



NOVEMBER 2016



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ON SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 6: A Reverence for Life. This quarter we are sharing our collection with Planned Parenthood. Come explore a Unitarian Universalist theology of reproductive justice and reflect on what it means to be "Pro-Voice." *Music: Scott Mansfield.*

NOVEMBER 13: Kathleen Watson leads the worship service. *Music: Deborah Dakin, viola.*

NOVEMBER 20: We Give Thanks. How can we practice gratitude in our daily lives, even when life is hard? Come learn about the connections between gratitude, happiness, and mental health. *Music: Peoples Choir.*

NOVEMBER 27: Debora Maynard leads the worship service. *Music: Julia & Ira Levin.*



**Daylight savings time
ENDS November 6.
Remember to turn your
clock BACK!**



Worship (all ages) - 11:00
Children & Youth RE to
classes - 11:15
Coffee Hour in the Ely Room
follows worship.

Peoples Organic Homemade Jam

FIRST WEDNESDAY MUSIC GATHERINGS
Join us on the first Wednesday night of every month, beginning
November 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Ely Room!

INGREDIENTS: musicians and singers who like to make music together. A few rhythm instruments for volunteer percussionists. Children are welcome. Please bring a song and a snack to share. If you need more info, call Kris Davis, (319) 294-5010 or daviskris49@gmail.com.

Simply Social

OPPORTUNITIES TO EAT, MEET & MINGLE

SIGN UP to meet and mingle with fellow Peoples Church members and friends and our new Minister, Rev. Rebecca Hinds! Open to all: members, friends, and newcomers. Light refreshments will be provided, but please bring what you would like to drink. Come relax and have fun! Email Rebecca today to sign up: minister@peoplesuu.org.

Hosted by the members of the Ministry Transition Team:

Saturday, October 29 – at the home of Bryan Davis, 5-7 pm

Sunday, November 6 – at the home of Geoff Johnson, 5-7 pm

Friday, December 2 – at the home of Rich and Marion Patterson, 5-7 pm

Friday, December 9 – at the home of Marcia Swift, 5-7 pm

See you there!

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& Potluck

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Minister's *Moment*

Dear Ones,

Can you recall the best meal you ever had? I am willing to bet you ate it in good company: with a lover, your family, or perhaps your faith community? Eating meals together is a sacred activity. It connects us like no other ritual on the planet. Eating feels better when we do it mindfully and collectively.

I have heard about the deep history and wonderful food and potluck culture at Peoples Church. What a fantastic way to bring people together! With this in mind, when the Board scheduled our November church-wide Developmental Ministry Start Up Workshop, we all knew for sure that we wanted to include a potluck dinner. So mark your calendars for the evening of Friday, November 18th at Peoples Church and bring a dish to share! It is going to be an exciting evening of food, fellowship, community, and learning as we figure out together how to reach our five Developmental Ministry goals.

Hey, speaking of food, we could really use some new folks to volunteer to bring treats for coffee hour on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping with coffee hour please let me know!

Beloveds, as we head into the holiday season with so many family and community meals ahead of us, I hope the meals you share will be delicious, meaningful, and spirited. I hope they will remind you of who you are and connect you to others. I hope the experience will be spiritual and transformative.

No one needs to eat alone this holiday season. If you are looking for a place to be on Thanksgiving Day my wife, Casey, and I warmly invite you to share a meal with us in our home. Just email me at minister@peoplesuu.org in advance so I can plan accordingly! Blessings to you all this harvest season!

In Faith,
Rev. Rebecca



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Developmental Ministry Start-Up Workshop & Potluck

NOVEMBER 18
6 pm

If we are to survive, Unitarian Universalism must embrace a Trinity of Promises: generosity, pluralism, and imagination. Our UU faith is truly at a turning point. What if Peoples Church could lead the way? We are not afraid to imagine new ideas and try new things. In fact, we are intentionally in a Developmental Ministry phase to think deeply about who we are, how we want to be together, and the future of Peoples Church. We need you to join the conversation! Be sure to read Robyn's letter on p. 4, which expands on how we might approach the discussion.

Peoples *Grows*

PEOPLES CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Winter Pageant Auditions!

Come out and Audition
for our Great winter
play directed by the
one and only Tristan
Maynard
Starts on: 11/06/2016
12:30 PM
Ends on: 11/06/2016
2:30 PM
Meet in the Sanctuary.

Letter from the Board President

Name Our Most Precious Values in 3...2...1...Go!

As Unitarian Universalists, we affirm seven Principles. Can you name them all without looking? (I needed to look.) We hold these Principles up as our ideals, as guides to envision the kinds of communities we strive to build in our churches and the wider world.

But are these Principles enough? Do they express all the values we need to build stronger communities? Values like generosity that leads us to understand rather than judge one another? Values like hospitality that leads us to make room for others in our lives and our spaces?

As we forge ahead in our Developmental Ministry, the Rev. Rebecca recommends we start with our values. Start by asking: What is most precious to us and how can we affirm and promote it in our church community?

Do all our values hold equal weight? If we chose the top three, which would make the cut? Would we choose personal commitment that leads us to actively participate in creating the communities we long for? What about the curiosity to ask questions, education for constant learning, hope, inspiration, joy, or creativity? How would these fit in?

We on the board invite everyone to begin thinking about our church's values. Think about what our church aspires to be, and how our personal values intersect with those aspirations.

And we encourage you to talk to Peoples people about it, ask others for their opinions and share your own ideas. Uncover your questions and insights and bring them to the Developmental Ministry Startup Event on November 18.

We'll start the evening at 6:00 PM with a potluck, and then get into the question and answer portion after we've all had a chance to eat.

Until then, think about our most precious values and talk about them. Together.

Robyn Meissler-Kubaneck, Board president

Summary of the October 19 Board of Trustees Meeting

- Treasurer Gary McGraw reported that September finished well due to an influx of pledge payments. We still have a small year-to-date surplus as we head into the final quarter.
- Charles Cizio explained that one of the exterior panes of glass in the cross window was broken some time ago. He recently fixed the seal on the repair and noted some water damage to the inside of the wall. He solicited a bid to completely remove the cross window and re-side the exterior wall. The board will discuss next steps at our next meeting.
- We reviewed the 2017 budget first draft. While our pledged income for 2017 increased significantly over the current year's, we still anticipate drawing from our savings to make up a budget deficit.
- We discussed our Developmental Ministry goal of improving the church governance

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Peoples News

PEOPLES CHURCH TURNING POINT 2017

Pledge Campaign Final Report

The 2017 Turning Point pledge campaign has officially ended, yielding these final results:

- We, as a congregation raised \$145,852 against our goal of \$165,000. This represents an increase of \$14,000 or 11% from last year's pledge campaign results.
- We had responses from nearly all 100 pledge units we originally contacted as part of the campaign.
- We received pledges from four people NEW to the church, some of whom expressed their desire to become members of Peoples.
- We have generally received positive comments about our efforts to keep the congregation well informed of progress as the campaign proceeded.

The campaign was completed by the middle of October, allowing budget development by Finance, and votes on the proposed budget by the Board and the congregation to proceed on schedule with full knowledge of what our funding will be for the year.

We did not meet the goal of 25% increase in pledge income, and must look at ways to make ends meet. We believe Peoples Church has approached The Turning Point and begun to "round the corner". We, as a congregation, achieved a substantial increase in pledges committed. But, beyond that, we sense a new level of optimism as we move toward 2017! With continued support from all of you, we believe we will be able to successfully chart our financial path through the next year.

The successes of the pledge campaign were due to the work of many. We could not have done this without you. Thanks to Rev. Rebecca; our administrator, Pam Edwards, the pledge stewards; those special individuals who gave wonderful testimonials, and all of you who have taken the time and energy to respond!

Thank you from The 2017 Turning Point Committee

Your Opportunity to Offer Advice

The 2017 Pledge Drive Committee is asking for feedback on what you thought of this year's drive. Were there things you liked or didn't like? How can it be improved in future years? Please email your suggestions to Bob Butikofer at bobcf321@yahoo.com or place a note in the Stewardship mail slot at church by Nov. 6. Thank you!



The Voice and the eWeekly are YOUR way of sharing news and events with our Peoples Community!

The deadline for submissions to be included in the December **Voice** is **Saturday, November 26.**

eWeekly submissions are due each **Wednesday noon** for Thursday publication.

Send all submissions here!

QUESTIONS?

Please refer to our *Publication Guidelines* for useful information and guidelines, or contact the editor.

Have you changed your address, email or phone?

Contact the church office at 319 362-9827 to update your information in the directory. You can also print out the online directory for a desktop reference.



Peoples *Activities*

Things
are
jumpin'
around
here!

Peoples Church is a vibrant, welcoming spiritual community that empowers and encourages its members to develop and explore more sacred, positive and healthy lives through reflection, education and community outreach.



Bridge Group

Friday November 18 at 7 p.m.

Tom Smith's house
Village Ridge, Marion
Contact Rose Gabe: 396-5202 or rgstitch@aol.com

Spirituality Speakers Series

Nov 28 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Each month we will have a different spiritual leader come to visit our congregation. This month, a chaplain with the Catholic church will be coming to speak on his faith and community. Childcare is available. Please come to welcome our guest. For details please contact Amber Todd amber-todd@outlook.com or (319) 775-0619

Van Vechten Guild meeting

November 14 at noon in the Andre Room. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the program and fellowship! Contact Sue Davis for details (319) 981-4494 sdavisod@southslope.net

Good Neighbors offer a helping hand with things like chores and errands. In

November, contact Kathy Juba: 319 378-3116 or kathywilson@imonmail.com.

Paraministers

provide support and solace when most needed. Call Kris Davis (319) 294-5010

Next Paraministry meeting: Saturday, September 19 at 1 pm

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Reverend Rebecca suggested we begin by exploring the values we want the community of Peoples Church to express. We can then create systems and policies that affirm and promote those values.

- We agreed to send out a postcard to the congregation reminding them about the upcoming Developmental Ministry Startup Event on Friday, November 18 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Robyn Miessler-Kubaneck

Updates from the Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC)

Go to <http://uujec.com/> for the latest news, blogs and resources! The UUJEC is a vibrant progressive organization committed to economic justice for all. Their philosophy is rooted in the UU liberal religious tradition: to create a world of justice, equity, and compassion. Their work promotes social change and social advocacy, in collaboration with the UUA, UU Service Committee and grassroots organizations.

Peoples *Learns*

ALL SAINTS' DAY



November 1, 2016 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
1080 30th St Drive SE, Cedar Rapids IA

All Saints' Day is a time of solemn reflection and remembering. It reminds us that we are deeply connected with all those who have gone before us (i.e. the "communion of all saints," that "great cloud of witnesses"). It helps us remember that we are not alone. Join Rev. Rebecca and Marion Patterson at the 1080 Laughing Labyrinth as we gather together to honor our spiritual ancestors and reflect on Peoples Church past. We hope this moment of remembrance will offer healing and wholeness as Peoples Church moves together into a brighter future.

Dress for the weather. Options include walking the labyrinth or using a finger/lap labyrinth on the front porch. Warm beverages will be on hand.

Directions:

Our home is a white Cape Cod with dormers, a horseshoe drive and privet hedge out front. We are one mile east of First Ave. and one mile west of East Post Rd. SE. Mail box has our number 1080 on it. Pull in this side (west side of horseshoe drive). Pull around as far as you can and park driver tires on grass.

From First Avenue: turn at 29th St. Drive SE (John's Lock and Key and Walgreens). (This is the latest information. Remember construction constraints change!)

Approach from Mt. Vernon Rd (or Cottage Grove Rd. SE) Go North on 34th St. SE, East on Cottage Grove Rd. about 1/3 mile just past the Orthodox Church to Indian Hill Rd. North to T. This is 30th St. Drive SE. West 2/10 mile past an old silver bus on north (R). Slow down.

Approach from East Post Road: Get to 30th St. Drive SE/Lakeside Drive (at a stop light). Drive west one mile past old silver bus on north (R). Slow down. Pull into our drive by the mail box on west part of the horseshoe drive.

Leaving: *You can only turn to the east.* So either go to Indian Hill Rd. south to Cottage Grove to 34th St. SE or First Ave. (depending on where you need to go); **OR** take 30th St. Drive SE east to East Post Rd. and whichever way you need to go.



Un CON ditional Love

**November 4-6, 2016
at First Unitarian
Church of Des Moines**

A gathering of YRUU youth (high school) from the MidAmerica Region of the UUA

For more information, contact *Tracy Beck*, Director or Religious Education at First Unitarian: 515-244-8603 ext. 104



Peoples *Life*

What is Peoples Date Night?

You need a night out?
Want some alone time?

Bring your children to Peoples Church November 18 between 6-9 pm! We can entertain them while you enjoy a nice meal or movie, heck – even a nice book.

We ask that you donate \$10 per child to help our RE kids go to Boston in May.



The Peoples Choir sings out in an October worship service. *Photo by Jaymie Capicola Bates.*



At the October 16 multi-generational service, the RE kids put on a skit focused that on courage – with a Halloween theme! *Photo by Jamie Capiccioli Bates.*



Who will take home the coveted for the 13th Annual Chili Cookoff trophy? Look for results in the next eWeekly! *Photo by Jamie Ray Zaruba.*



Community Coffee Hours!

Have you stopped by to say hi to Rev. Rebecca yet? Look for her in a local coffee shop during the new **Community Coffee Hours!** Rev. Rebecca's November Community Coffee Hours are: **Thursdays at 3:30 pm**
November 3 & 17 at Brewed Awakenings
The locations are also announced each week in the *eWeekly*.