

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



CHILDREN'S 'ART FOR CHARLIE' ON DISPLAY IN ROTUNDA

Each summer at Vacation Bible School, children participate in a "Community Corner," hand-making and donating a variety of items to local charities.

One of their 2015 projects was to create two large mosaic-type paintings to be donated as part of the Art for Charlie Foundation's annual Art Show & Auction on Nov. 6 at the Marriott at University Place in downtown East Lansing.

With the help of Peoples Church artists Janet Erickson and Susan Reedy, children each painted an 8-by-8 inch square that would be added together into two large "majestic mountain" mosaics to commemorate the 2015 Mt. Everest VBS. Each finished painting is now hung in the Rotunda.

When all the squares were completed Mrs. Erickson took them home and puzzle-fitted the final project. Our sincere thanks to her, Mrs. Reedy and our many other VBS volunteers and parents who help make the program an enriching experience for our children and community each summer.

SENIOR PASTOR

WE'VE BEGUN - NOW WHAT?

Fall in mid-Michigan is officially underway. The kids are back in school. Football and other seasonal sports are up and running in our community.



So, now what do we do?

When we anticipate and wait for something so much, there is the potential to experience a bit of a letdown when it is complete.

I try to offer advice to couples preparing for the wedding day, reminding them that they are preparing for their marriage as much or more than they should be preparing for their wedding and reception.

I'm the type of person who starts off by sprinting and has a tendency to burnout before I even get to the middle of the race, let alone the inevitable finish line that is still miles away.

When we are first discovering our faith, this danger is a constant risk. We can move too fast, too soon and fail to sit and simply be present in the moment without regretting the past or anticipating the future.

So, as the fall continues to develop with bright colors and crisp autumn air, take the time to appreciate the middle of things as much as the beginning.

Enjoy the many mission, fellowship, and worship opportunities that began at The Peoples Church this September and will continue to develop in the coming months. Anticipate Advent with the same joy as looking toward Christmas.

As an additional request, I ask you to keep our Uganda missionaries in prayer as they journey to Africa from Oct. 18 to 29. While in Uganda, they will serve our friends at the Nyaka Aids Orphan Project.

It is amazing to be a part of such a connected, loving, serving church.

Peace and grace to you all!

Pastor Andrew

THE PEOPLES CHURCH FISCHBACH LIBRARY

Check out some of the new titles available to borrow from our church library...

- Many depictions of Jesus portray him calmly floating above the grit and grime of human existence. **"THE PASSIONATE JESUS"** by the Rev. Peter Wallace is an eye-opening spiritual study that examines Jesus' actions as well as his teachings to uncover a passionate figure who was involved, present, connected, honest and direct with others.
- Hailed as "an excellent resource" by the Family Caregiver Alliance, **"HOW TO CARE FOR AGING PARENTS"** by Virginia Morris is an indispensable source of information and support. This compassionate, comprehensive caregiver's book tackles all the tough subjects, from knowing when to intervene to preparing to say goodbye.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

*80 & OVER

- 2 - Clyde Flory
- 5 - Alvin Boettcher
- 6 - John Cantlon
- 8 - Don Davis
- 9 - Helen Gieseler
- 10 - Marilyn Down
- 10 - Tricia Thorpe
- 11 - Jean White
- 11 - Ken Beachler
- 16 - Richard Heisey
- 22 - Mary Henry
- 25 - Eleanor Marazita
- 29 - Jack Cawood
- 29 - Barbara Plesscher
- 31 - Eleanor Long

If we missed you, please accept our apology. Contact the office to make sure we have your correct information on file.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

CE DIRECTOR SEARCH, PROGRAMS CONTINUE

We have been blessed for the past two years to have Meaghan Gonzales as our Children's Christian Education Director. Meaghan resigned her position last month.

We are proud of the work Meaghan did and her presence will be dearly missed. Her energy and enthusiasm helped our programs grow and develop.

Because of Meaghan's great effort planning and organizing, we are proud to see all of our children's programs continue. Sunday mornings are exciting for our children. Carol Choir and Christmas pageant practices are from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the children's choir room on the third floor. Our vibrant Sunday school program abounds with energy each week during our 10:30 a.m. worship service. After the 10:30 a.m. service, Dance 149 rehearses in the children's choir room.

Wednesday Night Live! has a new schedule. The children have supervised creative play time in the Centennial Room at 6:00 p.m. There is kinetic sand, coloring pages, play dough, Legos and more. This is a great way to focus the children's energy and have them enjoy the time together. At 6:30 p.m., the children are divided by age. One group goes to the gymnasium to play games while the other group learns the Bible story for the evening. The groups switch places before coming back together to have a small snack and recap the evening.

Going forward, we are looking for a new Children's Christian Education Director. A job description is posted at ThePeoplesChurch.com. Candidates interested in the position should contact me at 517-908-4448 or dflkins@the-peopleschurch.com.



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NEW MEMBERS CLASS | OCT. 11

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church? A New Members Class will be offered following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Oct. 11 in the Robertson Room. Contact the Church Office to RSVP. Childcare is available upon request. All are welcome.

DORCAS CIRCLE | OCT. 20

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Peoples Church Facility Director Andy Mayville will present "Rites and Wrongs," a program on funeral interments. Questions? Contact Phyllis Gaulden at 517-482-0930.

REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE | OCT. 28

The Rebekah-Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather for lunch at Coral Gables, 2838 E. Grand River Ave. in East Lansing, at 12.30 p.m. Questions? Contact Cindy Carson at 517-862-8896.

PEOPLES 101 | NOV. 1

Interested in learning more about The Peoples Church? We will host our monthly Peoples 101 Q&A session on Sunday, Nov. 1, in the Robertson Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome.

PERU MISSION: JANUARY 2016

Limited spots are available for our upcoming mission to Villa El Salvador, Peru. Pastor Drew will host an informational meeting for those who are interested on Oct. 18 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

MUSIC OF ARGENTINA: WNL! CONCERT | OCT. 21

Classical guitarist Ryan Apple and violinist Gene Harris will present "Music of Argentina" as part of *Wednesday Night Live!* at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 21. Our weekly community meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall.

GREAT DECISIONS | OCT. 22

Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Our 2015-2016 season of topics begins Oct. 22 with "Russia and the Near Abroad," led by Dr. Matthew Pauly from Michigan State University. We meet from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Our Nov. 19 topic will be "The Syrian Refugee Crisis." All are welcome.

HEALTH MATTERS | OCT. 28**IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GROWING OLD - PART 2**

Wednesday Night Live! welcomes our Health Matters programming at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 28. Join Marilyn Newman LBSW as she guides us through the legal tools needed to protect ourselves as we age. Walk away with valuable information and handouts.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church is once again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child with shoe-box gifts this year. Shoe boxes are available for pick up in the Northwest Entrance and include instructions about how to fill it to support local children and the Samaritan's Purse international effort. Questions? Call Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446.

WPC ANNUAL FRUIT & FUDGE SALE

The Women of Peoples Church will offer their annual Fruit & Fudge Sale beginning Oct. 8. Peoples Church members will be able to order fresh citrus fruit, Delicious locally-made fudge, wreaths, roping and Poinsettias through Nov. 8. Orders will be available for pick up December 5-6, in plenty of time for Christmas. Sales support Women of Peoples Church service efforts.

SNOW PANTS

Lansing area churches provide a variety of clothing for those in need. Snow pants are often badly needed for children in grades K-6. Our Community Engagement Ministry is collecting new or gently used snow pants, or funds to purchase them. Contact Lary Hill at 517-339-2502.

NEW BARISTAS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Do you love sipping your morning cup of coffee while connecting with your friends in faith here at The Peoples Church? We are in need of more friends to help those who serve one another during our Sunday morning fellowship time. We serve coffee, tea, juice and light snacks each Sunday morning. Training is provided. You'll have fun being a *barista* while serving others. If you have questions or are interested in offering your assistance, contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com or Ann Lindley at alindley@music.msu.edu.

PEOPLES FORUM

Join us each Sunday for interesting and informative "Voices of the Community" at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

OCT. 11 | SUZY MERCHANT
Coach, MSU Women's Basketball

OCT. 18 | MICHELLE WORD
Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum

OCT. 25 | ZAHRAH RESH
Local Artist

NOV. 1 | KIRK DOMER
MSU Department of Theatre

WNL! MENU

COMMUNITY MEAL
5:30 P.M., FRIENDSHIP HALL

OCTOBER 7

Minestrone Soup, Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Seasonal Fruit and Sherbet

OCTOBER 14

Ham & Bean Soup, Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Steamed Corn, Mixed Fruit, and Cup Cakes

OCTOBER 21

Wild Rice Soup, Chicken Pot Pie, Mixed Greens Salad, Assorted Rolls, and Cookies

OCTOBER 28

Chili, Mini Sub Sandwiches, Fresh Veggies & Dip, Pineapple and Ice Cream



Michigan Interfaith Power & Light 10th ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

GREEN & GROW your congregation



KEYNOTE: SR. SIMONE CAMPBELL
“Nun on the Bus” & Executive Director, NETWORK

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS:
Rev. George Heartwell, Mayor, Grand Rapids
Valerie Brader, Executive Director, MI Agency for Energy



Friday, October 9, 2015 at The Peoples Church of East Lansing

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY

The Peoples Church will host Michigan Interfaith Power and Light’s 10th Annual Sustainability Conference on Oct. 9. We are in need of about 10 volunteers to offer hospitality at the conference, helping to register participants and serving in other capacities. Contact Dave Forsberg at 517-327-0465 or dforsberg@the-peopleschurch.com to volunteer your time or learn more about this opportunity. Learn more about the conference or register to attend at www.mii-pl.org/greenandGrow-2.

OCTOBER 2015 PORTAL

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