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WORSHIP



FEBRUARY 5. Love & Friendship (Phlios) Rev. Rebecca will lead this service about friendship and the love among family. This kind of love binds us to one another for the long haul. What can we learn as a community about Phlios? *Music by Scott Mansfield.* First Sunday PlateShare this quarter: Abbe Center for Community Mental Health.

FEBRUARY 12. Amorous Love (Eros) Rev. Rebecca will lead this service about romantic love. We will celebrate romance and St. Valentine, explore what constitutes a healthy relationship and consider how to get out of an unhealthy one. *Music by Bryan and Kris Davis.*

FEBRUARY 19. Unconditional Love (Agape) Agape love is divine and unconditional. It requires us to love even when we don't feel love. It is the glue that holds communities together. This is the kind of love evoked when we say, "God is Love." Rev. Rebecca will help us figure out what agape means to us as Unitarian Universalists. *Music by Peoples Choir.* Multigenerational service.

FEBRUARY 26. New Member Sunday Join us in this day of celebration as we welcome new members to Peoples Church! As we widen our embrace to receive new Peoples people, we will consider all we have learned about love and how it can guide us in relationship as a church. There will be merriment, joy, and maybe even cake! *Musician TBA.*

WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE, we all bring different expectations, assumptions, and desires. Of course we all want it. (Love is patient and kind.) We think we know what it means and how it should feel. (Love is a many splendored thing.) We have all lived through its ups and downs: times when love is sweet and life giving (Love will find a way) and times when it stings and breaks us apart inside (Love stinks!).

Given this variety of experience it is no wonder that love is so hard to describe! There is no single definition or experience of love. So what does it really mean? What does it

look like? How do we experience it in real life? And how do we want to experience love in community at Peoples Church?

Unfortunately the English language limits us. Love is love is love. (Well actually that is a true statement!!) But in Ancient Greek there were many words for love. All of them had their own, unique qualities and distinctions. We find at least three of them in the Jewish and Christian Scriptures: Phlios (simple love, or love between friends), Eros (erotic or romantic love) and Agape (Godly or unconditional love).

This month at Peoples Church we will explore all of these kinds of love. We will discern together the nature of friendship, romance, Divine Love, and sacred community. As a capstone to the month of February we will celebrate New Member Sunday on Sunday, February 26th! As we welcome new members into our congregation we will receive them with love and open arms. We will honor our commitments to walk with them and one another on the journey. We will celebrate the love we have in our lives and create more of the love we want in our community at Peoples Church.



Coffee with the Minister

Thursday, February 15, 3:30-5:30 pm Brewed Awakenings I 1271 1st Ave SE. I am going to continue our coffee gatherings in the community **once a month on the third Thursday.** Please join me if you can.

And remember I have office hours every week Tuesday through Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm, and by appointment. I can meet with folks at church or anywhere that is convenient for you: a coffee shop or the library, for example. Just let me know when and where and we can make an appointment!



New member course

7 pm. Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, Ely Room.

Rev. Rebecca will offer a four-session Adult Education opportunity for all who are interested in becoming a member of Peoples Church, those who recently became members but never made it to a new member class, and even those long time members interested in brushing up on UU theology, history, and practice. Contact [Rev. Rebecca](#) or the office.

**Worship at 11 am.
Coffee hour
follows in the Ely Room**

**FORUM: FEBRUARY 26, 10 am
A conversation with the Board on Developmental Ministry topics**

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Soup(er) SUPPER #1

6 pm Friday, February 10, 2017 in the Andre Room

LONG COLD NIGHTS just beg for a bowl of hearty soup and some good conversation. Please join hosts Sheryl Ochs and Jill Jones in the Andre room on several Friday evenings this winter! Along with a variety of soups, you'll be served a salad, bread and yummy dessert. BYOB.

February 10: an Indian themed dinner! **Nancy York and Tom Hess** will tell us about their two trips to India, including attendance at an Indian wedding.

March 10 Enjoy a taste of Cuba! Kris and Bryan Davis will speak to us of their trip to Cuba.

April 14 - New Zealand dinner

Buy a passport to all three evenings for \$25; Individual dinner tickets - \$10. Children 6 and up \$5 per dinner or 3 tickets for \$10. Available after church or at the door. Please mark your calendars and join us for an escape from the soggy or frigid Iowa weather, whichever is the case! Sheryl Ochs, sochs1224@gmail.com, 363-8747.



RESCHEDULED!

Social Witness Event

FEBRUARY 4, 2017 – 2 PM

**Zion Missionary Baptist Church,
6621 C Ave NE**

Join us as we Stand in Solidarity against the injustice Jerime Mitchell and countless others have experienced.

Together, we will share our purposes, our objectives, and our call for justice reform. We are asking that you invite your friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors. This affects us all and so in solidarity, we must all stand together as we cry out against injustice.



**Mardi Gras
dinner!
February 18,
6-9 pm**

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Let's DO This!

Joining Hands to Build a New World



Kris & Bryan Davis in Des Moines

I went to Des Moines for the Women's March on January 21.

I've never been to a demonstration before. I felt nervous and conflicted for weeks prior to the event as I struggled to decide whether to go. Ultimately I attended because that was the uncomfortable action. If we're going to change the world, we need to learn to be uncomfortable.

But I didn't go alone.

Peoples Church was represented in Des Moines by many people, including: Bev Philpott, Judy Price, Marcia Swift, Arianne Waseen and daughter Miriam, Maria Kell and her family, Cate Sheller, Paulette Montague, my husband David, and others I don't know about. Peoples people also demonstrated in Cedar Rapids and cities as far away as Los Angeles.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to attend my first rally with people I know. Together, we supported each other while also nurturing the vision of ourselves as a faith community intent on creating change. Together, we marched with thousands of others who yearn to build a world that promotes justice and inclusion and protects human rights.

The work continues, and depends on us to do our part. Let's do this! Let's participate right here in Cedar Rapids on February 5 with the Gathering of Solidarity at Mt. Zion Church. Let's join with our neighbors calling for justice and equality in our own city.

Let's lend our hands and hearts as members of a faith community committed to building a better world. Together.

Robyn Meissler-Kubaneck, board president



Jan Watkins in La Manzanilla Mexico



Marcy Mattison, Jill Jones and Nancy York in Iowa City



Laurel Smith (Peoples alum), organized the march in Sophia, Bulgaria



Megan B Jones & Cate Sheller in Des Moines



Susan Elliott Bryan marched in LA

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The Board of Trustees
meets on the 3rd
Wednesday.

Board meeting minutes
are now available
in two ways:

ONLINE
Archived minutes are
available at
www.peoplesuu.org.

PRINT
Copies are available on
an Ely Room table in a
folder marked Board of
Trustees Meeting
Minutes.

Board Forum: Sunday, February 26 10 am

Topics in Developmental Ministry with the Board of Trustees

Board notes, January 18, 2017

- ◆ Treasurer Gary McGraw reported the 2016 year-end balance was -\$3,992.98. We budgeted for -\$17K but pledges were paid consistently and we were able to reduce spending in some areas.
- ◆ Scott Gay reported the Church Mission Planning Team is almost ready to start. He is recruiting one more team member and then will schedule the first meeting.
- ◆ We discussed facility concerns, including repairs to the east wall in the Sanctuary. We need a volunteer who will coordinate gathering information for our facility projects and help the board to prioritize and move forward. Anyone willing to learn more about this role should talk to a board member or Rev. Rebecca.
- ◆ We agreed to invite Rev. Mark Stringer with the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Des Moines to meet with the board. The Des Moines congregation has grown significantly during his ministry, and we hope to gain insights into the change process that worked for them.
- ◆ The board will begin scheduling additional strategy meetings to discuss plans and progress relating specifically to our DM goals. These meetings intend to help the board conduct DM business more efficiently during our regular meetings. The dates and times will be posted once they are scheduled, and they will be open to all.
- ◆ We would like to organize a volunteer appreciation event in May and are looking for people to help plan it. Talk to a board member or Rev. Rebecca to join the team.

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met on 1/13/17 to review financial reports and discuss continued income diversification plans for Peoples Church.

Peoples Church cash flow for 2016 as reported 12/31/16 was negative:

- Income \$163,596
- Expenses \$167,589

The committee is encouraged because the 2016 deficit was substantially lower than originally projected. Also, response to the endowment request has been strong. Peoples Church has already received \$11,836 new monies which will be invested in the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund which provides quarterly income to the church.

– [Judy Price](#)

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Need a hand around the house or for an errand? Call a Good Neighbor! In February, contact Kathy Juba, kathywilson@imonmail.com, 378-3116.

PARAMINISTERS

FEBRUARY 6 - 9: RC Eichacker;

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 5: Scott Mansfield



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DRE notes



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RE Classes should gather in our classrooms by 10:55 am on Sunday mornings unless notified of a change.

Howdy, Peoples Church members and friends!

The Religious Education Department is excited about our **fabulous turnout for the Luau 2017!** We brought in **over \$700**, and after our costs, it will really help our kids reach their goal of Boston. I cannot thank all of you spectacular people who gave our youth their hard earned cash and time to attend the Luau. If you couldn't make it this time we understand, but you truly did miss out on a stellar feast. Our fabulous **Randy Nading** and **Carole Sinclair Carmer**, with the help of our COA youth and several other awesome people, cooked a Hawaiian-themed delicatessen. We enjoyed lots of options from Spam Sushi, Ahi Poke, Hawaiian strawberry cake; many of these were vegan as well.

Now, more than ever, we need our fantastic congregants to actively support our young **Coming of Age** middle school youth. We have some great opportunities for you to help us raise the funds needed. First off we are hosting a **Mardi Gras event on Saturday February 18th from 5:30-9:30**. We will offer some fantastic Cajun foods, including some traditional favorites like Gumbo, Jambalaya, and dirty rice. We will offer some alternatives like Chili or maybe Spaghetti with a Twist. Go onto the web site called **Eventbrite** and get your tickets today. See you all there!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/284467815302084>

By Jamie Ray Záruba,
Director of Religious Education

WE HAD AN AWESOME LUAU in January, which is helping our youth get to Boston

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Feb 1:** Youth Activity Night, 6-9 pm
- ◆ **Feb 5:** **RE Council Meeting**, 12:30 HS Room
- ◆ **Feb 15:** Youth Activity Night, 6-9 pm
- ◆ **Feb 18:** **Mardi Gras Party** for Boston trip
- ◆ **Feb 19:** **Multi-generational Service**, 11 am
- ◆ **March 4:** **Gourmet Dinner** for Boston trip



RE ROCKS!

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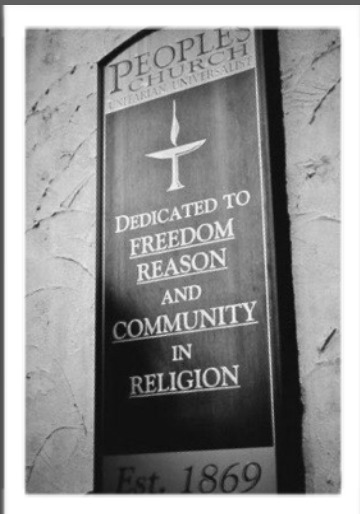
CUUPs Calendar:

Feb 2	Thursday	6-8 pm	Imbole Ritual
Feb 6	Monday	6:30-8 pm	Wicca 101
Feb 10	Friday	6:30-8 pm	Full Moon Ritual
Feb 13	Monday	6:30-8 pm	No Spirituality Class until March
Feb 20	Monday	6:30-7:30 pm	Monthly CUUPs meeting

Spirit Of Life:

CLASSES POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH, and resumes on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. See you then!

Spiritually Speaking Monday, February 27, 7 pm. (fourth Monday of the month). A guest speaker will speak with us about their spiritual belief system.



What's in a Name? A LOT of History!

Peoples has gone by various names through time as Gertrude James in *History of Peoples Church* describes it. The legal names are pretty simple, but the informal names make it a little murky. This is true not just for us 80 years out, but was so for the leadership of the past as well. At one point, there were three separate deeds referring to the same property. In 1929 it was necessary for Mrs. C.D. VanVechten to make an affidavit testifying that the First Universal Church, The Liberal Christian Church, and The Peoples Christian Church were all owned by the same organization which was also popularly known as Peoples Church (James p. 29).

- 1869 The church begins as First Universalist Church (*James pp. 7-8*)
- 1908-1917 The legal name was still First Universalist but Rev. Joseph Fort Newton encouraged the use of the informal Liberal Christian Church — and across Iowa it was also call The Little Brick Church (*quotes from Newton in James pp. 20-21*)
- 1920 The Peoples Christian Church was the name used when they withdrew from the Universalists (*James. P.29*)
- 1928 The church joined the Unitarian Association as Peoples Church (*James p. 33*)
- 1961 With the merger of the Unitarians and Universalists, the church became Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist (*John Leeker, UUA Archivist*)

As the name changed, the creedal requirement for membership by congregation and individual became more liberal and inclusive.

– Clarice Krippner , Archives committee

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The *Voice* and the *eWeekly* are YOUR best tools to share news and events with the wider Peoples Community!

To submit information to the *Voice* or *eWeekly*: use the e-FORM [here](#)

Please call the *Office* at 362-3279 if you have questions.

The deadline for submissions to be included in the MARCH *Voice* is Saturday, February 18.

eWeekly submissions are due each Wednesday noon for Thursday publication.

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.

Groups at-a-glance

ARCHIVE & HISTORY COMMITTEE: Monday, February 20 at 9:30 am, Andre Room. Join us or contact [Clarice Krippner](#) for details.

BRIDGE: Friday, February 17, 7 pm at Village Ridge in Marion. New players welcome! Contact Rose Gabe at 396-5202 for details.

FAITH EXPLORERS: February 13 & 27, 9:30 am (second & fourth Saturdays)

The Faith Explorers Study Group will be meeting at Kenwood Park United Methodist Church, 175 34th St. NE, from February through April to accommodate the VITA tax program's temporary use of the Ely Room. It is the limestone building located mid-block between First Ave. and C Ave. The parking entrance is on 34th Street, but the original "front" of the building was on 33rd. When you enter the lot from 34th, angle to the right, going around the west end of the building to a smaller, upper parking lot. Enter through the main "front door" (in the stone "porch"). There are two doors, use the right door as you face the building. We meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Our new book is Thich Nhat Hanh's *Going Home, Jesus and Buddha as Brothers*. "In this book, Jesus and Buddha share a conversation about prayer and ritual and renewal, and about where such concepts as resurrection and the practice of mindfulness converge." Hope to see you.

PEOPLES ORGANIC HOMEMADE JAM: February 1, 6:30-8:30 pm. in the Sanctuary. Mark you calendars for the first Wednesday night of every month. An informal night for musicians and singers who like to make music – together. A few rhythm instruments will be on hand for volunteer percussionists. Children are welcome. Please bring a song and a snack to share. Questions? Contact [Kris Davis](#), 294-5010.

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

Upcoming Forums On Mental Health:

March 26, April 23, September 24, and October 22 at 10 am.

IUUWAN Spring Luncheon & Workshop, May 3 in Cedar Rapids

Class Conversations in our Congregations.

Our **First Sunday PlateShare** for the first quarter of 2107 is going to the **Abbe Center for Community Mental Health**.

Please continue your donations to the **Linn County Food Bank**. The box for your donations is in the hallway in the Welcome Area. We are also taking personal item donations for **Community Health Free Clinic**.

VAN VECHTEN GUILD: February 13, noon: **Floyd Sanford** will speak about his walks across England. Bring a brown bag lunch for yourself. Drinks and dessert provided. All are welcome! Contact: Susan Davis sdavisod@southslope.net (319) 981-4494.

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- 1 Wednesday, 6-9 pm. **Youth Activity Night**
- 1 Wednesday, 7 pm. **New Member Class #1**
- 1 Wednesday, 7 pm, **First Wednesday Book Club**, CR Public Library
- 2 Thursday, 6-8 pm. **Imbole Ritual**
- 5 Sunday, 9:15 am. **OWL**
- 5 Sunday, 10 - 10:45 **Choir Practice**
- 5 Sunday, 11 am **Worship/RE**
- 5 Sunday, 12:30 pm. **RE COUNCIL** Meeting
- 6 Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 **WICCA 101**
- 8 Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 pm. **Spirit of Life Class: none until March**
- 8 Wednesday, 7 pm. **New Member Class #2**
- 8 Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30 **Peoples Organic Homemade Jam**
- 10 Friday, 6 pm. **Souper Suppers #1: Cuban**
- 10 Friday, 6:30-8 pm. **Full Moon Ritual**
- 12 Sunday, 9:15 am. **OWL** classes
- 12 Sunday, 10-10:45 **Choir Practice**
- 12 Sunday, 11 am. **RE Classes resume**
- 12 Sunday, 11 am. **Worship/RE**
- 12 Sunday, 12:30 pm **RE Council Meeting**
- 13 Monday, 9:30-11 am. **Archives & History**
- 13 Monday, 12-1:30 pm. **Van Vechten Guild** : Floyd Sanford
- 15 Wednesday, 7 pm. **New Member Class #3**
- 15 Wednesday, 6-9 pm. **Youth Activity/Game Night**
- 16 Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm. **Community Coffee Ministry** with Rev. Rebecca, Brewed Awakenings
- 18 Saturday - **VOICE Deadline ?**
- 18 Saturday, 9:30-11 am. **Faith Explorers** (new location)
- 18 Saturday, 6-9 pm. **MARDI GRAS dinner/fundraiser for RE Boston**
- 19 Sunday, 9:15 am. **OWL** classes
- 19 Sunday, 10-10:45 am. **Choir Practice**
- 19 Sunday, 11 am. **Worship/RE - Multigenerational service**
- 19 Sunday. 2-4 pm. **CUUPS**
- 20 Monday, 9:30 am **Archives**
- 20 Monday, 6:30-7:30 pm. **CUUPS monthly meeting**
- 22 Wednesday, 6 pm. **Board meeting**
- 22 Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 pm. **Spirit of Life Class: none until March**
- 22 Wednesday, 7 pm. **New Member Class #4**
- 25 Saturday, 9:30 - 11 am. **Faith Explorers** (new location)
- 26 Sunday, 9:15 am. **OWL** classes
- 26 Sunday, 10 am. **Adult Forum: Topics in Dev. Ministry**
- 26 Sunday, 11 am. **Worship/RE**
- 27 Monday, 7-9 pm. **Spiritually Speaking**

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