

SUNDAY WORSHIP
MAY 10, 2015

MY COMMAND IS THIS:

LOVE

one another
as I have loved you.

+ JOHN 15:12 +



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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**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

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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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SPECIAL OFFERTORY & CONCERT FOR NEPAL TODAY

To support relief efforts following the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that devastated Nepal on April 25, the Community Engagement Ministry of The Peoples Church has pledged \$3,000 in aid and called for a special second offertory to be taken up today during our worship services.

Doctoral students from the MSU College of Music also will perform a special concert at 4 p.m. today at The Peoples Church to benefit relief efforts in Nepal.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

MAY 13

Deli Sandwiches, Relish Tray, Salad Bar,
Pineapple and Ice Cream Sundaes



**MAKE
YOUR
GIFT
ONLINE**

ThePeoplesChurch.com/Give

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 | MAY 10, 2015

Prelude "I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing* Loretta Johnston
Special Offertory for Nepal

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "Love one another."
People: We gather in love.
Leader: We grow in love.
People: We serve in love.
Leader: We share in love.
People: We worship our God of hope in the love of Jesus Christ.

Gathering Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 475
(Please stand if able.)

Procession of the Light of Christ

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved your call, we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, pride, quarrels and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Response

Old Testament Reading Psalm 28
(Pew Bible Page 550, Large Print Page 796)

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

A Special Thank You to Our Sunday School Teachers and Students (10:30 a.m.)

Jodi Cook
Jennifer Hood
Andrew Rust
Martha Piper

Tammy Fickies
Rachell Pomerville
Angela Michael
Kellie Wells

Jennifer Gabriel
Phyllis Grummond
Kristin Rios
Nancy Mesko

Prayer for Our Teachers (10:30 a.m.)

God, our Great Teacher:

At the end of this school year, hear our prayer for teachers!

Thank you for compassionate teachers who treat each student with dignity and respect, remembering that every child has a story to tell.

Thank you for wise teachers, who remember that children learn more from who we are than what we say.

Thank you for loving teachers who reach out to children on the margins, remembering that we see Jesus in the face of the poor, the challenged, the rejected.

Thank you for strong teachers who carry heavy loads with patience and good-humor, remembering that Jesus also walked an extra mile.

As a community we lift up our Sunday School teachers to You, O Lord, knowing that your divine desire is for us to grow in our faith as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song (10:30 a.m.)

"This Little Light of Mine"
Sunday School Students

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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.

New Testament Reading

John 15:9-17

(Pew Bible Page 1,082, Large Print Page 1,643)

Sermon

"What We Didn't Lose in the Fire"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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Thanksgiving & Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

arr. Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan 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. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Shepherding God, you provide all that your flock needs for faith, hope and love. We return to you a portion of those gifts so that others might hear your comforting voice and walk beside your still waters. Bless what we give, what we are and what we hope to become with these treasures, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Celebration of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Jackson Thomas Rios
*Born on January 21, 2015
Son of Kristin and Dominic Rios*

Proclamation of Faith

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.

Baptismal Hymn

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

No. 483

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

"All Things Bright and Beautiful "

arr. Gordon Young

"Words cannot express my gratitude for your genuine prayers, thoughtful concern and generous support during the past few days. On behalf Rachell, and our children, thank you from the bottom of our hearts." - Pastor Andrew

CHILDREN & FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO A STORY TIME WITH JACOB GATES
IN THE FISCHBACH LIBRARY FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

THE PHOEBE CIRCLE IS HOSTING A **BAKE SALE** TODAY BEFORE AND AFTER THE
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE NORTHWEST ENTRANCE AND FRIENDSHIP HALL.

YOU ARE INVITED BACK TO THE PEOPLES CHURCH AT 4:00 P.M. TODAY AS STUDENTS FROM
THE MSU COLLEGE OF MUSIC PRESENT **A CONCERT TO BENEFIT NEPAL.**

Today's Floral Dedication

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



CONNECT

STRAWBERRY BREAKFAST | MAY 13

The Women of Peoples Church annual Strawberry Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. on May 13 in Snider Social Hall. The theme is “Michigan Women of Faith” with Emily Fijol, executive director of the Michigan Women’s Historical Center and Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$8.

PASTOR DREW’S PEOPLES PEDAL 2 | MAY 17

Join the ride on May 17 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sack lunches will be provided and several routes will take riders across campus and along the river trail. Register for free at ThePeoplesChurch.com.

DORCAS CIRCLE | MAY 18

Dorcas Circle will meet on Monday this month instead of the regular Tuesday. Join us at 7 p.m. on May 18, in the Robertson Room. Our speaker will be Diane Brown from the MSU Extension Office. She will speak on “The Bee Hotel and the plight of the bees today.”



Pastor Andrew's *Challenge to Love*

PEOPLES CHURCH GROUP HAIR CUT | MAY 20

After 12 months of growing our hair, dozens of members and friends of our congregation will be cutting and donating their locks on May 20 as part of Pastor Andrew’s Challenge to Love. After mourning the death of 5-year-old Charlie Waller, a challenge was made to grow and donate hair to make wigs for children. Prior to the cutting, a free meal will be served to the community at 5:30 p.m. in the Snider Social Hall. Thank you to the many who have donated their hair privately since the challenge was issued last year.



SHARE

A NEW HOME FOR YOUR ARTIFICIAL TREES, PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Are you spring cleaning? Consider donating your no-longer-wanted, pre-lit artificial 10-foot Christmas tree and/or large silk green plants, such as ficus trees or palms to the church decorating committee. We are also in need of long stems of silk branches and flowers. Contact Pat Brogan 517-337-1446 or Val Nilson 517-349-1722 to make a donation.

DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS

The Library Committee is collecting books for its annual Used Book Sale on May 16-17. Donations may be left on the stage in Snider Social Hall. Please, no magazines.

DONATE ITEMS TO THE JEWELRY SALE

The Annual WPC Jewelry Sale will be May 16-17 Please deliver donations to the church office by May 11. Don’t forget to tell your friends about this wonderful annual sale!

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

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE
LIBRARY'S USED BOOK SALE**

FRIDAY, MAY 15

9 a.m. (Set Up)

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

12 to 2 p.m.

2 to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

12:30 to 2 p.m.

2 p.m. (Pack Up)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE
WPC'S JEWELRY AND MORE SALE**

FRIDAY, MAY 15

9 a.m. (Set Up)

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

12 to 3 p.m.

3 to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

PASTOR DREW'S PEOPLES PEDAL 2

Registration is free, but we need a count for lunch. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

of Riders 13 and Older: _____

of Riders Younger than 13: _____