

APRIL  
2018

# THE VOICE

LEADING COMPASSIONATE LIVES  
THROUGH SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
AND JUST ACTION.

## MINISTER'S MOMENT

Rebecca shares her thoughts on interdependence.

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## JIM SCOTT CONCERT

Musician, composer, poet, activist, and virtuoso guitar player in concert at Peoples Church.

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## SAVE THE DATES

Trivia Night  
Poetry Slam  
Congregational Meeting

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# PEOPLES CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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*Helen Keller*

our founding governance document, the Cambridge Platform, which states that “Every particular church is the equal of every other such church in authority; none may have dominion over another. Yet all are united to Christ as their common head, and so ought to preserve friendly communion with one another.” As historian Conrad Wright points out, this communion with other churches includes “concern for one another’s welfare...relief and succor when poor churches stand in need of assistance...and consultation when a question arises on which a church may benefit by disinterested advice from without.”

These commitments remain today. Like our Puritan ancestors in faith, we need one another to survive. And so we covenant with other UU churches in “mutual consent for mutual benefit.” We are not forced to do this but we choose it freely and lovingly because we know we cannot possible exist alone. We are interdependent.

This month at Peoples Church our theme will be Interdependence. We will look at what it means to be in relationship with one another, our faith, all of creation, and the Earth. Join us as we explore what it means to be part of something bigger than ourselves!



*Rev. Rebecca*

# Ministry's MOMENT



In mid-March I sat on a panel hosted by the Inter Religious Council as part of a series called “Know Your Neighbors.” Throughout the series all of the panelists made it clear that we were not speaking on behalf of everyone in our entire faith tradition. I made sure to emphasize that not every UU believes the same thing! But it turns out we are not alone in this. Other panelists described similar levels of diversity of believe. At one point someone in the audience asked the panel, “Well if not beliefs then, what is it that holds your religious community together?”

I am sure you all know the answer for us as Unitarian Universalists by now: covenant. You have heard me preach about covenant and return to it again and again. Covenant is the core of our tradition, which allows us, despite our theological differences, “to walk together in the ways of truth and affection.”

But did you know that our covenants extend to all other UU churches? Our 7 principles after all are a covenantal agreement with all other Unitarian Universalist communities. Through this we are never alone. We are always in relationship with all other UU churches, held in a loving network of mutuality and support. Theologian Rebecca Parker calls this our “freely chosen and life-sustaining interdependence.”

This practice of interdependence dates back more than 350 years to

# Sunday Worship

APRIL 1

**11am Service: Easter Sunday**

**The Message Remains**

When Jesus was crucified they tried to kill love and liberation, but they couldn't do it. When Dr. King was killed exactly 50 years ago next Wednesday, April 4, the same thing happened. Come hear a message of everlasting love and a call to life and liberation! An Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow the service. This will be a Multi-Generational Service.

**Music:** Bryan and Kris Davis

**Greeters:** Laura and Gary McGraw

**Flower Ministry:**

**Coffee Hour:** Laura and Gary McGraw

APRIL 8

**11am Service: Evolutionary Theology**

Charles Darwin introduced the modern world to the concept of evolution and "survival of the fittest" more than 150 years ago. But is it really strength, speed, and dominance that allow species to survive? What about adaptation and cooperation? What role does interdependence play in evolution?

**Music:** Megan and Tim Jones

**Greeters:** RC Eichacker

**Flower Ministry:**

**Coffee Hour:** Sarah Herman

*Join us for a  
month of  
discussion on  
interdependence!*

APRIL 15

**11am Service: The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith**

What would it be like if our UU worship service centered entirely around the voices and the experiences of black Unitarian Universalists? What truths might we hear, however difficult? What might we learn? How might these black UU leaders teach us to be better allies, better siblings in faith, and even better citizens in our community? This will be a Multi-Generational Service.

**Music:** Peoples Choir  
**Greeters:** Sheryl Ochs  
**Flower Ministry:**  
**Coffee Hour:**

APRIL 29

**11am Service: Improv and Interdependence**

Improvisational comedy is, in many ways, the pinnacle of successful interdependence. An improv skit is impossible to perform solo; polishing your improv skills requires a partner; and the rules of improv provide an unusual - but highly effective - blueprint for effective interactions. Come learn how the rules of improv can act as rules of right living as Peoples Church continues growing through our Developmental Ministry process. Service led by Kathleen Mavity.

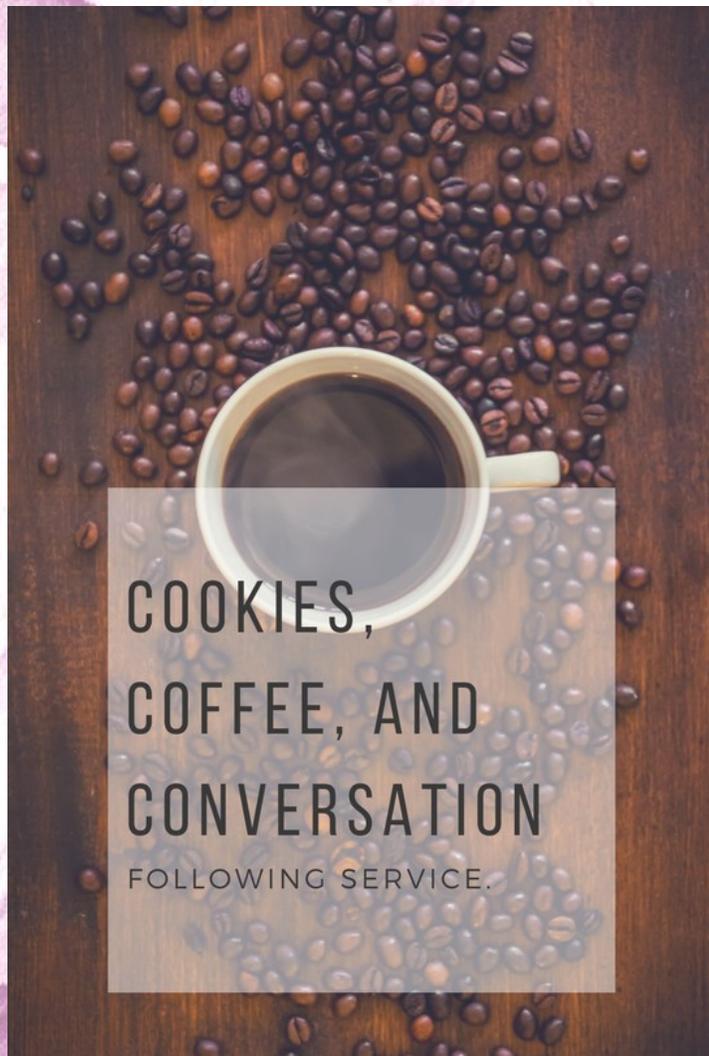
**Music:** Mike Maas and Carlis Faurot  
**Greeters:** Kathy Juba and Bob Butikofer  
**Flower Ministry:**  
**Coffee Hour:**

APRIL 22

**11am Service: One Earth**

Looking at the Earth from outer space, scientist will often describe and experience the Earth as a single, living organism. Our 7th Principle suggests the same: that we are merely a small part of an “interdependent web of all existence.” What does it mean to be a part of one whole organism? This will be a Multi-Generational Service.

**Music:** Deep Dish Diva's  
**Greeters:** Rose Gabe and Robyn M-K  
**Flower Ministry:**  
**Coffee Hour:**



COOKIES,  
COFFEE, AND  
CONVERSATION

FOLLOWING SERVICE.



# WISE WORDS

Religious Education needs your support this month! We have two great events happening and participation by the members of the congregation would be wonderful!

Let me first thank you for helping with the Easter Egg hunt! We have lots of filled eggs for the kids to hunt and enjoy this Sunday after worship! Thank you to all you took eggs home and filled them!

You have read about our Poetry Slam! Our high school Religious Education class is a small group of students who have really taken to the curriculum this year and had good discussions about all types of poetry. The culmination of the class is to sponsor a POETRY SLAM! We are doing that on April 27 at 7pm in the Ely Room. We are going to create a comfortable low key coffee house feel and have sharing by the teens from the class and from adults in the congregation. They will be performing some of their own poetry as well as works by others. Danny Booth and Lance Maynard have done a great job with the high schoolers this year and I am really looking forward to this evening!

We need you the congregation to do 2 things! The first one is very simple—SHOW UP to support the youth!! There is no cost! will have a variety of coffee, tea, and soft drinks available for donations. This is not a fund-raiser but a celebration. So please come and show the young people of Peoples that you are there for them!

The second one is for those of you that write poetry or have poetry that you really love! You are invited to bring that along with you and as time permits we will have opportunity for you to share with the group!

Please come and support the youth of Peoples!

The second opportunity to support the Religious Education program is a fund-raiser. When I started at Peoples I heard about the efforts to raise money for the last Coming of Age trip. This trip occurs every 3 years (the next one is Spring of 2020) and takes youth to Boston to tour venues of importance to Unitarian Universalists. They also do a bit of sight-seeing while they are there. This is an expensive trip! We will be starting a scrip program very soon to help with this effort. We are also going to do periodic fund-raisers to help cover the cost.

The first fund-raiser is one that is really fun! It is the TRIVIA NIGHT CONTEST that you have seen on The Voice the eWeekly. It is April 21st and will be in the Andre Room. Trivia is a fun event that really lends itself to some great team work! Participants do not need to be part of Peoples! Put together your team—up to 8 people! Gather friends, co-workers, neighbors, strangers, anyone you can find and come and support the Coming of Age trip! Information about registering can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. We will also have light refreshments, soft drinks, tea, and coffee for a donation.

I know that April is a busy time both here at Peoples and life in general! Please take a few hours to relax and help support the youth of Peoples! They are important to the church today and vitally important to the church of the future!!!!

*David Wise* | Acting Dir. Of Religious Education



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EVENTS | FUNDRAISING

**TRIVIA**  
APRIL 21



**NIGHT**  
7:00PM

Get your teams together! **TEAM MEMBERS DO NOT NEED TO BE FROM PEOPLES!** The cost to enter is \$80 per team and you can have up to 8 people per team. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. Register with the office at 319.362.9827. Light refreshments and soft drinks will be available for purchase.



**Friday, April 27 | 7pm | Ely Room**

The Poetry Slam will be the culmination of the 10th through 12th grade class. They will be sharing poetry they have personally written as well as poetry they find meaningful. The congregation is invited to both attend and bring poetry they love and want to share. As time permits you will be invited to share your poetry with the group.

Free Admission—Refreshments Available for Purchase

# Cathy's Column

## Sunday Morning Handbook

In the March Voice I requested submissions for Sunday procedures to be written up and sent to me. I've received many submissions, and below is a list of what I've received so far. Please review the list, and if you are aware of any additional tasks that should be added, please let me know!

- Counting Donations
- Opening Doors
- Sound—Audio Cableing
- Sound—Sanctuary
- Usher Responsibilities
- Van Vechten Guild Set Up Instructions
- Guest Musician payments

Thank you to everyone who has submitted these write ups already. Hopefully these will come in handy with our new members or new-to-these-processes current members.

## Current Project Proposals

There are a few large projects getting off the ground here at Peoples Church. If you are not already involved and would like to be, below are the projects and the points of contacts you can reach out to, to get involved.

- Windows Project Planning—Jim Federer
- Sanctuary design—Aesthetics & Design Committee—Jo Wasta
  - Pew Design Project—RC Eichacker
- Electrical and Solar Updates—Rich Patterson
- Lower level floor quotes/replacement plan—David Wise



**Cathy Fischer**  
**office@peoplesuu.org**  
**(319) 362.9827**





White Star Alehouse

# SHARED SPIRITS

April 15 | 4pm

Come talk about Serious Topics over drinks (alcoholic or otherwise) and deepen connections between Peoples people. This month we'll talk about "People Like Us," which is a documentary "that has spawned thousands of conversations about class in America."

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# NEW MEMBERS CLASS

**First Three Wednesdays in April | 5:30pm | Ely Room**

**CONTACT REVEREND REBECCA HINDS TO JOIN!**

**MINISTER@PEOPLESUU.ORG | (319) 362.9827**

# Governance: What's in it for Everyone?

Board President *Robyn Miessler-Kubaneč*

As we begin Year 3 of Developmental Ministry (DM), guided by our new mission, the Board of Trustees will begin a deep dive into governance at Peoples Church.

Our DM goal says we seek to: establish church governance structures and practices that make the best use of church resources.

## **Why does this matter?**

Governance explains how the church **as a whole** understands authority and describes relationships, both between individual members and between groups.

Governance isn't just for the board and the committee/team leaders. It's not just for the minister and our other staff. A flexible governance structure will allow **everyone** to understand how we work together to support and pursue the church's mission.

## **So what does this mean?**

As noted above, the board will be working in the coming year to develop and implement a new governance structure for Peoples. This means answering questions about how we as a faith community want to relate to each other, to our staff, and to the wider community.

We'll need your help to understand, implement, and learn from this work. We'll need everyone to help clarify the ways in which our relationships express our core values: compassion, spirituality, justice, and community.

So watch for opportunities to help the board with this important work. Ask questions. Offer feedback. Help build the nurturing and vibrant community we seek to become. Together.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Finance Committee met on 3/22/18 to review financial reports and discuss development of narrative budget reporting for 2019. Peoples Church cash flow was negative for the month:

- February Income \$10,051
- February Expenses \$14,496

## **APRIL BOARD MEETING**

**Ely Room, Wednesday, April 25 @ 6:15 PM**

The Board of Trustees meets every month to conduct the business of the church. Peoples people are always welcome to observe and learn about the topics at hand.

**PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE**

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## **Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, May 20 | 12:45pm | Andre Room

We'll vote in a new Board of Trustees, present updates, and conduct business of the church. Things will start our with a potluck right after the Sunday service, followed by the meeting to begin at 12:45pm.



# SPRING UP TO CLEAN UP

April 18 | 1-5pm | Peoples Church  
Rain Date April 19

COME AND GO AS YOU ARE ABLE AND HELP CLEAN  
UP THE OUTSIDE OF OUR FACILITY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
CATHY AT 319.362.9827.



DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?  
COME MEET JIM SCOTT IN CONCERT!

composer, lyricist, virtuoso guitarist,  
environmental activist, friend and  
collaborator with Pete Seeger.

AT PEOPLES CHURCH | \$15 GENERAL ADMISSION, 12 AND UNDER FREE  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY | CHILDCARE PROVIDED

# Peoples Events

## **New Member Class**

**First Three Wednesdays in April | 5:30pm**

Contact Rev. Rebecca if you are interested in membership with Peoples Church.

## **Paraministers Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 3 | 1pm | Ely Room**

Join the Cedar Rapids Covenant of Unitarian Universalist PaganS as we celebrate the second Blue Moon of 2018! We will gather in the Ely Room at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the light and energy of the full moon. All are welcome to attend.

## **Van Vechten Guild Meeting**

**Monday, April 9 | 12pm | Andre Room**

It's spring cleaning time so this month's Guild program is Downsizing and Spring cleaning by Jill Winey, et al. All are welcome to attend.

Bring your own lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided.

## **Shared Spirits (A Pub Theology Gathering)**

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## **Peoples Church Recommends**

### **Lest We Forget**

**Monday, April 16 | 7pm | Mount Mercy University  
1330 Elmhurst Drive NE**

A Community Service of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust. Featuring Holocaust Survivor Michael Bornstein. Organized by the Thaler Holocaust Memorial Fund and the Inter-Religious Council of Linn County.

## **Spring Clean Up Day at Peoples Church**

**Wednesday, April 18 | 1-5pm**

Come and help clean up the outside of Peoples Church to get it ready for Spring! There are tools here to use, but feel free to bring any from home to help. Come and go as you are able, there will be a checklist to work off of, there is no need to register. See you there!



## **April Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 25 | 6:15 PM | Ely Room**

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## **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, May 20 | 12:45pm | Andre Room**

Mark your calendars for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 20. We'll vote in a new Board of Trustees, present updates, and conduct other business of the church. Things will start out with a potluck right after the Sunday service, followed by the meeting to begin at approximately 12:45.

## **SAVE THE DATE— May 20th**

**RE Teacher Appreciation, OWL Recognition and Bridging Ceremony**

# April

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun	1-Apr	All day	Easter Sunday
		11am – 12pm	Religious Education
		11am – 12pm	Worship
Tue	3-Apr	1 – 2pm	Paraministers Meeting
Wed	4-Apr	6 – 7pm	Membership Committee
		5:30-7:00pm	New Member Class
		7 – 8pm	Choir Practice
Thu	5-Apr	3 – 4:30pm	Windows & Aesthetics Team Meeting
Sun	8-Apr	11am – 12pm	Religious Education
		11am – 12pm	Worship
Mon	9-Apr	12 – 2pm	Van Vechten Guild
Tue	10-Apr	7 – 8:30pm	LGBTQ Support Group
Wed	11-Apr	5:30-7:00pm	New Member Class
		7 – 8pm	Choir Practice
Sun	15-Apr	10 – 11am	Choir Practice
		11am – 12pm	Worship - RE Sunday - Multigenerational
		12:15 – 1:30pm	Worship Associate Meeting
Wed	18-Apr	1 – 5pm	Spring Clean Up Day
		5:30-7:00pm	New Member Class
		7 – 8pm	Choir Practice
Thu	19-Apr	7 – 8pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Sat	21-Apr	7pm	COA Trivia Contest Fund Raiser Andre
Sun	22-Apr	11am – 12pm	Religious Education
		11am – 12pm	Worship - Earth Day Service
Mon	23-Apr	All day	Earth Day
Wed	25-Apr	6:15 – 8:15pm	PCUU Board Meeting
Fri	27-Apr	7pm	High School Class Poetry Slam
Sun	29-Apr	11am – 12pm	Religious Education
		11am – 12pm	Worship
Mon	30-Apr	6:30 – 8pm	CUUPS Beltane Ritual / Full Moon



# CARING COMMUNITY

## Good Neighbors

April | Kris Davis | 294.5010 | [daviskris49@gmail.com](mailto:daviskris49@gmail.com)

## Paraministers

March 19 – April 1 | Scott Mansfield | 362-0436

April 2 – April 15 | Jan Federer | 362-6936



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