

THE 2020 HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

Christian Citizenship in 2020

**Featuring Guest Speaker:****AMANDA TYLER**

Executive Director, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

Sunday, October 25, 2020**via Zoom • 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**In preparation for this event, you're invited to read the book, *The Power Worshipers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism*, by Katherine Stewart.**Presentation Description:**

Jesus' teaching to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's is particularly relevant in this election season like no other. How do we maintain our dual citizenship in God's kingdom and the United States of America without losing our prophetic voice in the process? What is "Christian nationalism" and how is it showing up in ways that are harmful to both Christianity and our national unity? Amanda Tyler gives some practical advice about ways the church can be engaged in nonpartisan ways in the electoral process and raise a voice of reason and challenge, standing up for our core values and the equality of our neighbors, no matter their religious identity or political party.

Schedule:**10:30 a.m.**—Worship Service with Guest Amanda Tyler(To view The Peoples Church worship service, go to our [YouTube channel](#) and click on the October 25 service).**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**—Presentation**To Join the Presentation:**

You are invited to join this virtual presentation, via Zoom, by entering the meeting ID: 896 0035 7859 and entering the password BJC.

Want to Know More?[Amanda Tyler Bio](#)[BJC Info](#)

The Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series was established in 2017 to honor their interest in continuing education on topics of international interest and theological thought. Henry and Annabel moved to East Lansing in 1938 where Henry was a new faculty member in the College of Agriculture at MSU. They promptly joined The Peoples Church and became deeply involved in the church community as well as in Greater Lansing where they were active in a variety of civic activities. Henry and Annabel were world travelers who were always building bridges of hope and understanding. Our desire is that these lectures will inspire and strengthen us to serve with compassionate love as we strive to build a more just and peaceful world.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

*80 & OVER

- 10/2 - Clyde Flory
- 10/3 - Bill Dailey
- 10/3 - Karen Flory
- 10/6 - John Cantlon
- 10/8 - Don Davis
- 10/10 - Marilyn Down
- 10/10 - Ellie Miller
- 10/11 - Ken Beachler
- 10/16 - Gwyneth Schroeder
- 10/22 - Mary Henry
- 10/23 - Jerry Nilson
- 10/28 - Jan Calkins
- 10/29 - Barbara Plesscher

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/07 - Thad & Cindy Morgan (25)

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



PROGRAMMING

Our WNL! adult programming has been suspended for now. However, we are still offering a community meal, paper bag style, that can be picked up in the Northwest entrance of the church on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

We will keep you informed as to when WNL! will be back in full swing.

VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS



Stay connected with us and join one of our virtual meetings or Bible studies. See below for what is currently being offered:

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 861 2945 8059. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 861 2945 8059.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE: meets each Monday at 11:00 a.m. and is currently studying Romans. To join the meeting, [click here](#). Or, on your Zoom app enter meeting ID: 369 714 134. You can also dial 1.312.626.6799 and when prompted enter 369 714 134#.

TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP: meets each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 963 085 991. You can also dial 1.646.558.8656 and when prompted enter the meeting code 963 085 991. They are studying the book, *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo.

WEDNESDAY NOON MENS GROUP: meets each Wednesday at Noon. To join, [click here](#).

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP*

Join us, virtually each Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for fellowship. It's easy! Grab a cup of your favorite coffee and a sweet snack and log on to Zoom. Join the meeting by clicking on this link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#), or in your Zoom app enter Meeting ID: 837 9739 7682 and when asked for a password enter: Peoples

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial 1-312-626-6799 and when prompted for a meeting ID enter 837 9739 7682# and the password is 50803#.

* Please note: For those who are with us in person for worship, there will not be a fellowship until further notice. Virtual fellowship will continue for those at home.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE



The Knitting People have been hard at work knitting socks for the *You've Got This!* project, which is a non-profit organization that provides chemotherapy and radiation care packages to individuals undergoing cancer treatment. The mission of the *You've Got This!* project is to lighten the effects of treatment with over-the-counter personal care items. Items such as lip balm, flavored water, lotions, sugarless gum, toothbrushes, socks, etc. Having these items on hand will get patients through the side effects or at least give them support when the side effects hit. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please send an email to: theyouvegotthis-project@gmail.com and a board member will reply to you.



The Peoples Church Campus Ministry continues to meet each Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. outside near the Northeast entrance of the church. This fall, a variety of topics will be covered in this weekly Bible study. All college students are welcome and a FREE dinner is provided!



Hello PCYG Members and Friends!

We have had an exciting few weeks as students settled into new school routines and we began our weekly middle school and high school youth groups! Both groups have been diving into the first book of the Bible—as we read through and study Genesis. I am constantly impressed by the inquisitive and bright young minds we have here at The Peoples Church, and am looking forward to where our studies will take us this month!

We have some exciting plans in store during this spooky month of October, so keep watching your emails and the Facebook page for updates! If you are not receiving these updates, please email me to get your contact information updated!

If you know any middle school or high school students who are looking to join a youth group, please direct them to me. Please reach out if you have any questions!

Joyfully,
Elisha Smith



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION UPDATE

by Kathi Mitchell, Children's Education Director

Sadly, due to low attendance, we have decided to pause Sunday School this fall. We will start up again after the public schools return and families feel more safe about returning to church. I miss your children, but also appreciate the need to keep them safe at home.

In the meantime, I will be making short videos with the lesson and related activity, similar to the craft videos I did this spring. I hope you can watch them weekly as I think they will be a great way to keep the children connected to the church. I had a lot of fun doing these before and hope your children enjoy them, too! If you have not received your package of Sunday School materials, please contact me. I would love to send you the activity books and the links to the online lessons, so they can work along with me.

The show must go on! Over a dozen children are working hard to learn their songs and lines for our virtual Children's Christmas Pageant, "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper." It is going to be fantastic and I am already over the moon with the children's performances. We will produce our pageant movie to be available online in December. The songs are wonderful and the children adorable, as always!

While your children may enjoy meeting virtually, watching videos, or getting mail, I know sometimes a visit is a nice treat. Please let me know if you would like me to stop by and say hi; I would be happy to see their smiling faces!

Kathi



October 11 • Virtual

The 2020 Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk is going virtual! By doing a virtual CROP Hunger Walk together, but separate, we can continue to help the poor and hungry, keep others safe, and keep ourselves safe.

The virtual walk will take place on **October 11**. You choose where you want to walk and you can choose to walk individually or with a team. If you would rather give to the cause, you can donate [here](https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi/Donate) (<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi/Donate>).

The CROP Hunger Walk may be virtual, but the need could not be more real. Join us **October 11** to help end hunger.

GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions program will continue virtually this fall! Please join us in welcoming Dr. Gerald Urquhart, Assistant Professor in the Lyman Briggs College at MSU, on **October 22** at 4:30 p.m., via Zoom. Dr. Urquhart will give a presentation about China in Latin America, and the proposed Interoceanic Canal in Nicaragua. Following his presentation, there will be an interactive question and answer session.

To join the zoom program, [click here](https://msu.zoom.us/j/92898641786) (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92898641786>). Enter the Meeting ID: 928 9864 1786 and Passcode: 502465

Dr. Gerald R. Urquhart is a biologist with specialization in tropical wildlife ecology. His research focuses on how human activity influences biodiversity in the rainforests of Central and South America. In these last wild places on earth, it is critical that we develop our understanding of how to best conserve the immense biodiversity. Dr. Urquhart's approach combines basic research with applied conservation solutions. Dr. Urquhart's roots as a scientist developed early but he credits his time as an undergraduate student in Lyman Briggs as the defining period on his path toward teaching and research. After pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan and a postdoc at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, he returned to Lyman Briggs in 1999. Dr. Urquhart has a joint appointment in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Dr. Urquhart currently serves as the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs in Lyman Briggs College.

READING PEOPLE

The Reading People are currently reading the fiction book, "Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine," by Gail Honeyman.

There will be a zoom-led discussion on this book on October 15 at 1:30 p.m. Carol Bryson and Katie Slabaugh will co-lead the discussion. Email Katie at kslab@hotmail.com for the Zoom information.

Congratulations Confirmands!



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