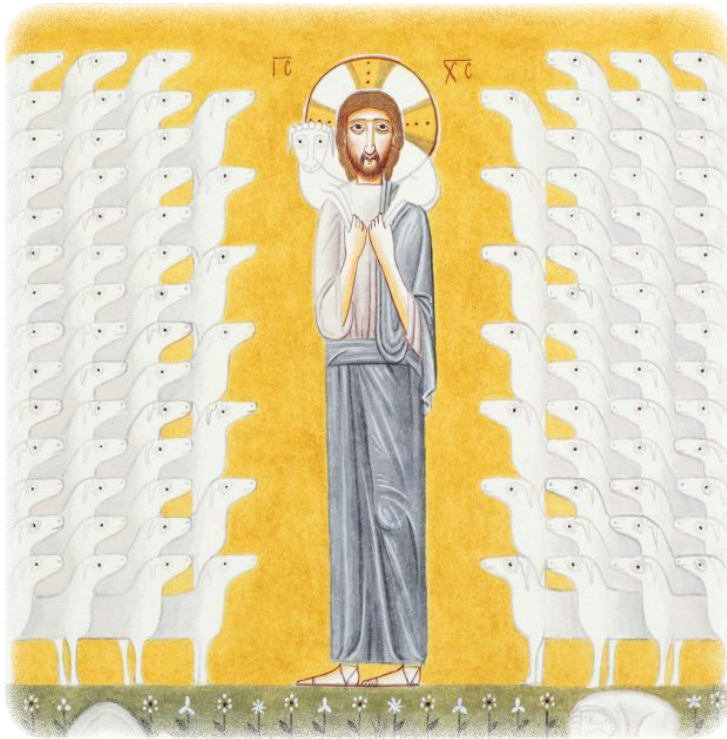


3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19, 2017



*“There will be more rejoicing in heaven
over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous persons
who do not need to repent.”*

+ Luke 15:7 +

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.

Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Coppertones Rehearsal
Dance 149

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

Out of the Shadows | Adults
Kids Serve | Children’s Education
Peoples Church Youth Group
Deborah Discussion | WPC
Yoga Class



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017
JUNE 19-23
WOLDUMAR NATURE CENTER
REGISTER NOW!

Children who have completed Kindergarten through the fifth grade are invited to attend "Hero Central," our 2017 Vacation Bible School program June 19-23 at Woldumar Nature Center. We have space for 140 campers. Friends and neighbors are welcome. Cost for the week is \$25 (pre-camp or post-camp care is available for additional costs). Reserve your child's space online at **ThePeopleChurch.com**. Questions? Contact Children's Christian Education Director Julie Bills at 517-908-4447 or jbills@thepeopleschurch.com.

A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR . . .

Friends, I invite you to mark your calendars for 2 to 4 p.m. on April 2 and be a part of an important moment of solidarity in faith and community here in East Lansing.



The Peoples Church is partnering with Congregation Shaarey Zehek and the Islamic Center of East Lansing in a community pilgrimage for peace, hope and unity. I could not be more excited about this event.

At 2 p.m. we will begin with prayers in reflections at Congregation Shaarey Zehek, 1924 Coolidge Rd.

Participants are then invited to drive to The People Church for prayers and reflections at 2:30 p.m.

From here, we will walk through MSU's campus (drive if you prefer) to the Islamic Center of Greater Lansing, 920 S. Harrison Rd., where we will conclude with prayers and reflections at 3:30 p.m. (Transportation back to The Peoples Church will be provided.)

I hope you will join us on this journey.

Pastor Andrew



**MAKE A
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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 19, 2017

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "The Lord's My Shepherd" arr. Gilbert Martin

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word" arr. A. Sherman
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Trumpet Introit Mia Manolakoudis, Confirmation Student

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship Tess Piper, Confirmation Student

Leader: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

**People: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.**

Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

People: Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

Gathering Hymn "There is Now a New Creation" **No. 774**
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we want to follow you, wherever you might lead.

**People: Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.
Forgive us when we are distracted and lose our way.**

Leader: Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold,
the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.

**People: Lord, we will follow you wherever you might lead.
Teach us to trust and know that we are found safe in you. Amen.**

Lenten Congregational Response “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” (Verse1) **No. 423**

***Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.***

First Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16
(Pew Bible Page 1,206; Large Print 1,824)

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

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. John Ness Beck

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-10
(Pew Bible Page 1,047; Large Print 1,591)

Sermon

“So, am I the Coin?”

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 (10:30 a.m.)

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

arr. A. Sherman

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

**Loving God, take this day,
All of our fears, worries and distractions.
Turn them into strength, hope and faith.
May we love as you love. Amen**

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

No. 803

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

"Cebell"

Henry Purcell

Today's Floral Offering

Given in memory of John B. Kreer from his wife, Vivienne, children and granddaughters.

GREAT DECISIONS:

TRADE & POLITICS | MAR. 23

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. We meet from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. On Mar. 23, we will welcome **Bill Disler, President of the Wixom-based AFC-Holcroft**, a company that manufactures industrial heat treating systems and sells them globally with sales offices in Switzerland and Shanghai and has licenses for sales and manufacturing licensed systems in about ten major countries around the world. The annual 2017 Great Decisions topic books are available in the church office for \$20 each. Questions? Contact either Mary Anne Larzelere at malarz@aol.com or Sandy Bryson at sbryson@msu.edu.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES | MAR. 29 & APR. 2

Have you ever thought about joining The Peoples Church? Would you like more information? Come to an upcoming New Members Class at 6:30 on Mar. 29 or 11:30 a.m. on April 2, both in the Centennial Room. The class last about 90 minutes. Childcare is available upon request. Contact the Church Office at 517-332-5073 to register. Questions? Contact Diane Shafer at 517-388-0437 or dmshafer2001@gmail.com.

DORCAS CIRCLE | MAR. 21

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 7 p.m. on Mar. 21 in the Robertson Room. They welcome Teresa Ritsema from The National Alliance on Mental Health. Questions? Contact Phyllis Gaulden at 517-482-0930.

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE | MAR. 22

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather for lunch at 12:30 on Mar. 22 at Coral Gables in East Lansing. Questions? Contact Joan at 517-349-1074 or Gretchen at 517-322-5132.

PEOPLES FORUM | MAR. 26

Next Sunday, the Peoples Forum welcomes Steve Hayward, Development Consultant for Eastwood Towne Center. Join us at 9 :30 a.m. in the Robertson Room

MEIJER GIFT CARDS FOR REFUGEES

Our Community Engagement Ministry is collecting Meijer gift cards (any denomination) for St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services. Donations can be delivered in the Northwest Entrance on Mar. 19 and March 26. Storage units for goods at St. Vincent are full because of challenging immigration issues, but Meijer gift cards are always needed and appreciated. Thank you for your generosity. Questions? Contact Mimi Burpee at 517-349-0806.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS:

WPC JEWELRY & MORE SALE

The Women of Peoples Church will host their annual Jewelry & More Sale on May 20 and 21. Donations are needed. We are in search of old, new, estate, costume, collectible and broken jewelry. We also will accept jewelry boxes, scarves, handbags, art, CDs and DVDs, wallets, MSU items, puzzles and games, watches and silver items. Donated items can be dropped off at the Church Office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

DONATIONS NEEDED: USED BOOK SALE

Donations are being accepted for the annual Fischbach Library Used Book Sale and may be dropped off on the stage in the Snider Social Hall until May 18. Do not leave books in the Church Office or at the Welcome Center. Please, no magazines. The sale takes place during the Art Festival, May 20-21.

HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS

We will help families in the greater Lansing area have a wonderful meal on Easter Sunday. We need volunteer drivers to deliver food baskets on March 26. Drivers are asked to be at Market Fresh Foods at Jolly Road and MLK Blvd. in Lansing at 9 a.m. to pick up baskets.

THANK YOU FOR THE SNOW PANTS

A record amount of snow pants was collected this winter from our congregation! These were

taken to Judson Memorial Church and distributed to Lansing area children. The Community Engagement Ministry thanks you so much for participating with gusto this season!

VBS SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

This year we are offering Hero Central Vacation Bible School at a steep discount to our families and our community (\$25). For us to accomplish this, we are relying on the generosity of our congregation. Community Engagement Ministry has offered a \$2,500 matching gift to all donations for VBS scholarships. Please consider donating to this wonderful program that offers an amazing camp experience to more than 100 children. Questions? Contact, Pastor Drew.



This Lenten season, our *Wednesday Night Live!* adult formation series “Out of the Shadows” will explore the topics of sexual assault, sexual abuse and human trafficking in our world. These topics make us uncomfortable but need to be brought *out of the shadows and into the light*.

MAR. 22 | Erin Roberts, Executive Director and **Nancy Bates**, Community Development Director of E.V.E. (End Violent Encounters). E.V.E. provides supportive services to survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence, while empowering our community through education and awareness.

5:30 p.m. | Community Meal, Snider Social Hall

6:30 p.m. | Out of the Shadows, Robertson Room

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

EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

___ Yes, I (We) would like to help the sanctuary come alive with Lilies on Easter morning.
Please accept my gift of \$20 in support of the Sanctuary Decoration Fund.

In Memory of In Celebration of In Honor of To the Glory of God

Dedication (Please Print): _____

Given By (Please Print): _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, APRIL 10

YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS ON APRIL 15 AT 9 A.M.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE WPC JEWELRY SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 19 (SET-UP)

9:30 a.m. until complete.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Questions? Contact Cheryl Leece at leecem44@gmail.com or 517-410-1313.