

SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 22, 2018



Earth Day

April 22



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Carol Choir Rehearsal
PCYG Bible Exploration
Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal
Dance 149

6:10 p.m.

Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

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.

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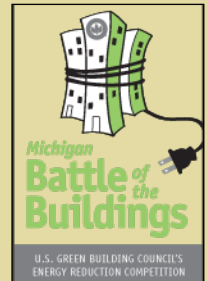
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.



EARTH DAY

The Peoples Church was awarded First Place honor and a new title of "The Biggest Loser," awarded to us by the West Michigan Chapter of the US Green Building Council *Battle of the Buildings Contest!*



We reduced our energy usage last year at a higher percentage than any other house of worship in the state thanks to the efforts of Andy Mayville and the Maintenance Staff, the Earth Stewardship Committee and our new, energy efficient boilers made possible by you!

In recognition of Earth Day, this bulletin is printed on 100% post consumer recycled paper.

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment. 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. 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 | APRIL 22, 2018

Prelude (10:30 a.m.)

"Shall We Gather at the River"
Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. Chatfield

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Betsy Aho

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: O Divine Voice,

People: You sing and the universe comes into being.

Leader: O Divine Breath,

People: You breathe and all things spring to life.

Leader: O Divine Word,

People: You call and creation is sustained.

Leader: O Divine Flesh,

People: You are born among us and the Creator is clothed in creation.

Leader: O Divine Spirit,

People: You fill all that has been formed.

Leader: O Divine Life,

People: You are the pulse of all that is.

Leader: And so, in amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration, we marvel at this mystery:

People: In you, all things live and move and have being.

Leader: In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry.

People: We join with your creation in the eternal song of wonder as we worship together.

Earth Stewardship Minute

Susan Kilmer, Earth Stewardship Committee
Andy Mayville, Facility Director

Procession of the Light of Christ

Morgan Manolakoudis and Ava Giltner, Acolytes

Gathering Hymn

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

No. 33

First Reading

Psalm 104: 1-4, 24-35

Rev. Drew Filkins

(Pew Bible Page 599; Large Print 881)

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess before you that we have been unworthy servants. We have misused and abused your creation. God, hear the cries of all creation, the cries of the waters, the air, the land and all living things; the cries of all who are exploited, marginalized, abused and victimized, all who are dispossessed and silenced, their humanity ignored. God, guide all in seats of authority toward decisions of moral integrity. Open our hearts to love and see that all people are made in your image; open our hearts to care for creation and affirm life in all its wondrous diversity. God, in your grace, transform us and transform the world. Amen.

Congregational Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (repeat)

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Recognition of Graduates

Christine James, *Doctorate, Chemical Engineering*

Jennifer Whitney, *Veterinary Medicine*

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

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

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.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"God Is My Strong Salvation"

Austin C. Lovelace

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading

Acts 16:16-34

(Pew Bible Page 1,110 ; Large Print 1,684)

Sermon

"A Captive Audience"

Rev. Betsy Aho

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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

Offertory

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Dobrinski

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

Generous God, giver of all good gifts, accept what we give this morning. Put our offering to work in the world that you created, that it might be transformed toward your purposes until Christ comes again. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Live into Hope"

No. 772

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



Today's Floral Offering

Given to the glory of God.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Join the Welcome Ministry, **TODAY**, after 10:30 a.m. worship for food and fellowship at Smokey Bones (2401 Lake Lansing Rd., Lansing). No need to RSVP, just bring your appetite and show up! A table will be reserved for The Peoples Church. See you there!

THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Join Rev. Drew Filkins and Susan Reedy on **Wednesday, April 25, 2018** for a continued discussion and study on the St. John's Bible. See you in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, April 29, 2018**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Jon Allan, Director of the MI Office of the Great Lakes, who will talk to us about "Waters of the Great Lakes." Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.

TUTOR NEEDED: EDGEWOOD VILLAGE

Edgewood Village is in need of adult tutors to help children with their homework Monday - Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. through the end of the school year (starting in May). Days can be flexible. Contact Mimi Burpee at 517.349.0806 or mimburpee@gmail.com if you are interested.

GAME NIGHT IS BACK!

Back by popular demand! Join us on **May 5, 2018**, in the Snider Social Hall for our very popular game night! Bring yourself, your friends, your family, and a couple of your favorite games to share and prepare to have some fun! Pizza and salad will be served at 5:00 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Julie Bills at: jbills@the-peopleschurch.com to ensure we have enough food (please share any dietary needs you may have).



KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **Thursday, April 26, 2018** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us to share in our ministry of creating prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats, slippers, mittens, and teddy bears. Bring completed items for blessing and sharing. Call Mary Anne with questions at 517.214.1487.

CIRCLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phoebe Circle meets **Wednesday, April 25, 2018**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. We will hear from presenter Dorothy Frederickson with Soaring Unlimited Haiti Mission on the topic of "Building Baby Beds" for Haiti. We are also accepting donations for new, clean, and gently used infant baby clothes. All are welcome to join us.

Rebekah-Hannah Circle will meet Wednesday, **April 25, 2018**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Kerry Petty from the Michigan Athletic Club will present "Pilates to Improve Posture". Wear comfortable clothing.

Deborah Circle will host their Spring Fling on **Wednesday, April 25, 2018**, at 5:45 p.m. in Snider Social Hall. Kids can enjoy the WNL! activities and childcare until 7:30 p.m. while the women of Deborah Circle walk over to Beggars Banquet. You can also meet us at Beggars 6:00 p.m.

GREAT DECISIONS

Join us on **Thursday, April 26, 2018** for our next Great Decisions program on "The Waning of Pax Americana"—the liberal international order established in the wake of World War II. There is now a shift toward selective U.S. engagement, where foreign commitments are limited to areas of vital U.S. interest and economic nationalism. Meet us in the Robertson Room from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

WPC JEWELRY SALE

Join the Women of Peoples Church on **Saturday, May 19, and Sunday, May 20, 2018**, for their annual jewelry sale. Come explore, browse and find just the right items! See back page of this bulletin for more details and to sign up to volunteer to help.

USED BOOK SALE

The Peoples Church Fishbach Library annual used book sale will be held in conjunction with the WPC Jewelry Sale on **May 19-20, 2018**. Donations of gently used books are still being accepted and can be dropped off on the stage in the Snider Social Hall. All proceeds from this sale will go to supporting The Peoples Church Library.



spring cleanup

Many hands make light work . . . Mark your calendars for our annual Spring Yard Clean Up day. Join us from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on April 28 as we work to tidy up the church campus.

I WANT TO HELP ON SPRING YARD CLEAN UP DAY! | 9 A.M. - NOON ON APRIL 28

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number Attending: _____

I will bring my own: Rakes Trimmers Blower Hedge Trimmer Ext. Cords

Other: _____

Questions? Contact Matt Gosselin at 517.484.6813 or mattcatgosselin@comcast.net. Return this form to the church office or in the offertory plate.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JUNE 18-22, 2018

Registration for this year's Vacation Bible School is going on now. Children will experience the ride of a lifetime with God as they venture through the Rolling River Rampage this summer! Along the river, children will learn and discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

To sign up, go to ThePeoplesChurch.com and click on the Rolling River Rampage image on the homepage. Contact Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com with any questions.



JEWELRY & BOOKS 2 SALES, 2 DAYS MAY 19-20, 2018

SATURDAY HOURS:
9:00 a.m. - *6:00 p.m.
(*Book Sale ends at 5:00 p.m.)

SUNDAY HOURS:
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Presented by:
The Women of Peoples Church &
The Peoples Church
Fishbach Library Committee



I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE LIBRARY'S USED BOOK SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 19

- 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE WPC JEWELRY SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 18 (SET-UP) 9:30 a.m. until complete.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 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.