

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2018

*Alleluia!
He is risen!*



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

This schedule returns
April 8, 2018.

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

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

6:10 p.m.

Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

LIVE!

This schedule returns
April 11, 2018.

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

Children's Education K-5

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes

Middle School Youth Group

Yoga Class

Childcare for infant/
preschool

7:30 p.m.

Clarion Ringers

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Jennifer Nagel, Chairperson
elders@thepeopleschurch.com



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.



The Interim Senior Pastor Search Committee has continued to meet weekly and has been making excellent progress. From a group of 11 profiles submitted by our four denominations, the committee has narrowed the pool to four very accomplished candidates. Each of these individuals has specific interim pastor training and experience, as well as having served as a permanent senior pastor during their ministries. The committee will begin the interviewing phase of our process during the first week in April with the goal of recommending a final candidate to the Council of Elders at their April 24 meeting.

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with any questions you may have. The committee members are: Cal Kerr (Chair), Emily Anderson, Wayne Budde, Alan Canady, Wes Reedy, and Lew Worthington.

For regular updates on the Interim Pastor Search, please refer to the Sunday Bulletin or the monthly *Portal*.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 1, 2018

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "The Strife Is O'er" arr. Janet Linker
Neill Campbell, organist

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Easter Fanfare" Paul Fetler
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Betsy Aho

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty. Christ is risen!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: This is the good news—once we were no people, now we are God's people.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.
Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Procession of the Light of Christ Anna Harvey and Kate Gronowski, Acolytes

Gathering Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" No. 232

First Reading John 20: 1-18 Rev. Drew Filkins
(Pew Bible Page 1,087; Large Print 1,651)

Children's Moment

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

(Children are dismissed at this time and can be picked up after service on the third floor)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Confession

God of love, you bring compassion where we have turned hard-hearted. God of mercy, you offer forgiveness where we are hurt and where we have wounded. God of life, you bring new life where we are worn and tired. Eternal God, raise us in your grace so that, with joy, we may celebrate your deeds of love, mercy and life in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns	"The Day of Resurrection!"	No. 233
	"Thine Is the Glory"	No. 238
	"Christ Is Alive!"	No. 246

Anthem "Hilariter" arr. K. Lee Scott

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
(Pew Bible Page 1,142; Large Print 1,732)

Sermon "The Foolishness of the Cross" Rev. Betsy Aho
 [@Connect2TPC#TPCSermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCSermon)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(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

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

Living God, you have given us so much in the risen Christ who spreads a table before us. We offer our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. As you nourish us, might we respond to your Spirit with grateful praise, offering our gifts and ourselves, so that the world might know your peace and promise. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

No. 248

You are invited to join the choir for the Hallelujah chorus. Music is provided.
If interested, please make your way to the front of the Sanctuary during the closing hymn.

Benediction *(Please stand if able)*

Benediction Response

"Hallelujah Chorus" *(from Messiah)*

G.F. Handel

Postlude

"Symphony No. 5: Toccata"

Charles Marie Widor

*Thank
You*

TO OUR TALENTED BRASS PLAYERS:

**Ben Berghorn
Alessandro Bonotto
Jamey Morgan
Jonah Weller**

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church? Come to one of our next New Members Classes for more information. You have your choice between **Wednesday, April 11, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. (during *WNL!*) and **Sunday, April 15, 2018** at 11:30 a.m. Both are in the Centennial Room (located in the lower level inside the Snider Social Hall). Classes last about 90 minutes. Please call the church office at 517-332-5073 to register and request child care if needed.

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

On **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** there will not be any *Wednesday Night Live!* programming due to Spring Break. Be sure to join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. when *WNL!* returns on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, April 8, 2018**, the Peoples Forum will welcome Kelly Arndt from East Lansing Prime Time Seniors. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



VBS: ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Registration for Vacation Bible School is going on now. Your child will experience the ride of a lifetime with God as they venture through the Rolling River Rampage this summer! Be sure to sign up now. The ride begins **June 18-22!** Contact Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com with questions.



PCYG LASER TAG

On **April 8, 2018**, PCYG will be hosting an afternoon of laser tag fun at Spare Time Entertainment Center in Lansing. All middle school and high school kids are invited and welcome! The fun starts at noon and the cost of \$15 will cover the laser tag and pizza. A shuttle bus from the church will take us to Spare Time. Email Joe Kennedy and let him know if you will be attending: jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com.



WPC JEWELRY SALE

Looking for just the right necklace or earrings? Perhaps you will find a bright, colorful scarf or purse for that one-time event. Linens, puzzles, pictures (frames) and those odds and ends that you thought were gone forever might be found! Come and join the Women of Peoples Church on **Saturday, May 19, and Sunday, May 20, 2018**, to explore, browse and find just the right items!



LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE

Learning to Use My Bible is a six-week, hands-on, fun way for children ages 7 through 5th grade to explore their Bible through games and other interactive ways. It will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. starting April 11 and ending on May 16. Contact Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com with any questions.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.
You and yours are always welcome here.

2018 EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

The Lilies on the Cross were gifted by Renate Carey in loving memory of James Carey

IN MEMORY OF...

Kenneth and Mildred Moore, Allen Woolsey, Grace Woolsey Garfield by the Woolsey Family
Donald H. Huldin by Lois Huldin

Bud Minkel by Phyllis, Jeanette, Tom, Sandy, Lorraine, Joanna, and Theresa Minkel

Robert N. Thomas by his wife Dorothy and sons Scott and Bob

Julie, Bob, David and Reilly by Audrey Martin

My mother Ruth Eddie by Kim Warren Eddie

Our grandparents Jack and Polly Reed and Tom DeSimone by Hallie and Christopher Reed

Curt and John Liechty, and our parents Hilda and Larry Gardner, and Mildred and

Byron Wagner by Lana and Steve Wagner

Lyn J. Babbitt by Paul C. Babbitt

My parents, Harold and Vivian Laser and sister Marlene Laser Stemen, by Sandy Laser Draggoo

Curt and John Liechty by Mary Liechty and family

Marilyn Cornelius, loving wife, mother, grandmother by Gene, Julie, Anne, Kate,
Marilyn and our families

Craig and Kim Hale by mother, June Hale Marsh

Richard Heisey by the Heisey Family

Our granddaughter Sara Guenther by Betty and Mike Moore

Don and Caroline Peterik by Kary Devereaux

David Van Looy by Chip, Denice and Dorothy VanLooy

In loving memory of George and Libby Kohl by Linda and Rachel Kohl

Robert Keith, husband, father and grandfather by Joanne Keith and Julie and Rob Keith

L.D. Gieseler, Rosie and Joe Perron by Ray and Janet Perron

In loving memory of my precious wife, Peggy by Dr. Randy Wirth

Our parents Norris and Jean Bryson and Clarence and Irene Coffman by Carol and
Sandy Bryson

Thomas H. Vaughn and Steward B. Hoffman by Merrilyn Vaughn-Hoffman

Stanley and Doris Brower and Marie Brower by David Brower

Ev and Rita Lothrop by Sue Lothrop

Claude and Norma Raak by Bruce G. Raak

Carol O. Ekern by Fran Ekern

Our parents Edna and Wilbur Brookover, Laura and Ernest Hillman Jr. by Patty and
George Brookover

Ruth and Wilbur Wright by Dr. Joan Wright

Kevin Alan Kelly, our loving husband and father, by Jamie, Daniel and Michael Kelly

In memory of my parents Kathryn and Hugh and brother Fred by Kenneth C. Beachler

2018 EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

IN MEMORY OF CONTINUED...

Helen and Forest Watson, Lila and Paul Schramm by Matthew and Bob Watson
and Kim Schramm

James and Nelwyn Hadaway, my wonderful parents by Kerry Petty

Frank McKowen by Jeanne McKowen

Gregory E. Hilton by Suzette E. Hilton

Mary Dalley by her daughters

Our parents by Bill and Lydia Erickson

Wilbur, Marie, and Michael Pierce by Julie Pierce

Howard and Daisy Angell by Jann Angell

SGT. Paul C. Stroup (USA 1980-2018) by Dad

Donna Mae, I miss you, sweetheart by Phil Lintz

Mark and Grace Rollinson by Cheryl Rockwell and Bryan Copple

Albert and Elma Ferris and John and Minnie Schnitzer by Jake and Maxine Ferris

Charles Louis Moore and Nicholas Peyton Moore by Roger, Ella and Julia Moore and
friends and family

IN CELEBRATION OF...

Family and friends who share March birthdays by Patty and George Brookover

**Our dear family, Michael, Jena, and Caitlyn Traviglia, Joshua, Anna, and Olivia Traviglia
and Sonny-Boy** by Paul Traviglia and Jennifer Hood

Whinnie, beloved pet by Sarah Moreno and family

Family and friends throughout the years by Gary and Sandra Wegenke

Our grandchildren by Susan and Rich Patterson

IN HONOR OF...

Dr. Walter Scott by Rev. Barbara Scott

Shirley Guider with love, by Linda, Mark, Seth, and Adam

TO THE GLORY OF GOD...

By Richard and Kay Comstock

By Jim and Lisa Kost

