

SENIOR PASTOR

THE PEOPLES CHURCH GOES TO AFRICA

Missionaries will share about their experience Nov. 18 at WNL!



After 11 days in Uganda serving the Nyaka Aids Orphan Project with 10 other volunteers from The Peoples Church, I can honestly say I am exhausted ... but it's a great kind of exhausted.

There are certain activities in which we engage as Christians that are so beneficial to our emotional and spiritual journeys even though they task our physical resources, and this trip certainly fit that description.

Over the course of our 11 days, the group visited three schools and participated in the daily lives of the students, faculty, and staff in these remote villages in southwest Uganda.

For years our congregation has sent financial support to this phenomenal organization, though this was our first hands on experience with the Nyaka schools in Africa.

I am delighted to say we were utterly amazed by the incredible work. These children are *our* children and these grandmothers are *our* grandmothers. We are all part of God's

family and the opportunity to be reminded of that connection was stunning and inspirational.

Our Uganda missionaries would love to share our experiences with you at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 during *Wednesday Night Live!* Join us for dinner beforehand at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall and stay for an honest conversation about mission work, the role of The Peoples Church, and how we can continue our effective partnership with Nyaka.

It is exciting to see our congregation going into the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ through the way we connect, grow, share, and serve with our brothers and sisters.

Let us be a church family that prays for and with our neighbors in East Lansing, Pine Ridge, Uganda, Peru and everywhere in between.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to mission and service.

Peace and grace,

Pastor Andrew

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

NOV. 15 | Youth Sunday & Cake Auction led by PCYG.

NOV. 22 | Seminarian Support Sunday with special offertory to benefit seminary expenses for our Campus Minister.

NOV. 23 | East Lansing Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at The Peoples Church at 7:00 p.m.

NOV. 29 | First Sunday of Advent

DEC. 6 | Children's Christmas Program will be presented during 10:30 a.m. worship service.

DEC. 13 | Advent Music Sunday with the Sanctuary Choir at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

DEC. 16 | Our annual "Longest Night" worship service will take place at 6:30 p.m. during *WNL!*

DEC. 20 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

DEC. 24 | Christmas Eve worship services will be celebrated at 6:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.

THE PEOPLES CHURCH FISCHBACH LIBRARY

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

- Forty women relate about spirit-filled moments **"BIRTHING GOD: WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES OF THE DIVINE"** by the Lara Dalberg. Grounded in raw experience and ideal for spiritual seekers and leaders of all faiths, these engaging and powerful stories invite the reader to consider the origins of their own spirituality and deepen their relationship with God.

- A trend-setting psychiatrist and leading education consultant offer a "win-win" approach for parenting with the book **"PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC"** by Dr. Foster Cline and Jim Fay. The authors know parents' hopes to prepare their children for a world that requires responsibility and maturity to survive. They teach parents how to establish healthy control while children learn responsibility and the logic of life.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*80 & OVER

5 - Doris Cuthbertson
9 - Marilyn Cornelius
11 - Gretchen Rosenbrook
14 - Jake Ferris
16 - Sal DiFranco
18 - Jean Draper
26 - Jack Draper
26 - Noah Alonso
29 - Margaret Bates
29 - Kenneth Hanson

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



HEALTH MATTERS

THE PEOPLES CHURCH WELLNESS EFFORT

BREAST HEALTH AND EARLY DETECTION

9:30 a.m. | November 8 | Robertson Room

Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital's Jenny Wren, BSN MBA will talk with us about breast health - differences between 3D and 2D mammography and a three-prong approach to early detection. HGB is the only hospital in mid-Michigan currently offering 3D mammography.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GROWING OLD - PART 4

6:30 p.m. | November 11 | Robertson Room

Join TCOA's Barbara Mannino, LLMSW once more as she presents "Caring - Surviving Burn-out." Caring for someone with a long-term debilitating disease impacts every aspect of your daily life. Barb will explain many forms of help that are available and vital to your survival.

GREAT DECISIONS



SPONSORED BY THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS | NOV. 19

Sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, 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. Our Nov. 19 topic will be "The Syrian Refugee Crisis" with Judy Harris, Director of Refugee services at St. Vincent Catholic Charities in Lansing, and Dr. Abdalmajid Katranji, assistant professor at MSU's College of Human Medicine. Questions? Contact either Mary Anne Larzelere at malarz@aol.com or Sandy Bryson at sbryson@msu.edu. Future 2016 topics will include, "Middle East, The Rise of ISIS, The Future of Kurdistan," "Migration, The Koreas, The United Nations" and "Climate Change, and Cuba and the United States."

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WE'RE HOSTING THE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Peoples Church will host the East Lansing Area Clergy Association's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. on Nov. 23. The Rev. Kit Carlson of All Saints Episcopal Church will preach and leaders from many faith traditions will help lead worship. All singers are welcome to rehearse with a combined choir at 6 p.m. under the direction of Dr. Jonathon Reed. An offering will benefit St. Vincent Catholic Charities' refugee resettlement fund.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gerri Nichols, our hospitality coordinator, is looking to have a crew of reserve volunteers who are willing to help in the church kitchen from time to time for memorial receptions and other events as they come up. Contact the church office to add your name and contact information to her reserve list.

CONGRATULATIONS, ANDY MAYVILLE!

We are proud to celebrate the recent election of our facility director, Andy Mayville, to the Re-Member Board of Directors. Andy has been a driving force behind our decade-long relationship with Oglala Lakota people of Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He has delivered many loads of tires, bedding and other goods and helped to organize mission trips to Pine Ridge. Andy will join the Board at the Re-Member Annual Meeting & Banquet at First Congregational UCC in Battle Creek, Mich. on Nov. 14. Learn more about Re-Member or register to attend the Annual Meeting & Banquet at Re-Member.org



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ART AS WORSHIP | NOV. 11 & 18

Local artist and Peoples Church member Janet Hoffman-Erickson will continue her weekly *Wednesday Night Live!* art series Nov. 11 and 18. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

DORCAS CIRCLE | NOV. 16

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16. at Jan Perron's home. Bill Terrill will talk with us about "Identity Theft." Questions? Contact Jan Perron at 517-337-2656 or Phyllis Gauden at 517-482-0930.

A STUDY OF OUR TILES | NOV. 18

Pastor Drew will lead a tour of the rich and symbolic tile work of The Peoples Church during *Wednesday Night Live!* on Nov. 11. Join him at 6:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Our Community Engagement Ministry is looking forward to helping many families in the greater Lansing area have a holiday meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donation envelopes are located in the pews for those who would like to financially support this effort.

EXPLORING SOCIAL MEDIA

The Women of Peoples Church is looking for a few Facebook-savvy women to help develop and manage a WPC Facebook group. We envision this group will be able to share thoughts and concerns, offer support and encouragement, offer favorite quotes of affirmation, announce meetings and other community happenings. If this appeals to you, contact Ruth Ann Ference at 517-381-5186 or raference2@comcast.net.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATORS NEEDED | NOV. 22

Catch the spirit of Christmas by helping decorate our church's Christmas tree. We are in need of people able to climb ladders at 2 p.m. on Nov. 22. Questions? Contact Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446 or pbrogan500@aol.com.

SNOW PANTS

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.

PEOPLES FORUM

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

NOV. 8 | HEALTH MATTERS

Jenny Wren, BSN MBA

NOV. 15 | DR. GORDAN ROMAN

"This Most Amazing Day"

NOV. 22 | JUDGE JAMES JAMO

Ingham County Circuit Court

NOV. 29 | NO FORUM

Thanksgiving Break

DEC. 6 | NATHAN TRIPLETT

Current Issues facing East Lansing

DEC. 13 | KEN BEACHLER

"A Christmas Reading"

WNL! MENU COMMUNITY MEAL 5:30 P.M.



NOVEMBER 11

Cream of Tomato Soup
Cheese Crackers
Pot-Roast
Potatoes & Root Vegetables
Dinner Rolls
Banana Pudding

NOVEMBER 18

Tacos / Taco Salad
with all the fixings
Chips & Cheese
Seasonal Fruits
Ice Cream
Frozen Yogurt



The Songs and Stories of Christmas

WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH | **ADVENT TEA 2015**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Snider Social Hall

\$8.00 per person

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NOVEMBER 2015 PORTAL

