



FAREWELL: A WORD FROM PASTOR DREW

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve as your associate pastor over the last seven and a half years. When I was called to be with you, I was excited about all the possibilities that this congregation had to offer, and you did not disappoint! Over my time here at The Peoples Church, we have sent our members to visit our missionaries around the world, throughout the United States, and we have watched a local ministry blossom with our Edgewood Project. I have been able to learn and grow with you in my faith and in our community through the many different Christian Education programs that are offered here. It has been amazing to hear the wisdom from our community through the *Forum* and the *Great Decisions* program. It was wonderful to host leaders of other faith traditions as we learned and shared together. I have loved the times of Bible studies and book groups—they have always challenged and encouraged me. The knitting ministry always had a cheerful hello and warm smiles when I would visit them while their hands were hard at work. And of course, I loved stopping by a Women of Peoples Church event to witness the long tradition of their learning and service to the church.

As you have heard, I will be moving on from The Peoples Church at the first of the year. I did not come to this decision lightly. I am looking forward to some time to step back from ministry, finish my dissertation, and discern what God has planned next for me. I covet your prayers during this time.

As I depart, I know I am leaving you in capable hands. I am also very hopeful for the future of The Peoples Church. For the past 113 years, this congregation has been a hallmark of the East Lansing community. The ministry that The Peoples Church has done, is doing, and will continue to do is amazing and impactful. You are a creative and beautiful group of people who are striving to emulate Christ in your service to the world. I look forward to hearing all about the great ministry you continue to do in the community, on the campus, and within the congregation.

Over the next few months, I hope to meet, although virtually, with many of you. Please don't hesitate to call, text, email, or find other ways to connect with me. I know that because of the current pandemic, we will not be able to carry out the normal goodbye rituals, but I am hopeful that we will find creative and meaningful ways of connecting. These moments together will be our time to celebrate all that God has done in our midst.

Thank you again for all your love and support during our time together. You have truly blessed me and my family. I look forward to seeing how God uses this congregation to impact the community, campus, and our congregation with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Drew

CHRISTMAS AT HOME Releasing Nov. 27

John Riesen and Gillian Riesen met performing professionally in 2014, as Artists in Residence with Shreveport Opera in Louisiana. As their working relationship grew, so did their romantic relationship. As they continued to perform around the world (Italy, China, and across the US), they got engaged, married, and now have a beautiful baby boy together. In that time they've performed duet concerts accompanied by their dear friend Neill Campbell, pianist.



With Covid-19 closing down theater in the US, they put their minds to a passion project they've long desired to make. A Christmas album of classic songs and duets. To accomplish this, they banded together with a family organization in Detroit, MI called *Box Five Productions* and a studio in Lansing, Michigan (*Blue Griffin Recording*) to put together this album to uplift the community and bring music and performances to so many in need of it during this challenging year.

Christmas At Home features songs in the style of Andy Williams, Nat King Cole, Judy Garland, and Michael Buble such as:

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year - John
 It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas - Duet
 I'll Be Home for Christmas - John
 (Everybody's Waitin' For) The Man with the Bag - Gillian
 O Holy Night - John
 Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow! -Duet
 Sleigh Ride -Gillian
 White Christmas - John
 Baby it's cold outside - Duet
 Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas - Gillian
 The Christmas Song - John

It will be nothing short of heartwarming, sweet, and enjoyable for the whole family! *Christmas At Home* is available for purchase and streaming this December. Pre-order the album [here](#). For more information visit, the [website](#).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS *80 & OVER

- 11/09 - Chet Lewis
- 11/11 - Gretchen Rosenbrook
- 11/14 - Jake Ferris
- 11/14 - Shelby Hollister
- 11/15 - Penny Laggis
- 11/16 - Sal DiFranco
- 11/19 - Clifford Weil
- 11/21 - Lana Wagner
- 11/26 - Noah Alonso
- 11/28 - Betty Pond
- 11/29 - Margaret Bates
- 11/29 - Kenneth Hanson

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

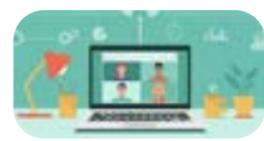
WNL!

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 North-west 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 and enter the passcode: MMB. You can also dial 1.312.626.6799 and when prompted enter meeting ID: 369 714 134 and then passcode: 456440.

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, *Strength to Love* by Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP*

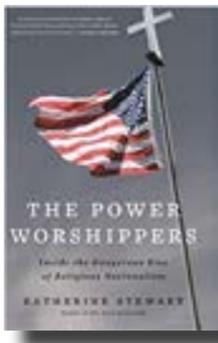
Join us, virtually each Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for fellowship. It's easy! Grab a cup of your favorite coffee and a sweet snack and log on to Zoom. Join the meeting by clicking on this link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#), or in your Zoom app enter Meeting ID: 837 9739 7682 and when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

The Reading People will meet via Zoom on November 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will discuss the book, *The Power Worshippers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism*, by Katherine Stewart. The meeting ID is 636 517 5503, and the password is katiejeff. Hope to "see" you there!



PEOPLES CHURCH CAMPUS MINISTRY

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!

PCYG

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP



Hello PCYG Members and Friends!

We're halfway through the semester! I am proud of the determination and resilience each of our PCYG students has shown as they power through all the challenges of middle school and high school, as well as all the additional challenges of the pandemic.

This month we had the chance to carve pumpkins, paint abstract art, and eat lots of delicious food together. In November, we'll be talking about friendships, and how to stay connected even in times of separation. Keep watching your emails and the Facebook page for updates! If you are not receiving these updates, please contact 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. If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, PCYG is a great place to start. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like more information!

Joyfully,
Elisha Smith



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION UPDATE

by Kathi Mitchell, Children's Education Director

As this year goes on and on, I miss your kids more and more! I hope they are all enjoying my Sunday School videos and their activity books. If you think your child would benefit from a visit from the Sunday School fairy, please contact me. I am happy to stop by for a visit and bring something fun for them to do!

The show must go on! Mrs. Reed and I are excited to be working with several of the children again to do the annual Christmas pageant! Our cast is working hard to learn their lines and songs for "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper." Our production will premier during a service in December. It's going to be great and we can't wait to share it with all of you!

Peace,
Kathi

FALL CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed to help rake and bag leaves on the church grounds during the month of November. You can choose your own days and times for helping. All help is greatly appreciated, and we ask that everyone follow these instructions while participating:

DAYS & HOURS: Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

COVID REQUIREMENTS: Wear masks (city of East Lansing directive) and maintain 6-foot distancing (also required if you enter the church).

BRING YOUR OWN RAKES AND/OR BLOWERS: Bags are provided by the church and will be available inside the church rotunda entrance. People can always stop at the office if they need anything for yard clean up. Place full bags at the curb on Evergreen Ave (north of the Memorial Garden).

WORK ON ALL AREAS AROUND THE CHURCH: North, South, East, and West sides including the parking lot area.

***If children of the Preschool are outside, do not work around them or areas close to them.



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

The Peoples Church will provide 30 food baskets to those in need this holiday season, in the Greater Lansing area.

Please consider a donation to the 'Food Basket Program' with your next contribution. You can make a donation by visiting [GIVE tab on thepeopleschurch.com](http://thepeopleschurch.com) and select 'Food Basket Program' under the Fund section.



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