

# *Congratulations* **CLASS OF 2015**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**MAY 17, 2015**



**THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

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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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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE RETURNS NEXT WEEKEND

We will return to our summer worship schedule Memorial Day Weekend, next Sunday, May 24.

Join us each Sunday this summer at  
**8:30 a.m.** in the Chapel or  
**9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary.

\*Beginning June 10, we also will celebrate a worship service with communion and the next Sunday's scripture readings as part of our weekly *Wednesday Night Live!* summer program. A community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall, worship begins at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel and a Run/Walk group and Yoga class will be offered at 6:45 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

MAY 20 |  
Angel Hair Pasta and  
Fresh Fruit & Vegetables



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**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 17, 2015

**Prelude** "Andante con Moto" Franz Schubert

**Procession of Graduates** (10:30 a.m.)

**Graduation Tribute** "Bridge Over Troubled Water" Paul Simon  
(10:30 a.m.) Cheri Johnson, soloist & Jim Phelps, string bass

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

### Call to Worship

Leader: We praise you, Lord!

We give thanks to you with our whole heart!

**People: Great are your works, full of honor and majesty  
and studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: The works of your hands are faithful and just.

**People: Your precepts are trustworthy.**

Leader: Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom.

**People: You are to be praised forever.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Will You Come and Follow Me" No. 726  
(Please stand if able.)

**Prayer for Our Graduates** (10:30 a.m.)

**God of our beginnings,  
We thank you for our graduates;  
their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity,  
their open speech and encouraging words.  
Their contributions have blessed and challenged us,  
and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.**

(continued)

**As they step forward into the world that awaits,  
comfort their fears with your divine presence.  
Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus,  
guiding their feet as they move through life  
and protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness.**

**We ask this blessing upon each of them,  
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

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

*"God Called Moses"  
Carol Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed*

John D. Horman

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 1  
(Pew Bible Page 537, Large Print Page 771)

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

**Liturgical Dance** (10:30 a.m.)

*"Tomorrow We Can Start Again"  
Dance 149 choreographed by Jodi Cook*

Cathy Burton

**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.*

**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 17:17-19  
(Pew Bible Page 1,084, Large Print Page 1,646)

**Sermon**

“You Don’t Have to Go Home, But You Can’t Stay Here”



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**Thanksgiving & Dedication of Gifts**

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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

*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**

**God of the past, God of the present and God of the future – bless our gifts, our ideas, and our callings so that we may be ambassadors of faith, hope, and love wherever we are called and wherever we may be. Guide our hearts to say, do, and be the presence of grace that your son, Jesus Christ, taught us to be. In the Holy Spirit we confidently pray. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

“Guide My Feet”

No. 741

**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**

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Flor Peeters

**Today’s Floral Dedication**

*Given by Joan Wright in memory of her parents, Ruth & Wilbur Wright.*



## CONNECT

### 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."

### PEOPLES 101 | JUN. 7

Interested in learning more about The Peoples Church? We will host our next monthly informal Peoples 101 Q&A session following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Jun. 7.

### SAVE THE DATE:

### LUGNUTS GAME | AUG. 23

Mark your summer calendars: Our annual Peoples Church outing to see the Lansing Lugnuts is booked for 2:05 p.m. on Aug. 23 at Cooley Law School Stadium. Tickets, including food, will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Watch for more information, including ticket sales, coming this summer.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUN. 15- 16

Time is running out! Spots are nearly full for our 2015 Vacation Bible School. Contact Meaghan Gonzales at 517-332-5073 or go to [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com) to register.



## SERVE

### VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR VISITATION TEAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING | MAY 26

Members of the Peoples Church Visitation Team spend quality time with members of our church family who are confined to their homes and help them stay connected to our faith community. Current team members and Pastor Andrew will gather at 1 p.m. on May 26 in the Robertson Room to discuss this important ministry. All who have an interest in learning more about how to serve in this way are encouraged to join us that day. Questions? Contact Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446 or Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517-337-5132.



### Pastor Andrew's Challenge to Love

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### GROUP HAIR CUT | WEDNESDAY

After 12 months of growing our hair, dozens of members and friends of our congregation will be cutting and donating their locks at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday 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 in the Snider Social Hall. Thank you to the many who have donated their hair privately since the challenge was issued last year.