

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 18

Calling all members of the High School Class of 2014: The Peoples Church would like to celebrate your graduation with a breakfast for you and your family on May 18. The meal will be followed by special recognition during 10:30 a.m. worship service. Contact Betsy Aho if you would like to be part of the morning's celebration.

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.

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.

CONNECT & SERVE



GREATER LANSING
foodbank
GARDEN PROJECT

COMMUNITY GARDEN WITH THE FOOD BANK

The Building & Grounds Ministry has partnered with the Greater Lansing Food Bank to support its community garden project. We are invited to care for plots in the Lilac Garden 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.

Questions? Contact Wes Reedy at reedywes@gmail.com or 517.346.6807. Wes will offer a presentation on the garden project at the Peoples Forum at 9:30 a.m. on 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 guest will be David Wiley, who will present "Thinking About Charity and Advocacy" on April 13.

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.

READING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on April 17 in the Robertson Room as we discuss this month's book "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes. On deck for our May 15 gathering is "Someone Knows My Name," by Lawrence Hill.

SHARE

SUPPORT VBS WITH CORN STARCH & POP BOTTLES

Each week we will feature one item of need in the bulletin. This week's featured item are corn starch and colorful wash clothes. We also 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):

HOLY WEEK & MORE

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 17
5:30 p.m. Seder Meal, Snider Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Klezmer Concert, Snider Social Hall

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18
6:30 p.m. Worship Service

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

MUSIC SUNDAY | APRIL 27
10:30 a.m.



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 of the Sanctuary Decoration Fund.

- In Memory of
- In Celebration of
- In Honor of
- To the Glory of God



**DEADLINE TO ORDER
IS MONDAY, APRIL 7**

Dedication (Please Print): _____

Given By (Please Print): _____