

# SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 18, 2015

FOR YOU CREATED  
MY INMOST BEING;  
YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER IN MY  
MOTHER'S WOMB.  
I PRAISE YOU  
BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY  
AND WONDERFULLY MADE.  
YOUR WORKS  
ARE WONDERFUL.

PSALMS 139:13-14



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823  
517.332.5073 | [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com)

## SUNDAY MORNING

**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.**

Adult Formation  
Faith Builders | Children's Education  
Peoples Church Youth Group  
Yoga Class

## CHURCH OFFICE

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings. Call 517-332-5073.

**Rev. Andrew Pomerville** ext. 4442  
Senior Pastor  
apomerville@thepeopleschurch.com

**Rev. Drew Filkins** ext. 4448  
Associate Pastor  
dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com

**Betsy Aho** ext. 6074  
Licensed Minister/Campus Ministry Director  
eaho@thepeopleschurch.com

**David Forsberg**  
Licensed Minister/Pastoral Care  
dforsberg@thepeopleschurch.com

**Jacob Gates** ext. 6264  
Youth Director  
jgates@thepeopleschurch.com

**Meaghan Gonzales** ext. 4447  
Children's Christian Education Director  
mgonzales@thepeopleschurch.com

**Dana Johnson** ext. 4449  
Preschool Director  
djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com

**Andy Mayville** ext. 4444  
Facility Director  
amayville@thepeopleschurch.com

**Gerri Nichols** ext. 4432  
Hospitality Director  
gnichols@thepeopleschurch.com

**Dee Przybylski** ext. 4446  
Office Administrator  
dprzybylski@thepeopleschurch.com

**Matt Treadwell** ext. 4453  
Communications Director  
mtreadwell@thepeopleschurch.com

**Dr. Jonathan Reed**, Music Director  
**Elizabeth Reed**, Children's Music Director  
**Judy Kabodian**, Organist  
office@thepeopleschurch.com

## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

**Jim Kelly**, Chairperson  
elders@thepeopleschurch.com

## IMPORTANT: NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Budget Meeting will take place during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 25.

## MEMORIAL DEDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

Sunday Floral Dedications offer members weekly opportunities to celebrate important moments and remember loved ones. Dedications for Sanctuary Flowers may be reserved with a memorial gift of \$85 made payable to The Peoples Church. Gifts benefit the Sanctuary Fund. Sundays may be reserved by using the sign-up notebook located at the Welcome Center or contacting the Church Office at 517-332-5073.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL



**JAN. 21** | BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Sliced Pears and Cup Cakes.



# GIVE ONLINE

ThePeoplesChurch.com

**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 | JANUARY 18, 2015

**Prelude**                      *"Suite Gothique: Introduction and Allegro"*                      Leon Boellmann

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!**                      Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**Call to Worship**                      Maren Holcomb, confirmation student

Leader:    May the light of God's love push back the darkness.

**People:    We come to the light from the four corners of the earth,  
from the north, from the south, from the east and from the west.**

Leader:    And we are all one in Jesus Christ.

**People:    We have different families, different cultures, different backgrounds.**

Leader:    And we are all one in Jesus Christ.

**People:    We come seeking the light that guides us to life.**

Leader:    And we are all one in Jesus Christ.

**People:    Let us lift up our many voices and praise the God of all people.**

**Gathering Hymn**                      "O God, You Search Me"                      No. 29  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**Procession of the Light of Christ**                      Boyd Cook & Audrey Cook, acolytes

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins. And you love us still. Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible; when we wonder how you could love us just as we are, when we forget our intricate construction, fearfully, wonderfully made, in your image! Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you. Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help us to trust anew. You know our hearts. And you love us still. Amen.**

***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.**

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

*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.*

***New Testament Reading***

John 1:43-51

(Pew Bible Page 1,063, Large Print Page 1,615)

***Anthem***

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

arr. Dale Wood

*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

***Old Testament Reading***

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

(Pew Bible Page 621, Large Print Page 920)

***Sermon***

"Equally Known"

Betsy Aho

***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***

***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***

**All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we give this offering. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. All that we are and all that we have is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves and our gifts. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn***

**"Help Us Accept Each Other"**

**No. 754**

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

### ***Benediction Response***

**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***

**"Vivace"**

**G.F. Handel**

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

*Given in loving memory of Martha Langham by her granddaughter, Kristin Rios.*



## CONNECT

### DORCAS CIRCLE | JAN. 20

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church meets at 7 p.m. on Jan. 20 in the Robertson Room. The program is "Elder Law" and will be presented by attorney John Bos. Questions? Contact Dee Toth at 517-482-4414 or Susan Coopes at 517-339-0450.

### PHOEBE CIRCLE | JAN. 28

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church meets at 9 a.m. on Jan. 28 in the Robertson Room. Questions? Contact Renate Carey at [renatedcarey@yahoo.co](mailto:renatedcarey@yahoo.co), about this great community of faith.

### 2015 MEN'S RETREAT | FEB. 20-22

All men are invited to a weekend of manly fun, manly games, manly meals, manly movies, manly conversations and spiritual refreshment Feb. 20 - 22 during our annual Peoples Church Men's Retreat. This year's retreat is all about "Screen Time: Exploring our Faith through Movies and Conversations" and will take place at the Howell Nature Center. The retreat begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and ends Sunday morning with a chapel service. Cost is \$95; includes lodging and meals. To learn more or register for the weekend, contact Aram Kabodian at 517-204-6440.



### PEOPLES 101 | FEB. 1

Want to know more about The Peoples Church? Our monthly informal Q&A session, Peoples 101, is hosted on the first Sunday of each month in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The next Peoples 101 will be offered Feb. 1. All are welcome.



## SHARE

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR 2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Children's Christian education program is looking to collect 700 clean gallon milk jugs (not crushed, with lids), large coffee cans, Pringles containers, hot cocoa canisters, oatmeal canisters and soda pop cans in addition to gift cards for supplies to stores like Meijer, JoAnn Fabric, Walmart and Michael's for its 2015 summer VBS program. Contact Meaghan Gonzalas in the Church Office if you are able to donate any of these items.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FLOWERS? HELP BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY

Each Sunday, the beautiful flowers that decorate our Sanctuary are shared with the homebound members of our church and retirement center residents. A team of volunteers delivers the flowers and brightens the days of a few of these friends each Sunday. This is a heartwarming ministry for any individual or family involved. If you would like to volunteer your time to help deliver flowers one Sunday, contact Irene Seahawk at 517-203-0308 or Shirley Noetzold at 517-339-0233.





## GROW

### BREAKING OPEN PARABLES

Jesus taught using parables and we have been discussing them for more than 2,000 years. On Jan. 21, Pastor Drew will begin a four-week *Wednesday Night Live!* adult formation series on understanding and engaging parables. Throughout the course, we will read and discuss the parables of Jesus, as well as other ancient and modern writers. Pastor Drew will use "Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine and "Orthodox Heretic" by Peter Rollins as points of reference for our study. The class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Come early at to enjoy our weekly *WNL!* Community Meal, served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

### PEOPLES FORUM | JAN. 25

Next Sunday we welcome Dr. Michael Clark as part of The Peoples Church's new **HEALTH MATTERS** wellness effort. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room as Dr. Clark discusses "How to Avoid the Emergency Room."

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

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" to lead our conversations. 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.

### 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.



## SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM

### NEXT DROP-OFF: PLASTIC # 1-7 (THIRD 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.

**FIRST SUNDAY:** SMALL BATTERIES

**SECOND SUNDAY:** POLYSTYRENE FOAM

**THIRD SUNDAY:** PLASTIC #1-7

**FOURTH SUNDAY:** GREEN GLASS



## SERVE

### KNITTING PEOPLE | JAN. 22

Join us for our next gathering from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 22 in the Robertson Room. We are busy with new projects, making hats and mittens for children and adults in local shelters. New knitters are always welcome! We have yarn, needles and patterns for you to use, or you can bring your own! Be sure to bring completed projects for blessing, ideas and favorite patterns to share. Questions? Contact Mary Anne at 517-214-1487.

### SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at the Southside Kitchen each month through 2015. Peoples Church members are invited to serve on the third Tuesday of each month: We are still looking for help on March 17, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. Questions? Contact Jan Perron at RPerron631@aol.com.



### INFORMATIONAL MEETING | JAN. 25 RE-MEMBER MISSION TRIP

An information meeting for those who are interested in participating or learning more about how they can support the April mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota will be held in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 25. Facilities Director Andy Mayville will lead an intergenerational group to serve with the Re-Member organization from April 10 - 18. Learn more about our relationship with Re-Member and this year's mission at [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com).

**SIGN UP** | *Return forms to Offertory Plate on Sunday or the Church Office during the week.*

#### SIGN UP: SOUTH SIDE KITCHEN

YES! I would like to volunteer to serve at the Southside Kitchen in 2015.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Month(s) Available: \_\_\_\_\_