

**SUNDAY WORSHIP  
NOVEMBER 16, 2014**

**WELCOME  
TO THE PEOPLES CHURCH**



**ALBION  
COLLEGE**

**PRESIDENT DITZLER  
& CONCERT CHOIR**



**THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY  
MORNINGS**

**8:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Chapel

**9:30 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School  
Children's Chapel  
Confirmation Class  
PCYG Open Hang Out  
Peoples Forum

**9:45 a.m.**

Carol Choir Rehearsal

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Children's Sunday School

**11:30 a.m.**

Coppertone Rehearsal  
Campus Ministry

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT LIVE!**

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

Dance 149  
Youth Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 p.m.**

Campus Ministry  
Children's Education  
Gift of Christmas Poetry  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Vaccines & Toxicology  
Yoga Class

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## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet 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, NOV. 17

11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible  
6:30 p.m. Pub Theology @ Dublin Square  
7:00 p.m. Faith On Campus @ MSU

### TUESDAY, NOV. 18

11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative Movement  
7:00 p.m. Dorcus Circle  
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 2

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

8:00 a.m. Sermon Prep Group  
10:00 a.m. Phoebe Circle (Offsite)  
5:30 p.m. *WNL!* Community Meal  
6:00 p.m. Dance 149  
Youth Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Campus Ministry  
Children's Education  
Gift of Christmas Poetry  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Vaccines & Toxicology  
Yoga Class  
7:30 p.m. Clarion Ringers Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, NOV. 20

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group  
12:00 p.m. Men's Study Group  
1:00 p.m. Knitting People  
1:30 p.m. Reading People  
6:00 p.m. Wool Gatherers  
6:30 p.m. Thursdays with Jesus  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, NOV. 21

4:00 p.m. Faith on Campus @ LCC

### SUNDAY, NOV. 23

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
Children's Chapel  
Confirmation Class  
PCYG Open Hang Out  
Peoples Forum  
9:45 a.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Children's Sunday School  
11:30 a.m. Coppertone Ringers Rehearsal

**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.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 16, 2014

**Prelude** "Toccatà" Gordon Young

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Drew Filkins

**Introduction of Albion College & Choir** President Mauri Ditzler, Albion College

**Introit** (10:30 a.m.) "Worthy to Be Praised" Byron Smith  
*Albion College Concert Choir directed by Clayton Parr*

**Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 123)

Great and Glorious God, we gather to worship you.

**We lift our eyes to you, in reverent awe before your majesty.**

**Great is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!**

Generous and Merciful God, we come to worship you.

**We lift our eyes to you, giving thanks for your compassion.**

**Gracious is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!**

Welcoming and Empowering God, we worship you.

We lift our eyes to you, and we celebrate your faithfulness.

**Holy is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!**

**We lift our eyes, seeking to worship and praise our God. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" **No. 663**  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**Procession of the Light of Christ** (10:30 a.m.) Clara Hummel & Kirill Spink, acolytes

**Prayer of Confession** Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**We have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy.**

**We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your Gospel: Christ, have mercy.**

**We have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts: Lord, have mercy.**

**Confident in your free gift of forgiveness, we declare Christ's word of grace: we have been forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

***Celebration of Holy Communion*** (8:30 a.m.)

***Children's Moment*** (10:30 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.**

*Children are dismissed to participate in Sunday School at this time. (10:30 a.m.)  
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.*

***Epistle Reading***

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
(Pew Bible Page 1,188, Large Print Page 1,798)

***Anthem*** (10:30 a.m.)

"Things that Never Die" Lee Dengler  
*Albion College Concert Choir directed by Clayton Parr*

***Gospel Reading***

Matthew 25:14-30  
(Pew Bible Page 994, Large Print Page 1,512)

***Sermon***

"Fearful Inactivity" Rev. Drew Filkins

***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.**

***Be Amazed***

Jim Kost, Co-chair, 2015 Annual Campaign

***Thanksgiving &  
Dedication of Gifts***

(10:30 a.m.)

"Poor Little Jesus" arr. Anne Heider  
*Albion College Concert Choir directed by Clayton Parr*

## **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**

**Generous God,  
in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical.  
Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth  
and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom,  
so that who we are and what we do and say  
may be our gifts to you through Christ,  
who beckons all to seek the things above,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**Sending Hymn**  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**No. 610**

**Benediction** *(Please stand if able.)*

**Benediction Response**  
*(10:30 a.m.)*

**"Go Where I Send Thee"** arr. Caldwell-Ivory  
*Albion College Concert Choir directed by Clayton Parr*

**Postlude**

**"Joyful Peace"**

Eugene Butler

**COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR  
CAMPUS MINISTRY OUTREACH PROJECT THIS AFTERNOON.**

**WE WILL MEET IN FRIENDSHIP HALL (OUTSIDE THE BACK DOORS  
OF THE SANCTUARY) FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE.**

### **Today's Floral Offering**

*In loving memory of Dr. Corliss Arnold by his wife, Betty, and family.*



## CONNECT

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Children's Christmas Program will be presented as part of our 10:30 a.m. worship service on Dec. 7. Plan now to enjoy this great Advent tradition here at The Peoples Church. The children will present the story of "The First Christmas."

### ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY | DEC. 14

Mark your calendars for our annual Advent Music Sunday. Our wonderful Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed, will lead us in worship with music from Handel's Messiah, including the "Hallelujah Chorus." Music Sunday will be celebrated during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Dec. 14.



### DORCAS CIRCLE | THIS TUESDAY

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church meets again at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18 the Robertson Room. Questions? Contact Dee Toth at 517-482-4414.

### PHOEBE CIRCLE | THIS WEDNESDAY

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 10 a.m. on Nov. 19 at the home of Pat Brogan, 6100 W. Long View Dr. in East Lansing. Questions? Contact Renate Carey at 517-324-0262.

### 2014 ADVENT TEA | DEC. 3

Women of Peoples Church will host their annual Advent Tea, *Legacy, Legends & Lyrics of Christmas*, at 1 p.m. on Dec. 3 in Snider Social Hall. Tickets are available in the Northwest Entrance. All are welcome.

### FREE HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT | DEC. 8

Our second annual Free Holiday Brass Concert, presented by the MSU School of Music, will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 in the Main Sanctuary of The Peoples Church. Last year's concert was marvelous and more than 100 parishioners attended. This evening of Christmas music under the direction of Dr. Richard Illman is sure to be one that you won't want to miss. The concert is sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee. Light refreshments will be served in Friendship Hall following the concert. We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of music.



### PEOPLES 101

Want to know more about The Peoples Church? Join us for our monthly Q&A session about this great community of faith. The next Peoples 101 will be offered on Dec. 7 in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome.

**FAITH ON CAMPUS @ MSU** | 7 p.m. on Mondays in Main Lounge across from the Spartan Spirit Shop at the Union.

**FAITH ON CAMPUS @ LCC** | 4 p.m. on Fridays in Gannon 328 at Lansing Community College.



## GROW

### PUB THEOLOGY | THIS MONDAY

Join Pastor Drew and Betsy Aho for Pub Theology each Monday in November at Dublin Square in East Lansing. We gather at 6:30 p.m. for open discussion about spirituality and religion and how those interact with everyday life. This Monday's topic: "Ethics at Church and Ethics at Work: Are They the Same?"



### THE READING PEOPLE | THIS THURSDAY

All bibliophiles are invited to join our good book discussions at 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. On Nov. 20, we will gather in the Robertson Room to discuss "Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs: A True Story of Bad Breaks and Small Miracles" by Heather Lende. Our next gathering is in January and will focus on "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. Questions? Call Joanne Keith at 517.349.5977.

### PEOPLES FORUM | NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Nov. 23, the Peoples Forum welcomes back our beloved retired Rev. Penny Swartz, former associate pastor at The Peoples Church. Come and hear thoughts about "life after The Peoples Church" and hopes to become a published children's author. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

### VACCINES AND TOXICOLOGY

Cheryl Rockwell, Peoples Church member and assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology at MSU, will offer a series of informational classes as part of many

*Wednesday Night Live!* adult formation opportunities. "Bouncing Babies, BPA and Bottles: a Look at Chemicals We Ingest from Plastics and Food Packaging" is the topic for Nov. 19. Join this discussion at 6:30 p.m. on and come early to enjoy the community meal served each week at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

### THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS POETRY

Peoples Church member Susan Reedy continues leading "The Gift of Christmas Poetry" at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 as part of our *Wednesday Night Live!* adult formation opportunities. Also enjoy the community meal served each week at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Interested in digging deeper into scripture. All are welcome to join in Monday Morning Bible Study, which gathers at 11 a.m. each week in the Centennial Room. Join us for study and friendship. We are currently reading and discussing N.T. Wright's book, "Matthew: 25 Studies for Individuals and Groups." For more information please contact Mary Hill at (517) 339-2502, Barb Potter at (517) 332-4733, or Pastor Drew.



### THURSDAYS WITH JESUS

All women are welcome to join Thursdays With Jesus at 6:30 p.m. each week in the Robertson Room. Their fall study is "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruits of the Spirit."

### THURSDAY MEN'S GROUPS

Our **MORNING MEN'S GROUP** meets at 7:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room and the **AFTER-NOON MEN'S GROUP** meets at 12:00 p.m. in the Library each week.



## SERVE

### KNITTING PEOPLE | THIS THURSDAY

All are welcome to join us as we create prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats, mittens and scarves for people in our community at 1 p.m. on Nov. 20 in the Telder Room. New knitter? No worries, we will help you get started! Questions? Contact Mary Anne at 517-214-1487.

### SPECIAL OFFERING | NEXT SUNDAY

Designated offering envelopes to support Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets that will be included in next Sunday's worship bulletins. The number of hungry people in our community is rising so our help will make an important difference. People wishing to contribute but unable to be here next week may make a donation at any time by using the regular pew envelopes. Simply indicate "holiday food baskets" in the memo line.



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The Peoples Church | Annual Campaign 2015



## GIVE & PLEDGE ONLINE



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

*Please remember to return your pledge by **November 21.***



## SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM

### NEXT DROP-OFF: GREEN GLASS (FOURTH 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.