

KICKOFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



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. 17*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Virtual Bible | Children's Education

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Peoples Church Youth Group
Yoga Class



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

KICKOFF SUNDAY & CHICKEN DINNER



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.



**MAKE A
GIFT
ONLINE**

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Following the Children's Moment, Julie Bills, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Prelude "Fantasy in C Major" J.S. Bach

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "The Heavens Are Telling from Creation" Franz Josef Haydn
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.

First Reading John 1:1-5 Rev. Betsy Aho
(Pew Bible Page 1062; Large Print 1613)

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and see!

People: The Light of God has come into the world!

Leader: Let us follow after God's brilliant, shining hope in Jesus Christ!

People: And in our journey together, let us be surprised by the wonders all around us in this glorious gift of creation.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God together!

Gathering Hymn "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" No. 33

Procession of the Light of Christ Maya Canady and Sophia Fickies, Acolytes

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.

Choral Response "God Welcomes All" (2x)

No. 399

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

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

(Children are invited to participate in Sunday School at the conclusion of the Children's Moment)

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

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

Anthem

"He's Got the Whole World/This Is My Father's World" arr. Joel Raney

Second Reading

Genesis 1:1-5
(Pew Bible Page 1; Large Print 1)

Sermon

"Are We There Yet?"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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Hymn of Response "Sing Glory to the Name of God!"

No. 10

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven"

arr. Wilbur Held



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

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. Teach us to measure our wealth, not by what we have, but what we have given away. Let us give generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

No. 1

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

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr. Don Wyrzten

**JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN SNIDER SOCIAL HALL FOLLOWING
TODAY'S 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE FOR OUR
2017 KICKOFF CELEBRATION & CHICKEN DINNER**

ALL ARE WELCOME ON THE JOURNEY!

Today's Floral Offering

Given in celebration of our journey together!



CONNECT

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church? Come to one of our next New Members Classes for more information. You have your choice of Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, October 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room (located in the lower level inside the Snider Social Hall). Classes last about 90 minutes. If interested, please call the church office at 517-332-5073 to register and request child care if needed.

FIGHTING HUNGER: CROP WALK

Save the date to fight hunger in this community and the world! The 2017 CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. at Lansing STEM Academy (2600 Hampden Drive, Lansing). More information available at crophungerwalk.org and from Loretta Johnston who will be signing up walkers and accepting CROP Walk donations in upcoming weeks.



GROW

BURCHAM HILLS BIBLE STUDY

Starting Thursday, October 5 at 6:15 p.m., Pastor Andrew will once again lead a Bible Study on the fourth floor of Burcham Hills! The study will focus on 1 Corinthians with one chapter being discussed each week. All are welcome!



SERMON PREP

Join Pastor Andrew for a preview of Sunday's scripture readings. This dynamic group often helps prepare Sunday sermons and offers wonderful opportunities to dive deeper into scripture. All are welcome to attend at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Robertson Room.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Are you ready to rumble? New fall programming for *WNL!* is set and will begin on September 13 with a **Rumble in the Robertson Room!** Join Pastor Andrew, Pastor Drew, and Pastor Betsy as they rumble about *The Problem of Evil*. See you at 6:30 in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir (Youth Den)

Children's Programming (3rd Floor)

6:30 p.m. Yoga (Yellow Room, 3rd Floor)

Adult Programming (Robertson Room)

Middle School Youth Group (Youth Den)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY MEAL MENU

SEPTEMBER 13

Cream of Tomato Soup & Crackers

Swiss Steak

Mashed Redskin Potatoes

Steamed Corn • Green Beans

Seasonal Fruit • Assorted Pies





SERVE

HURRICANE RELIEF: SPECIAL COLLECTION

A total of \$3,383 was raised last week for Hurricane Harvey relief; thank you for your generous contributions! We will have another congregational collection, today, for those who continue to deal with the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey and now Hurricane Irma as it approaches the United States. Use the special collection envelopes located in the pews; make checks payable to "The Peoples Church," with "Hurricane Relief" written on the envelope or on the memo line of your check. Or give online at ThePeoplesChurch.com. These funds will be sent to denominational disaster relief organizations. Thank you for helping those in need!



SHARE

SCHOOL SUPPLY SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies to Lansing students! We were able to stuff 185 backpacks with much needed supplies! You also helped support many things teachers need in their classroom—dry erase markers, pencils, glue, crayons. The staff at Reo Elementary sends their deepest gratitude for your generosity and support as students begin a new year. ~ Rachell Pomerville

BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday is next week, September 17! Funds collected by our congregation will go to Church World Service for blankets for those fleeing their home, recovering from disaster, and dealing with other hardship situations all around the world. The Community Engagement Ministry thanks you in advance for your contribution!

ALL CHURCH CARNIVAL

Save the date and mark your calendars! The All Church Carnival is set for September 24 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Join us in the Snider Social Hall for free games, food and prizes for everyone!



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.



Peoples Church Campus Ministry is a welcoming place to explore your faith and grow alongside other students; many of us Christian, some of us wondering, all of us welcome. Whether you are looking for a group to belong to, a place to serve, a worship service to attend or a space to feel welcome and meet other students, Peoples Church Campus Ministry invites you to be a part of us!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND LUNCH & LOUNGE

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Main Sanctuary)

11:30 a.m. Lunch & Lounge

THURSDAY EVENINGS: DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Beginning September 14, Peoples Church Campus Ministry gathers in The Lounge (lower level of the church) for conversational Bible Study that is open to people in every stage of their faith journey. Our style of Bible Study invites questions and answers, conversation and wonderings. Contact Rev. Betsy Aho at: eaho@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.



WEEKLY PCYG PROGRAMS

Sundays (beginning today!)

9:30 a.m. Bible Exploration for 6th - 12th graders in the Youth Den

9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class for interested students in the Centennial Room (begins September 17)

10:30 a.m. Worship for everyone

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group for 9th - 12th graders in the Youth Den

Wednesdays (beginning September 13)

5:30 p.m. Community Meal for everyone

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group for 6th - 8th graders in the Youth Den

For more information contact Joe Kennedy at: jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com.



A GARDEN JOURNEY

FALL RETREAT 2017 | OCTOBER 14 (10 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

The Women of Peoples Church will host its annual Fall Retreat at Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, MI on October 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 for the day and includes a guided tour, tram ride and lunch. Contact Jessica at: jessica@eysselinck.com to register today!

