

# KICKOFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2016



*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."  
+ Genesis 2:15 +*



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823  
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## SUNDAY MORNING

**8:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Chapel

**9:30 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School  
Carol Choir Rehearsal  
Confirmation Class\*  
PCYG Bible Exploration\*  
Peoples Forum\*

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Children's Sunday School

**11:30 a.m.**

Coppertones Rehearsal  
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry  
Dance 149\*

*\*Begins Sept. 18*

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

Youth Choir Rehearsal

**6:30 p.m.**

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

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*Appointments by Pastoral Referral*

## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

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JOIN US IN SNIDER SOCIAL HALL FOLLOWING  
TODAY'S 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## KICKOFF SUNDAY & CHICKEN DINNER

# LOOKING FORWARD

SERVING OUR CAMPUS  
OUR COMMUNITY  
AND OUR CONGREGATION

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL



**SEPTEMBER 14**

Cream of Potato Soup,  
Beef Stuffed Peppers & Vegetarian  
Stuffed Peppers  
Cornbread  
Mixed Greens Salad  
Seasonal Fruit  
Cookies



# MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

[ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE](https://ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE)

COVER ART: "Incredible Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil" by Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik, 2010.

**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 | SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

**Prelude** "All Creatures of our God and King" arr. David Johnson

**Choral Introit** (10:30 a.m.) "I Love You, Lord" Laurie Klein  
*Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

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

*Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.*

### Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

**People: Let us help all people connect, grow, serve, and share in God's grace!**

Leader: We are called to be light for the world.

**People: Let us be ambassadors of faith, hope, and love!**

Leader: We are called to go to all places proclaiming the Gospel.

**People: Let us be the church to the campus, the community, and the congregation!**

**Gathering Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee " No. 611

### Prayer for the Campus, Community, and Congregation

**God of all things, who calls people from all times and places, help us be The Peoples Church – a congregation that looks to the needs of others before ourselves. Help us love so fully that we cannot help but demonstrate your light to our world. We pray for the guidance and support of our students, teachers, faculty, and administration. We ask your continued blessing upon our communities near and far. And we beg your inspiration for this congregation, that we will continue to be an expression of your kingdom on earth, now and forevermore. Amen.**

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

"Listen, God Is Calling"

No. 456

**First Reading**

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17  
(Pew Bible Page 2; Large Print 3)

Betsy Aho

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

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

**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.)  
You may pick up your child in the McCune Chapel following the worship service.*

**Solo**

"Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"  
Nick Kreider, bass

arr. Moses Hogan

**Second Reading**

Matthew 25:31-45  
(Pew Bible Page 994; Large Print 1,513)

**Sermon**

"Campus, Community, and Congregation"

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.**

**Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

**Offertory**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"  
Sanctuary Choir featuring Leah Brzyski, soloist

arr. David Lantz III



### ***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***

**Lord, these gifts we offer are but a piece of the blessings we have received from you. We are thankful for the opportunity to share. Give us hearts that rejoice to serve and give to others. Use these talents to welcome, to invite, to reconcile and to love. Through the salvation offered in your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn***

**"All Creatures of our God and King**

**No. 15**

### ***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***

**"Toccata"**

**David H. Hegarty**

**PEOPLES CHURCH CAMPUS MINISTRY MEETS EACH SUNDAY FOLLOWING  
THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE. STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO GATHER  
WITH CAMPUS MINISTER BETSY AHO IN FRIENDSHIP HALL.**

**JOIN US IN SNIDER SOCIAL HALL FOLLOWING TODAY'S 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE  
FOR OUR 2016 KICKOFF CELEBRATION & CHICKEN DINNER**

***Today's Floral Offering***

*To the Glory of God.*



## CONNECT

### 'DINNERS FOR 8'

It's once again time to sign up for our annual "Dinners for 8" for the 2016-2017 season. This is a fun opportunity to meet new members of the church and get to know long time members better. There will be four dinners scheduled, starting in November. Groups will differ for each dinner so you will have an opportunity to share meals with a variety of groups. Please sign up quickly as a minimum of 16 couples are necessary to arrange groupings. Singles also are welcome. The more the merrier! Reservation deadline is Oct. 1. Contact Cheryl at 517-410-1313 or leece@msu.edu.

### WPC BOARD MEETING | SEPT. 12

The Women of Peoples Church Executive Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 12 in the Robertson Room.

### DORCAS CIRCLE | SEPT. 20

WPC's Dorcas Circle will gather at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20 in the Robertson Room to discover more about "Volunteer Services at Sparrow Hospital" with Melissa Sherry. Questions? Contact Phyllis Gaulden at 517-482-0930.

### PHOEBE CIRCLE | SEPT. 28

WPC's Phoebe Circle will gather at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 28 at the home of Sally McCoy, 926 Wildwood Dr. in East Lansing. Questions? Contact Renate Carey at reatecarey@yahoo.com.

### REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE | SEPT. 28

WPC's Rebekah-Hannah Circle will gather at 1 p.m. on Sept. 28 in the Robertson Room. Marcia Beer, director of Southside Community Kitchen, will be our special guest.

### NEW MEMBERS CLASS | SEPT. 28 & OCT. 2

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church? New Members Classes will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 during *Wednesday Night Live!* and following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Oct. 2. Contact the Church Office to RSVP. Childcare is available upon request. All are welcome

### PEOPLES CHURCH PRESCHOOL IS HIRING

Peoples Church Preschool is in need of teaching assistants. Interested? Contact the Preschool Office at 517-332-2885.

### LOU & PETER BERRYMAN CONCERT | OCT. 9

Musical humorists Lou and Peter Berryman will perform at The Peoples Church at 7 p.m. on Oct. 9. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. For more than 35 years, Lou and Peter Berryman have been mainstays on the folk music circuit. Their hilarious original songs have won devoted fans around the country, including Tom Lehrer, Pete Seeger, Garrison Keillor, Tom Paxton, and Christine Lavin, who called them "the funniest thing on four legs." Learn more about them at [LouAndPeter.com](http://LouAndPeter.com).

### WPC RETREAT: 'THE CUP OF LIFE' | OCT. 13

The Women of Peoples Church will host its annual Fall Retreat from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 in the Robertson Room. Our presenter will be Jean Schaub, who will talk to us about "The Cup of Life." Jean will lead us through scripture and discuss the sub-topics: "The Open Cup," "The Chipped Cup," "The Broken Cup," "The Cup of Compassion" and "The Blessing Cup." She has a Master's Degree in Theology from Loyola University and has taught religious studies for 18 years at Sienna Heights University. A light breakfast and lunch provided. Cost is \$25.



## GROW

### **WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: 'DIGGING INTO THE SCRIPTURES' | SEPT. 14**

Men, do you want to know more about the Bible? Join us for a lively discussion with friends who are excited about learning more about the Bible. Our discussions are led by the Rev. Dr. Frank McAuley, a retired Baptist minister and member of The Peoples Church. We meet at Noon each Wednesday in the Fischbach Library, beginning Sept. 14



### **READING PEOPLE | SEPT. 15**

The Reading People will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 15 in the Robertson Room. Joanne Keith will lead a discussion of books selected for the 2016 *One Book One Community* program sponsored by the City of East Lansing and Michigan State University. Reading one of the two books offered this year - "Enrique's Journey" by Sonia Nazario or "City of Thorns" by Ben Rawlence - will be adequate. Joanne will include both books in the discussion, following this year's theme: "Faces of Migration."

### **'REVEALING REVELATION' | SEPT. 19**

Mysterious scrolls, four-horned creatures and a beast rising out of the sea. These are a few of the weird images that Revelation contains. Join us each week at 11 p.m., beginning Sept. 19, in the Robertson Room for Monday Morning Bible. Pastor Drew will lead us as we study the time, place and people to whom Revelation was written. Join us as we read through this fascinating book and explore its meaning for today. All are welcome.



### **PCYG: BUBBLE SOCCER | SEPT. 14**

PCYG will kickoff our 2016-17 year with a Bubble Soccer during *Wednesday Night Live!* on Sept. 14. A community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall and PCYG meets at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to another year of fun, discipleship and service!

### **BURCHAM HILLS BIBLE STUDY | SEPT. 15**

Pastor Andrew will lead a weekly evening Bible study of Judges from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. each Thursday, beginning this week, on the fourth floor at the Burcham Hills Retirement Community, 2700 Burcham Dr., East Lansing. All are welcome.



### **CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017 | SEPT. 18**

Attention 8th & 9th Grade Families: Contact Pastor Drew at [dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com) if your student plans on participating in our Confirmation Class this year or if you have questions about it. An orientation meeting will be hosted at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 18 in the Centennial Room.

### **PEOPLES FORUM: SEPT. 18**

The Peoples Forum begins its fall season on Sept. 18 with Pastor Andrew as our guest. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Gather with others looking to dive deeper into the scripture passages. Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday, beginning on Sept. 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fischbach Library. Led by Pastor Andrew and Dave Forsberg, we explore the passages from that day and what they mean to our lives.





## SERVE

### EDGEWOOD PARTNERSHIP ENTERS THIRD YEAR

This summer, we marked the second anniversary of our Edgewood Village Partnership. We continue to grow and offer many opportunities for members to support our neighbors. Volunteer opportunities include, communications, van drivers, Network Center receptionists, tutors for elementary, middle and high school students, community gardening, holiday projects, food basket donors and shoppers, sewing and knitting clubs, Scholars Program lecturers, Panera Bread delivery and more. Questions? Contact Barbara Scott at 517-889-5603.

### PERSONAL NEEDS BANK

Donations of personal care items, including diapers and wipes, to help local families in need may be placed in the baskets in the Sanctuary or at the Welcome Center. Contact Mary Heiderson at 517-333-9396 or at maryheiderson@gmail.com.



## SHARE

### PCYG: YOUTH ADVISORS WANTED

Are you interested in helping members of the Peoples Church Youth Group grow in their faith? Youth Director Jacob Gates will host an informational meeting for potential Youth Advisors after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sept. 18. We'll meet in Friendship Hall and go down to the Youth Den. Questions? Contact Jacob at [jgates@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jgates@thepeopleschurch.com)

### SUNDAY FLOWER MEMORIAL GIFTS



Sunday Floral Dedications offer members weekly opportunities to celebrate and remember loved ones. Dedications may be reserved with a memorial gift of \$85 to benefit the Sanctuary Fund. Reserve a Sunday using the notebook at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office at 517-332-5073.



## 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