

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 29, 2015

"Were not our hearts



burning within us ..."

+ LUKE 24:32 +



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Christmas Program Rehearsal
Confirmation Class
PCYG Open Hang Out
*Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertone Rehearsal
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Dance 149

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Labyrinth | Adult Formation
Holy Moly | Children's Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class

**Off this Week.*

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Jim Kelly, Chairperson
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JOB OPPORTUNITY: PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Peoples Church Preschool seeks a full-time lead teacher for its 2-year-old classroom. This position includes curriculum development and implementation, child assessment, parent communication and classroom management, among other duties. The position offers a competitive benefits package which includes paid planning time, vacation and sick leave, and professional development opportunities. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree in child development or early childhood education (or a related field). Contact Preschool Director Dana Johnson at preschool@thepeopleschurch.com or (517) 332-2885.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL

DEC. 2 | Pizza Party with Homemade Root Beer and Ice Cream.



MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

COVER ART: "The Road to Emmaus" by Sadao Watanabe, 1993.

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 29, 2015

Prelude "Creator of the Stars of Night" arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Gathering Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" **No. 113**
(Please stand if able.)

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Responsive Prayer

Leader: With the lighting of this candle, remind us of the familiar words of old:

People: **Alleluia the Christ child comes,**

Leader: And we await his birth.

People: **Let us throw off our distractions,**

Leader: And allow the chaos to settle.

People: **Let us watch for the signs and listen to the messengers.**

Leader: Let us stand on tiptoe, and shout aloud and sing.

People: **Let us connect with our promised Jesus,
who comes with faith, hope and love. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "Christ is Coming" (Verse 3) **No. 360**

***With that blessed hope before us, flutes are tuned and harps are strung;
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the song.***

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 23:1-3
(Pew Bible Page 389, Large Print Page 552)

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.*

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"A Spotless Rose"

Herbert Howells

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

New Testament Reading

Luke 24:13-32

(Pew Bible Page 1,060, Large Print Page 1,610)

Sermon

"Forgetting the Things We Forgot We Knew"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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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.

Proclamation of the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"I Wonder as I Wander"

arr. Fred Bock

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 Thanksgiving

Leader: God we thank you for your harvest,
which feeds us so many times each day.

**People: We are nourished with your forgiveness and hope.
We are sustained with your strength and patience.
We are filled with your grace and compassion.**

Leader: Use these gifts to share your hope with the world.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" **No. 82**

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Advent Benediction Response "Go Tell it on the Mountain" (Refrain) **No. 136**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

Postlude "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" arr. Wilbur Held

Today's Floral Offering

Given in loving memory of Dr. Corliss Arnold by his wife, Betty, and his family.

Today's Fellowship Offering

Given by in honor of Margaret Bates' birthday, today.



CONNECT

ADVENT TEA | DEC. 2

The Women of Peoples Church will host its traditional Advent Tea at 1 p.m. on Dec. 2 in Snider Social Hall. All are welcome to join together for "The Songs and Stories of Christmas." For more information, contact Cindy Carson at 517-862-8896 or Susan Coopes at 517-339-0450.

'THE FIRST CHRISTMAS' | DEC. 6

Children from our Christian Education Program will bring the Nativity to life when they present their annual holiday pageant, "The First Christmas" during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Dec. 6. All are invited to share in the joy as children ages 4-11 take on the roles of Mary, Joseph, sheep, angels, shepherds, narrators and townspeople. Light refreshments will be served in the Snider Social Hall following the service.

FREE HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT | DEC. 14

The Fine Arts Committee will present an MSU College of Music Holiday Brass Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14 in the Sanctuary. Admission is free.

BENEFIT CONCERT | DEC. 6

Join the musical friends of Brandon and Bethany Foote as they gather at The Peoples Church at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6 to play a benefit concert for this beloved couple. The concert celebration will include music by Seth Bernard, Drew Howard, Max Lockwood, Steve Leaf, John Hanson, Tony Roth and Joyce Walker, Micah Ling, Jen Sygit, Laura Bates, the Wilson Brothers, Joey Shultz and more! Brandon is taking time off of work to continue his quest for better health while they also await the birth of their first child. Bethany is the assistant director at our Peoples Church Preschool and the couple performs as the musical duo "Gifts or Creatures." Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Children age 12 and under free.

2015 ADVENT HOLIDAY CALENDAR

THE PEOPLES CHURCH



DECEMBER 2 | ADVENT TEA - 1:00 p.m., Snider Social Hall

DECEMBER 6 | CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 6 | BENEFIT FOR BRANDON & BETHANY FOOTE - 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 13 | ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 14 | FREE HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 16 | LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary



SERVE

HELP US RING BELLS

The Peoples Church is ringing bells for the Salvation Army again this year. We will be at the Meridian Mall from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on December 3, 10 and 17. We are especially in need ringers for the 5 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. slots. Consider ringing for two hours with a friend or your family. Contact Mimi Burpee at 517-349-0806.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

The Community Engagement Ministry is once again sponsoring a "Christmas Wish List" as part of its Edgewood Village Partnership this holiday season. Pick up gift tags from the Christmas tree in the Northwest Entrance beginning Nov. 29. Children's names, ages and gift suggestions (up to \$35) will be included.



ADULT COAT COLLECTION | DEC. 6 & 13

Community Engagement will collect clean and in good repair adult-sized winter coats and jackets to be donated for distribution through St. Vincent Catholic Charities. Look for the collection box in Northwest Entrance Dec. 6 and 13.

BREAD DELIVERERS NEEDED

Panera Bread in Okemos generously donates all its leftover bread to Edgewood Village every Wednesday night at closing (9:00 p.m.). We are looking for a volunteer to pick up bread on Wednesday evening and deliver it to our neighbors at Edgewood Village on Thursday mornings. Contact Barbara Scott at 517-889-5603.



SHARE

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

GIFT WRAPPING | DEC. 15

The Community Engagement Ministry is looking for help wrapping gifts donated for its Edgewood Village Partnership "Christmas Wish List" at 1 p.m. on Dec. 15 in the Robertson Room. Questions? Contact Emily Anderson at 517-648-0632



EXPLORING SOCIAL MEDIA

The Women of Peoples Church is looking for a few Facebook-savvy women to help develop and manage a WPC Facebook group. We envision this group will be able to share thoughts and concerns, offer support and encouragement, offer favorite quotes of affirmation, announce meetings and other community happenings. This could be a special ministry for our women's group. If this appeals to you, contact Ruth Ann Ference at 517-381-5186 or raference2@comcast.net.

BOY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS | DEC. 14

Please mark your calendar to support our Boy Scouts of Troop 2 when they host a fundraiser Dec. 14 at Buffalo Wild Wings in East Lansing. Proceeds will benefit Troop 2 as they host a group of international scouts and participate in an international camporee in Northern Michigan during the summer of 2016. Watch for the event flyer coming soon so you will be able to support our local Boy Scouts.

WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH | **ADVENT TEA 2015**



The Songs and Stories of Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

1:00 p.m. | Snider Social Hall

\$8.00 per person

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

YES! I WANT TO HELP WRAP GIFTS FOR THE "CHRISTMAS WISH LIST" ON DEC. 15

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIAL GIFTS (PLEASE PRINT)

_____ YES! I would like to make a \$20 contribution to the Sanctuary Decorating Fund. Please accept my gift:

_____ In memory of

_____ In honor of

_____ In celebration of

_____ To the Glory of God

Given by: _____

Please make checks payable to **THE PEOPLES CHURCH** and indicate "Poinsettias" in the memo line. DEADLINE TO ORDER IS DEC. 14.

Questions? Contact Dee Przybylski at 517-332-5073 or dprzybylski@thepeopleschurch.com