

JULY 2017

the VOICE

MINISTERS MOMENT

Mission Possible!

Given who we are, where we are, and what we want to become, what should we do?

This is the central question of Mission. And it will be the central question at Peoples Church for the rest of the summer. We spent May and June thinking deeply about our shared core values and imagining our vision. Now it is time to get serious about what our values look like in action and how we are going to work together towards our vision of the Beloved Community.

In other words, it is time to renew our mission! It is time to advance a bold new direction that will help us thrive long into the future.

As a faith community it is not enough to simply exist as a social club, a social justice club, or any other kind of secular organization or narrow group. As a Unitarian Universalist Congregation, we are distinctly called to share our liberal theology and good news. We are called to love the hell out of this world. No other group or organization in town can do this for us. It is ours, it is unique, and Peoples Church is ready to live into it even more fully.

So join us during the months of July and August as we discern the specifics of our mission for the future. Under the capable and excellent direction of the Mission Team, help us determine what we should DO as a community. Help us consider many mission-related questions. Questions like, why are we here? What difference are we here to make? To whom are we accountable? Whom or what do we serve? And, if we were to close our doors tomorrow, who would miss us and why?

When we know more about our responses to these questions, and with a renewed mission and purpose, I know we will grow to be even bolder, bigger, more life saving, and more generous in the Cedar Rapids community.

I will be on vacation the month of July. In the event of a pastoral emergency please contact the Rev. Steven Protzman in Iowa City at 319 621 4074.

Have a blessed month and I will see you in August!

In faith,
Rev. Rebecca



BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING SUMMARY

- Treasurer Gary McGraw reported a \$3,860 deficit in May. Our overall balance for the year is still positive, and we still have some budgeted endowment income available if needed. Gary noted our income often declines during the summer months due to lower church attendance.
- We approved the revised church record retention policy and procedure submitted by our Operations Coordinator, Cathy Fischer. She will implement a records review beginning in July.
- We discussed next steps for filling the Director of Religious Education position. The two main options are to recruit for a Unitarian Universalist accredited interim religious educator, or to
- advertise locally. An interim professional could provide insights on ways to stabilize and improve our program over the long term, though professionals with that expertise may not be able to move here for a 1-2 year part time position. We agreed to recruit for both and decide how to proceed based on the applicants. Rev. Rebecca will talk to religious education professionals at General Assembly later in June.
- The board will move its regular meeting to the 4th Wednesday of the month for July, August, and September. This change intends to give the finance committee more time to review information and produce their report. In September we will decide whether to continue in the 4th week or switch back.
- We also decided to change how we review staff reports as a way to free up some meeting time. Staff reports will now be submitted early in the month for review. Board members can request to have a specific item added to the agenda, but otherwise the time will be used instead to discuss developmental ministry topics.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President

Robyn Miessler-Kubanek
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Gary McGraw
(319) 373-9449

Board of Trustee Members

Geoff Johnson
Kathy Johnson
Scott Mansfield
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FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Finance Committee met on 6/15/17 to review financial reports and discuss continued income diversification plans for Peoples Church.

Peoples Church cash flow for May was negative:

- May Income \$10,267
- May Expenses \$14,127

Please continue to mail your pledges to the church office when you are on vacation.



BOARD MEETING MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.PEOPLESUU.ORG OR PRINTED AND KEPT IN THE ELY ROOM.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

VISION PARTY UPDATE: WE ATE. WE LAUGHED. WE MADE A MIXED TAPE.

30 people came together on June 28 to begin work on creating a vision for Peoples Church. We traveled to the year 2027 in our imaginations to describe what Peoples will look like in 10 years.

Along the way, we drew a picture of our aspirations, created our church's soundtrack, and developed the recipe for our future success. We also enjoyed food and laughter as we joined together for the work of the church.

I want to thank everyone who came out on a stormy Wednesday night to give their time and imaginations to this important effort. The Mission Team came away with many ideas and feedback that they will fuse together into a working vision for our congregation to evaluate. Look for updates on the Mission Renewal Team bulletin board outside of the sanctuary.

If you weren't able to attend this event, the Mission Team will make several of the imaginative exercises available online so you can still participate and bring your ideas to the table. Look for updates in the eWeekly, on the website, and in our Facebook group.

Peoples Church of the future looks like it'll be a pretty happening place. I look forward to working with everyone to take us there.

STAFF

Rev. Rebecca Hinds

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10-3pm

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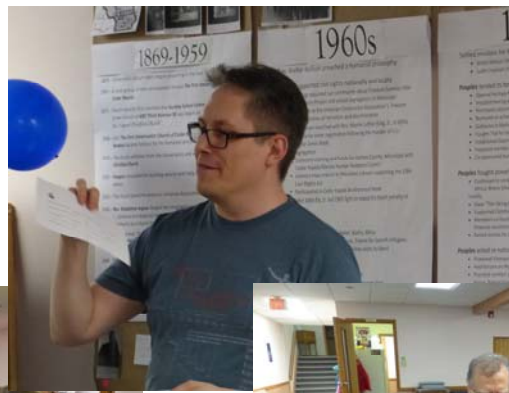
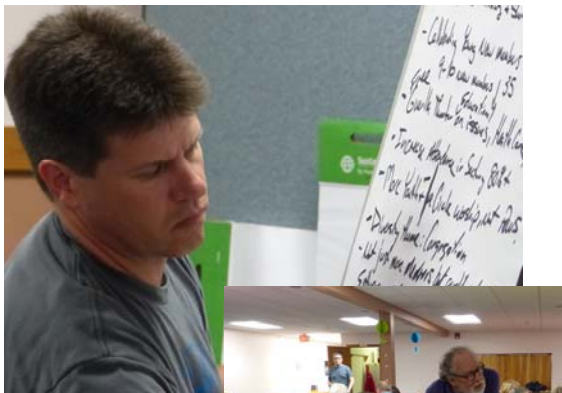
Tristan Maynard,

Deneka Harris

& Rachael Nading

Custodians

Jerry Morris
& Bob Osborne



RENEW OUR MISSION 2018: THE "NO-HASSLE" APPROACH TO PLEDGING



This year's pledge campaign, Renew Our Mission 2018, begins in July. Shortly after the 4th of July you, as a member or a friend of Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist, will receive your mailing introducing this year's campaign.

As last year, this year's campaign begins with a "No Hassle" pledging option in July and August and will end with a traditional pledging option in September. The current "No Hassle" option is your opportunity to complete your pledge for the 2018 budget quickly and easily, and without being directly contacted by a stewardship representative. It saves your time, the pledge committee's time, the pledge stewards' time, and it provides a positive jump-start for our campaign. If you prefer the more traditional approach to pledging, which allows more personal conversation about your pledge or Peoples Church in general, you have the option to complete your pledge in September, when you will be directly contacted by a pledge steward.

The 2018 campaign respectfully encourages every pledge unit to increase their pledge by \$300/year or \$25/month. As you consider this for your personal pledge, please bear in mind that:

\$25.00/month really costs you about \$20/month after charitable tax deduction

\$25.00/month is roughly the cost of 2 movie passes + 1 small popcorn/month

\$25.00/month is roughly the cost of 2 small Starbucks coffees/week

OR \$25.00/month can positively impact the world through People's Church!

Completing your pledge process during the 'No Hassle' portion of the campaign can be very simple. All you have to do is complete the pledge form, which you'll receive in your U.S. mail, place it in the blue return envelope and either mail it to the church office, place it in the offering plates at church on any Sunday, hand it to Reverend Rebecca or any member of the *RENEW OUR MISSION 2018* Campaign Team, or scan it and email it directly to the pledge treasurer at pcuu.pledge.treasurer@gmail.com. Blank pledge forms will also be available on Sundays in July and August at the pledge table immediately outside the church sanctuary.

Please join in supporting Peoples Church by pledging early and generously as we Renew Our Mission!

The *RENEW OUR MISSION 2018* Campaign Team

Bob Butikofer Charles Cizio Bryan Davis Sue Davis Rev. Rebecca Hinds Judy Price

**CALLING ALL
SUPERHEROES!**

SUUpper Hero Camp

People's Church is putting on a children's SUUpperhero camp, that's two U's, in which children will play games, do crafts, create a superhero, and learn that not all superheros wear red tights.

It will be 10:15-12:15 every Sunday in July in the lower level of the church. The cost is \$25 per family. To register for this camp click on the link here:

<https://form.jotform.us/peoplesvoice/to-register-your-child-for-suuper-h>



Religious Education



Date	Event	Time
7/2/2017	Pinic Lunch at Daniels Park - No Service	11:30 AM
7/4/2017	1st Weds Book Club Public Library	6:30 PM
7/5/2017	eWeekly deadline	1:00 AM
7/8/2017	Faith Explorers	9:30 AM
7/9/2017	SUUPER Hero Camp	10:00 AM
7/9/2017	Worship Service	11:00AM
7/10/2017	LGBTQ Support Group	7:00 PM
7/12/2017	eWeekly deadline	1:00 AM
7/16/2017	SUUPER Hero Camp	10:00 AM
7/16/2017	Worship Service	11:00AM
7/16/2017	CUUPS	2:00 PM
7/17/2017	Archives Committee	9:30 AM
7/19/2017	eWeekly deadline	1:00 AM
7/22/2017	Faith Explorers	9:30 AM
7/23/2017	SUUPER Hero Camp	10:00 AM
7/23/2017	Worship Service	11:00AM
7/26/2017	eWeekly deadline	1:00 AM
7/30/2017	SUUPER Hero Camp	10:00 AM
7/30/2017	Worship Service	11:00AM



2ND WEEK SUMMER SOCIALS

Join Peoples people for music and fun during the 2nd week of each summer month! Organized by the Membership Committee, Barb Gay, RC Eichacker, Cate Sheller, Marion Patterson & Sheryl Ochs.

Rock the Block

NewBo Market, July 14th, 5:30-8:30pm

Music by Full Circle. You must purchase all food & drinks at the Market. (No coolers, etc. allowed.) Bring a chair or blanket. As you face the stage, look for the Peoples' group somewhere to your right. 3rd St. & 12th Ave. SE.

Jazz Under the Stars

Noelridge Park, August 10th, 7:00pm

Located near the pavilion and duck pond. Food & beverages are available for purchase, but you may also bring your own food/drinks. Remember your chair or blanket.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

JULY 2ND

Picnic at Daniels Park

940 Oakland Rd. NE

THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH SERVICE on Sunday, July 2nd. Instead we will be having a church picnic at the Upper Pavilion of Daniels Park. Daniels Park is off Oakland Road in NE Cedar Rapids. Please bring a dish to share, your own table setting, and your own beverage. We will eat around 11:30 am. Please, NO ALCOHOL. Hope to see all of you there.

JULY 9TH

Lie Spotting, Truth Telling and Trust Building “Lying is a cooperative act.” In today’s “Post Truth” society, it sure seems like we pretty much are there! Join Marion Patterson and Maria Kell as we together explore “Lie Spotting, Truth Telling and Trust Building.” This service will have variations of our familiar form and engage the congregation. We might squirm a bit and have a good laugh. Ultimately, we’ll turn to Truth as we invite all into the Covenant of Right Relations: Ways to treat each other, How we can best handle conflict, and Opportunities to Build our Positive Culture in spite of ourselves.

JULY 16TH

What’s missing in our mission?

Service led by Kathleen Watson.

JULY 23RD

Life Lessons Learned

Service and music led by Scott Mansfield. July 22 is my 60th birthday. I will share life lessons I’ve learned and how they can relate to your life.

JULY 30TH

TBD

Service led by Jude Johnson and Amy Bostwick.



*Coffee Hour
in Ely Room
Following
Worship*





OUR CARING COMMUNITY

Good Neighbors

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Paraministers

June 26 - July 9 ~ Scott Mansfield ~ (319) 362-0436

July 10 - 23 ~ Dorothy Hershner ~ (319) 393-6617

July 24 - August 6 Susie Hauter ~ (319) 448-4490

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