



SUNDAY WORSHIP

JULY 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

9:30 a.m. - Family Service
in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal
and Worship Experience in
Friendship Hall

THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave.
East Lansing, MI 48823
517.332.5073

ThePeoplesChurch.com



Join the fun each
Wednesday evening
as we gather for
a community cook out
in Friendship Hall at
5:30 p.m. Worship with
communion follows at
6:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

JULY 9 |
Questions Worth Believing
Part 3 of 3

JULY 16 |
PCYG Presents
Mission Trip to Chicago

JULY 23 |
Pastor Andrew Discusses
His Doctoral Thesis

JULY 30 |
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AUGUST 6, 13 & 20 |
Taize Prayer Services

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except July, in the Robertson Room.

Crystal Branta, Chairperson
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OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Sunday mornings. Call 517.332.5073.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

PASTOR ANDREW will be out of town through July 16. Please contact Pastor Drew if you are in need of pastoral assistance.

MONDAY, JULY 7

11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)
5:30 p.m. Nominating Committee (L)

TUESDAY, JULY 8

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

8:00 a.m. Sermon Prep Group (RR)
5:30 p.m. WNL! Community Meal (FH)
6:15 p.m. WNL! Questions Worth Believing III

THURSDAY, JULY 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)
1:00 p.m. Men's Study Group (L)
7:00 p.m. Transplant Support Group (CTR)

SUNDAY, JULY 13

8:30 a.m. Worship Service (C)
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (S)

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP | 9:30 A.M.
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Prelude "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

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

Call to Worship

How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us.

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Gathering Hymn "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" No.436
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession (Inspired by Luke 15:11-32)

God of monumental patience and of prodigal mercy, forgive us as your people. Have pity on our pride and folly. Sometimes there is enough doubt in us to swamp our faith. Some days there is enough weariness in us to swamp our hopefulness. There is enough apathy within us to smother our compassion. Yet, thankfully there is also enough hunger in us to keep us longing for more. And enough discontent in us to make us return home to your love. Lead us to the fountain of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

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.**

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32
(Pew Bible Page 1,048, Large Print Page 1,592)

Sermon

“Youthful Indiscretion”

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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

“Deep River”
Nick Kreider, bass

arr. Moses Hogan

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. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

God of all peoples and God of all places, by your generosity we have received all that we have and all that we are. Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts. May these offerings be used to extend your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

No. 546

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response *(Please stand if able.)*

**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

"Rondeau"

Jean Joseph Mouret

Today's Floral Offering

Given by Paul C. Babbit: "God Bless the USA!"

A NOTE ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE CHURCH . . .

Many of you may be hearing about East Lansing development proposals being considered relative to properties around the church. I want you to be assured that your Council of Elders is having a good year of meetings and discussions related to the current health of the church and visions for the future. While much is still in flux, we have been active partners in discussing and reviewing plans of the various developers and city planners.

Special appreciation should be offered to our Development Review Team: Dave Ledebuhr, Mark Grua, Rob Nichols, Matt Rick, and Rev. Andrew Pomerville. They have given freely of their time and have been proactive in relating and protecting the interests of the church. The three highest priorities of the Council and Development Team related to future construction around the church are maintaining reverence for the Memorial Garden, parking access and continued access along the north side of the church.

One of the latest proposals which looks as though it will be approved is an addition to the car wash adjacent to the church parking lot. The proposed development would be an addition of three floors above the detail area of the car wash. Each floor consists of three, 1-bedroom, upscale apartments. The owner is amenable to placing language in the leases related to "no parking in the Peoples Church Parking Lot."

As we learn more about the proposals being considered for development, I assure you that we will continue to share information with you.

- Crystal Branta, Chair of the Council of Elders

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

CONNECT

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: JULY 13

Have you been thinking about formalizing your membership as part of The Peoples Church family? Learn more at our next New Members Class following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on July 13. The session runs about 90 minutes. Child-care is available upon request. Contact the church office at 517.332.5073 to reserve your spot.

WE'RE GOING TO THE BALLGAME

Enjoy an afternoon of Lugnuts baseball with your family and Peoples Church friends. We've reserved space in the Tailgate Terrace for the 5:05 p.m. game on Aug. 24 - it's Kids Day! Children will have the opportunity to play catch on the field before the game and run the bases after. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and include a buffet dinner. Reserve your spot at the church office through the week or on Sundays at the Welcome Center. Make checks out to The Peoples Church with "Lugnuts" in the memo.

SERVE

JDRF WALK FOR THE CURE

Join The Peoples Church Team for the Annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walk for the Cure from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Aug. 2 at the MSU Auditorium. It will be our 10th year participating in this important local event. There's something for the whole family. Enjoy Radio Disney and meet the 2014 MSU football team! Walk options include one and three-mile routes on MSU's beautiful campus. To register or donate, visit www.walk.jdrf.org. Contact Diane Shafer at dmshafer2001@gmail.com or 517.388.0437.



REMEMBERING DEAN & CAROLYN TELDER

This week we hold the families of Carolyn and Dean Telder in prayer. Carolyn passed on from this life on Monday, June 30, and Dean followed her on Tuesday, July 1, both in Chicago with family at their sides. Dean and Carolyn were longtime members of The Peoples Church who cared for and nurtured many. Carolyn had served more than a dozen years as the church's financial administrator. They will be greatly missed. We give thanks to God for their lives, faith and her devoted service to others. Dean's memorial service will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on July 17 at The Peoples Church. Carolyn's will take place at 11 a.m. on July 19 at the First Congregational Church of La Grange, Illinois.



SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM

NEXT DROP-OFF: POLYSTYRENE FOAM (SECOND SUNDAY)

The Peoples Church Recycling Program is a volunteer service to the members of our faith community. Items can be dropped off near our sign in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to only drop off items at this location on the Sundays that they are to be collected. It is difficult for us to store all of the items we recycle. Also, clean and rinse the items you bring in. Soiled items will be discarded in the trash. Recycle many other items each day at our Recycling Center across from the Church Office.

SIGN ME UP

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

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

The Nominations Committee is searching for members of The Peoples Church to fill positions on the Council of Elders, Nominations Committee and serve as Denomination Representatives. Please complete the information below if you would like to be considered or have a suggestion for a candidate.

I would like to be considered for one of the following:

Council of Elders Denomination Representative Nominations Committee

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I recommend the following for:

Elder: _____

Nominations Committee: _____

Denominations Representative: _____

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