

SENIOR PASTOR

MAKING MUSIC IN 2016

CAMPUS MINISTRY HELPS LAUNCH WEEKLY MUSICAL CO-OP

I am a frustrated musician. By that I mean, I love to sing, play piano and engage in any other musical outlets I can find.

The problem with that? Those opportunities aren't always the easiest to find. And quite frankly, the moments I have discovered are, at times, a bit intimidating.

I love being surrounded by so many talented musicians in our church family but it does make me doubt my abilities.

I've decided to stop doubting in 2016.

There are few better experiences than making music with other people and the church has been a source for this kind of creativity for centuries. The Peoples Church should continue this tradition of collaborative music with no pressure.

Therefore, I'm delighted to announce the start of The Peoples Church Musical Co-op. The group will meet every Monday starting January 11 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room to make music.

All instruments, level of expertise, and familiarity with music are encouraged to attend. I'll be bringing music to play together based on folk settings of hymns, traditional Americana, and other easy to play and improvise over tunes to elicit maximum participation and fun. I hope we'll have some guitars, percussionists, woodwinds, brass, and an assortment of vocalists to come together and play.

This group is the brainchild of our campus ministry students and I hope they'll be rewarded with a multi-generational experience of music. I'm looking forward to this new endeavor here at the church and hope the music is inspiring and enthusiastic!

Find whatever it is that brings you joy and helps you celebrate your gifts from God this year. Be creative with your talents, gifts and inclinations as we worship together through the way we work, play, and gather in fellowship. Be at peace and have a great start to the New Year!

Pastor Andrew



MEET ROB KEITH

Children's Christian Education Director

A long, long time ago in a church not so far away, my faith journey began ... I was 10 years old when my family began attending



The Peoples Church, and where I met a wonderful woman named Mary Anne Larzelere, the church's director of children's education at that time. She encouraged me to join the youth group.

I soon I discovered the bell choir had a nice ring to it, so I joined that too. I felt like I belonged and became hooked on church.

Even during college, I stayed active at The People Church as a youth group leader. I eventually earned a bachelor's degree in psychology (focused on youth development) from Michigan State University, and then an opportunity to teach English at a school in Japan for a year cropped up. Since "Spartans Will," I took it.

I returned to East Lansing and earned a master's degree in educational technology from MSU while I worked as a tech leader in their 4-H program. I met my better half, Lisa, and now 10 years and two kids later — Devin, nearly 8, and Lucy, 5 — I was working as a stay-at-home dad when my life's journey came full circle back to The Peoples Church.

I am excited to see where this next step of my faith journey will take me, and if I even have a fraction of the impact on children's lives here that The Peoples Church has had on mine, I will consider myself truly blessed.

- Rob Keith



PEOPLES CHURCH MUSICAL CO-OP

MONDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 11 | 6 TO 6:30 P.M. IN THE ROBERTSON ROOM

IMPORTANT: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Budget Meeting will take place during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 31.

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.



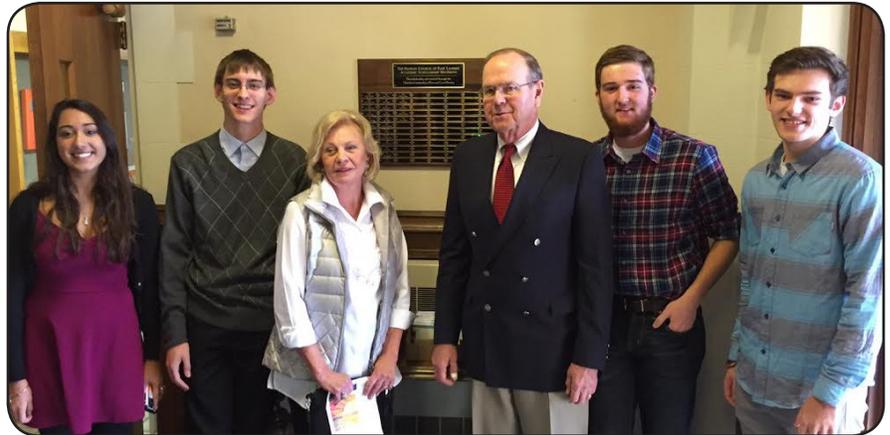
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

*80 & OVER

- 3 - Helen Ward
- 8 - Susan Allis
- 11 - Charles Long
- 17 - Don Dickson
- 18- Marilyn Ledebuhr
- 19 - Robert Erbes
- 20 - Marjorie Tibbetts
- 20 - Bill Dansby
- 23 - Cecil Mackey
- 24 - Fran Bradley
- 24 - Lois Huldin
- 26 - Virginia Scott
- 30 - Betty Weaver
- 30 - Jean Moore

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

Dooley Academic Scholarship



Since its inception, The Peoples Church has had a strong tie to higher education. Believing faith and education make a person stronger, The Dooley Academic Scholarship was created in 2006 by Ron and Carol Dooley to aid students who have connected, grown, served and shared with our congregation and are now in college.

During the past 10 years, there have been 29 recipients of this scholarship. It has been a blessing to them as they have taken the Gospel message they learned here into the world.

On Dec. 20, five young men and women were gifted with this scholarship: Greg Naghtin, Taryn Schrems, Audrey Henry, DJ Shafer and Matthew Watson. Following that morning's worship service, their gratitude for the church and the Dooley family was evident as they looked at their names on the scholarship plaque that hangs in Friendship Hall. They greeted and hugged each other and the Dooleys.

Past recipients also came to find their name engraved and thanked Ron and Carol for creating the scholarship. The scholarship is awarded each fall and available to any members of the church who are attending college.

For more information about how to apply for the scholarship, contact our youth director, Jacob Gates.

If you wish to support this scholarship, you can make a donation to Academic Scholarship fund. Contact Dee Przybyski in the Church Office.

- Pastor Drew

BURCHAM HILLS BIBLE STUDY | JAN. 14

Pastor Andrew will lead an evening Bible study of the Gospel of Mark beginning Thursday at the Burcham Hills Retirement Community at 2700 Burcham Dr. in East Lansing. Join him and the residents of Burcham Hills each week from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE MARQUETTE

Pastor Andrew will lead a 2 p.m. worship service on the first Sunday each month beginning Feb. 7 at The Marquette retirement community at 5968 Park Lake Rd in East Lansing. All are welcome.



EDGEWOOD VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP

SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLES CHURCH OF EAST LANSING

EDGEWOOD SCHOLARS ENROUTE TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

According to Jonathan Rosewood, Edgewood Scholars Program Director, six young people from the Village will graduate from East Lansing High School this spring. They are among the 22 high students who participate in the Sunday night Scholars Program, aided by volunteers from The Peoples Church and others. Twelve middle school students participate in their own age-appropriate programs on Wednesdays.

The weekly programs high-light skill building information and practice to improve job seeking skills, application and resume preparation as well as gaining an understanding of societal issues, health and wellness practices and use of technology.

Most of those graduating are honor students. Several last summer earned college credits by participating in MSU's Gifted and Talented Program. Some already have been accepted by several colleges and universities including: MSU, the University of Michigan, Purdue University, Spellman University, Howard University, Clark University and Lansing Community College.

Scholar members not only excel in the class room, but belong to the National Honor Society, are cheer-leaders, participate on the wrestling team, serve as club officers, participate in numerous community service projects and also tutor younger children who live in Edgewood Village.

A Celebration Banquet is being planned for this spring to honor the graduates, their parents and those volunteering in the Scholars Program.

- Maxine Ferris

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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WPC JEWELRY SALE

It's that time! Clean out and gather up pieces of treasured jewelry no longer worn, purses, silver, watches, fine art, frames, table linens, quilts, purses and puzzles (no belts, ties, holiday items or furniture) and take them to the church office. Check with neighbors and relatives too! The Jewelry Sale will be during the East Lansing Art Festival in May. Thank you so much for helping Women of Peoples Church with our church and community projects

DORCAS CIRCLE | JAN. 19

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 7 p.m. on Jan. 19 in the Robertson Room. Bree Ann Anderson will present on the Michigan Council for Maternal & Child Health. Contact Phyllis Gauden at 517-482-0930.

PHEOBE CIRCLE | JAN. 27

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 10 a.m. in the Robertson Room. Contact Renate Carey at reatecarey@yahoo.com

REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE | JAN. 27

The Rebekah-Hannah Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 1 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Contact Cindy Carson at 517-862-8896.

PEOPLES FORUM

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

JAN. 10

PASTOR DREW & ROB KEITH

Christian Education

JAN. 17

JUDGE JAMES JAMO

Mental Health Issues Facing our Courts Today

JAN. 24

BETSY AHO

Experiences from Israel

JAN. 31

JOE WALD

Greater Lansing Food Bank



WNL! MENU

COMMUNITY MEAL

5:30 P.M.

JANUARY 13

Wild Rice Soup
Pulled Pork
Redskin Potatoes
Green Beans ~ Cole Slaw
Fruit Trifle

JANUARY 20

Taco Night ~ White Chili
Cornbread ~ Seasonal Fruit
Rice Crispy Treats

JANUARY 27

Tomato Bisque Soup
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Assorted Vegetables
Ice Cream Sundae

2016 HEARTS ON FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF & EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 7 | Snider Social Hall

Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service

Members of the Greater Lansing Pottery Guild have generously donated some of their best bowls! Proceeds from the event will benefit those in need in our community. We'll have a friendly tasting competition, complete with prizes and lots of fun to warm us all on a February afternoon! We are still looking for chili chefs, tasters and diners. This year we will also have a category for our Kid Chefs! The chili cook-off is an event not to be missed!