



AUGUST 2017
the VOICE

Pledging: Much More Than a Piece of Paper

President's Message

It's August in Cedar Rapids, and you know what that means, right? For lots of us, hot weather, fresh vegetables, and gearing up for school and fall activities.

At Peoples Church, gearing up for fall also means pledging. We're almost through the No Hassle portion of our pledge campaign, and we've already received 29% of pledge forms and reached 44% of our fundraising goal!

It's not too late to turn in your pledge form before the start of our formal campaign in September. You should do that right now.

But do you know what else you can do right now? You can start talking with other Peoples people about what we're doing to create a fantastic faith community.

That's part of the pledge process, too. Pledging isn't just about turning in a piece of paper and ticking off a to-do item. That's important, but there's so much more.

Our pledges are just a vehicle, a means to a far greater end that none of us could achieve by ourselves. It's a way for us to pull together and participate in creating

something bigger than all of us. A welcoming spiritual home. A voice for liberal religion. A force for social justice.

The way we create something bigger is by actively talking and working with other members of the community to envision our goals and bring them to life. We're all needed in this effort no matter the size of our individual pledges. When we pledge our financial support, we also pledge our hearts and our hopes.

So here's what you need to do during August.

Return your pledge form if you haven't already. If you need a new one, you can download a form from our website or email pledge-treasurer@peoplesuu.org.

Come to church on Sundays and get the conversation going. How do we create beloved community? How can we all get more involved? What are we excited about at Peoples Church?

Pledge and participate. I look forward to having some great conversations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Finance Committee met on 7/13/17 to review financial reports and discuss continued income diversification plans for Peoples Church.

Peoples Church cash flow for 2017 Quarters 1 and 2 (January through July) was positive:

- Income \$91,211
- Expenses \$89,399

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

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Ely Room, Wednesday, August 23 @ 6:30 PM

The Board of Trustees meets every month to work on the business of the church. Peoples people are always welcome to observe our meetings and learn about the topics under discussion.

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



A health care festival and rally will be held on **Saturday, July 29 from 3 to 8 pm at the Amphitheater in downtown Cedar Rapids.** Bring the family, wear your PCCU shirts and enjoy live music, food trucks, booths and speakers. Share, listen, engage and let people know that Peoples Church stands for health care as a human right.

On **August 12 at 1 pm a panel on the mental health crisis in Iowa will be held at the Marshalltown Public Library.** In Iowa we are at the bottom, compared to other states in the number of mental health practitioners and facilities. Mental health is the social justice priority of PCUU this year.



Lillian “Toni” McGraw

Lillian “Toni” McGraw passed away on July 5, 2017, at the age of 94. A celebration of Lillian’s life will be held at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories August 2nd, 2017 at 11:00 am with a visitation one hour prior to service and a lunch following. Rev. Rebecca will be leading this service at Cedar Memorial Chapel. All are welcome.

<http://www.cedarmemorial.com/Obituary/2017/Jul/Lillian-McGraw/>

Jeanie Lent

Larry and Joan Thorson are mourning the loss of Larry's sister, Jeanie Lent of Erie, PA who passed away in July.

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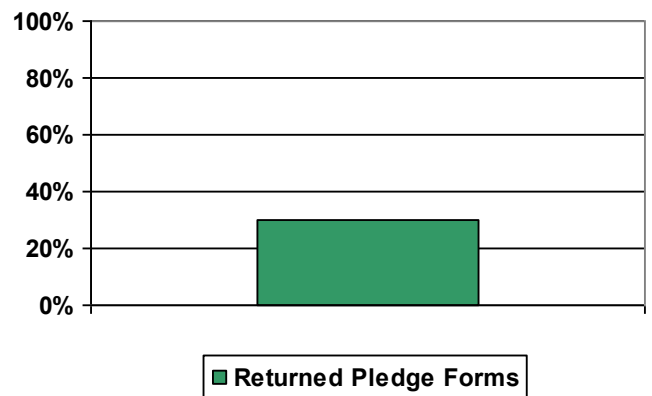
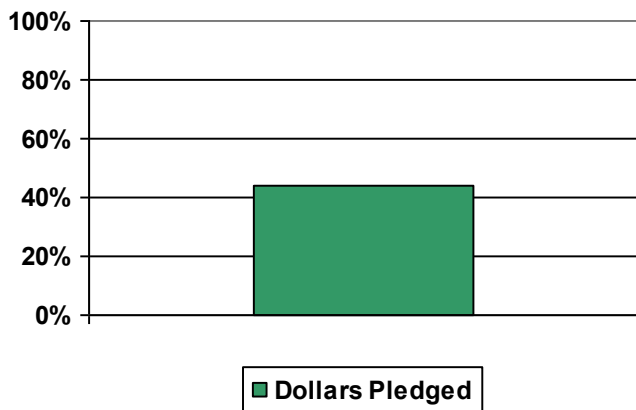
& Bob Osborne



Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

As of July 24, 2017, we have had thirty-four (34) responses from the one hundred fifteen (115) pledge forms mailed. We are 44% of the way towards our goal of \$166,074 . If you have already completed and sent in your pledge, thank you. There is still time in August to be a part of the “No Hassle” part of the campaign by simply filling out your pledge form and sending it to the church office or giving it to the Pledge Treasurer, Charlie Cizio.

Soon, we will be asking for volunteer stewards to help us wrap up the campaign by visiting with those who have not returned their pledge form. Thanks for your help making this a successful stewardship campaign for Peoples Church UU!



The *RENEW OUR MISSION 2018* Campaign Team

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



PEOPLES CONGREGATION-WIDE *RENEW* *OUR MISSION UPDATED TIMELINE*

You have told us about our church's values and vision, and it's time now to put those together into a mission we can all get behind. To do that, we'll need everyone in the congregation to keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to offer feedback. Right now we expect to schedule events in October but we'll keep you updated in case we get to that phase sooner.

In the meantime, we'll also update our bulletin board and the website with ideas generated at our Vision Party in June. Look for more information there and in your email.

- August: Review Values & Vision data and begin drafting Mission.
- September: Finish initial drafts of Mission Statement.
- October: Gather feedback on 1-3 initial drafts of the Mission.
- November: Host feedback events and work on revisions as needed.
- December: Vote to approve the Mission Statement at the Congregational Meeting

LAST CALL FOR VISION INPUT

Did you have an opportunity to share your ideas about our church's vision? Discussing our church's vision is the important second step, following values, in renewing our mission and we want everyone to have a say.

Yes! I have already participated at the Vision Party event and can help the Mission Team by answering three short questions!

Click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/AiGpaLeU9tTWX53B3>

OR

No! I haven't participated yet and I want my ideas to be included!

Click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/ewpgUbKZJ102Wns32>

Please complete one of the surveys by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 1st.

Thanks from the Mission Team



Lughnasadh Ritual and Potluck Bever Park, August 2nd, 6:30-8:00pm

Join us for an outdoor picnic and fun-filled Lughnasadh ritual on Wednesday, August 2 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Bever Park. We will be meeting under the pavilion by the bird exhibit, and Danny will be bringing his love of stories into a ritual with character. If it rains, we will be meeting in the Ely Room at the church.

RE Classroom Cleanup August 5th, 1:00-2:30pm

Please join the Religious Education Council as we clean up the classrooms. We will be going through the rooms to make sure that we have all of the supplies for the upcoming year. The more people we have to help out, the faster we can get through the cleaning. Kids are welcome to help out as long as they are able to help and not hinder the progress.

Full Moon Ritual Bever Park, August 7th, 3:30-8:00pm

Join us as we celebrate the Corn Moon on Wednesday, August 7 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Bever Park. We will be meeting under the Pavilion by the bird exhibit. This is the time to focus on harvesting that which you have already planted. If it rains the day before or the day of the ritual we will move to the Ely Room at the Church.

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.

Date	Activity	Time
8/1/2017	1st Weds Book Club 6:30 pm. Public Library	7:30 PM
8/2/2017	eWeekly deadline	1:00 AM
8/2/2017	Lughnasadh Ritual and Potluck	6:30 PM
8/4/2017	MAYAN Advior CON hosted here at People's	7:00 PM
8/5/2017	RE Classroom Cleanup	1:00 PM
8/5/2017	Adventures in Dining 6-10 pm	6:00 PM
8/6/2017	Choir Practice 10 AM	10:00 AM
8/6/2017	SUUpper Hero Camp	11:00 AM
8/6/2017	Worship Service	11:00 AM
8/7/2017	Full Moon Ritual	6:30 PM
8/7/2017	LGBTQ Support Group	7:00 PM
8/9/2017	eWeekly deadline	1:00 AM
8/12/2017	Faith Explorers	9:30 AM
8/13/2017	Worship Service	11:00 AM
8/13/2017	"The Shared World," General Assembly worship	11:00 AM
8/14/2017	No Van Vechten Guild	12:00 PM
8/16/2017	eWeekly deadline	1:00 AM
8/20/2017	Choir Practice	10:00 AM
8/20/2017	Worship Service	11:00 AM
8/20/2017	RE Parent Teacher Orientation	12:30 PM
8/20/2017	CUUPS	2:00 PM
8/21/2017	Archives Committee	9:30 AM
8/23/2017	eWeekly deadline	1:00 AM
8/26/2017	Faith Explorers	9:30 AM
8/27/2017	Worship Service	11:00 AM
8/30/2017	eWeekly deadline	1:00 AM

RE Parent Teacher Orientation Andre Room, August 20th, 12:30-3:00pm

Do you have kids or want to get involved in what the kids are learning in Religious Education? You're in luck!

This year we need three teacher volunteers for each classroom in order to rotate and give everyone two weeks with the kids and two weeks in the services. If you want to be one of these volunteers or will have children in RE next season, we will have a parent/teacher orientation on Sunday, August 20 from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the Andre Room. We will have lunch, review mandatory reporter requirements, review CPR training, review curriculum for each class, and then sign up teacher volunteers. Please consider helping out as our children are our future!



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

AUGUST 6

Being Positively Positive

We have heard the saying, "You are what you eat." But did you know you are what you think? Deborah Maynard takes a look at what motivates us and how changing your thoughts makes all the difference. Service led by Deb Maynard and music by Jonny Lipford.

Church Tour Invitation

As new members of Peoples, two of us have signed on for the Aesthetics & Décor Standing Committee.

We are interested in learning about how the design and features of the church have come about since it became Peoples.

We would like to invite those who have invested so many energies in the church interiors to join us, as we briefly tour the church on August 6th,

Bring your coffee along and we will meet after service in the hallway by the copier.

Others interested are very welcome!

AUGUST 20

Faith on the Frontier

In the 19th century Universalism was thriving in the Prairie States and women clergy were leading the way. What brought them to the frontier? What was their mission? And what can we learn about our mission from these ancestors of our faith? Service led by Rev. Rebecca and music by Scott Mansfield.

AUGUST 13

Sacred Fire

There is a bright, glowing coal at the center of Peoples Church. There is purpose and passion in our faith community. What do we know about it and how can we fuel it for the future? In this service we will engage our recently uncovered values and vision as we prepare to renew our church mission. Service led by Rev. Rebecca and music by Brian and Kris Davis.

AUGUST 27

Good News! Unitarian Universalist Evangelism

A mission-shaped church is on the move. A mission-shaped church goes out into the world. A mission-shaped church seeks nothing less than the transformation of life and all things. Will you go with us? Will you be a UU Evangelical? Service led by Rev. Rebecca.



*Coffee Hour
in Ely Room
Following
Worship*





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