

JULY
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Mixtent's MOMENT



**REV. REBECCA
HINDS**

of our Association I couldn't help but feel a surge of hope and pride as we were led by Rev. Susan Fredrick-Gray, the first woman president of our UUA, and our co-moderators, Mr. Barb Greve, a transgender man, and Elandria Williams, a black woman. I cheered as we voted to change the language of our second source and our UUA bylaws to gender-neutral language. And I felt called and inspired to continue working for justice as we overwhelmingly approved an Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) to "End Family Separation and Detention of Asylum Seekers and Abolish ICE."

The work for the next generation of religious liberals has been clearly laid out before us. This is going to be a long haul. But we do not have to face these times alone. Our faith and our UU movement are united and strong. We will keep working for peace and justice. And we will win. Love always wins.

This month I will be on vacation, connecting with family and friends in both Minnesota and Oregon. I hope you too will find some time this summer to connect with loved ones and replenish your spirit, whatever that looks like for you. I will be back in the pulpit August 5 and back in the office August 7. Have a wonderful July! Keep the faith!

Yours,

Rev. Rebecca

I don't know about you, but I could use some hope and encouragement right now. Fear is in the air. Racism and xenophobia surround us. Violence against Black and brown people at the hands of the police continues. A recent incident in an Alabama Waffle House, for example, resulted in Chikesia Clemons being brutally beaten by police and just last Tuesday another young Black boy, Antwon Rose, was murdered by East Pittsburgh police. This week The Supreme Court sided with Trump's racist agenda as it upheld the Muslim Ban. And for months now babies and young children have been separated from their parents and locked in prisons at the US-Mexico border.

What is going on? What can we do? What is required of us in this moment?

Nothing less than radical resistance.

We need to stay focused, centered, and strong. We need to support one another and work together. We need to keep hope alive and resist injustice at every turn.

Last week I attended the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Kansas City. In a month that has dealt so many devastating blows to justice and democracy, it was good to be with thousands of other UU's deeply committed to dismantling white supremacy and the cis-hetero patriarchy. Sitting in the General Sessions as we conducted the business

Sunday Worship



JULY 1

**Peoples Church Annual Picnic
11am | Daniels Park | Upper Pavilion**

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT PEOPLES CHURCH! Instead we will have a potluck at the Upper Pavilion of Daniels Park. Daniels Park is off Oakland Road on the Northeast side of Cedar Rapids. Plan to eat at 11:00 am. Please bring a dish to share, your own table settings, and your own beverages. The Upper Pavilion is a NON-ALCHOLIC pavilion. Hope to see you there!

JULY 8

11am Service: Do we do "church" or do we do *church*?

It's easiest to think of "church" as coming to Sunday services in the sanctuary. But if this is the only way we think of it, how many opportunities are we missing to be a force for positive change in the world? Come play with this idea as Kathleen Mavity leads the day's "church" service.

Music: Scott Mansfield

Greeters: RC Eichacker and Kathy Juba

Flower Ministry:

Coffee Hour:

JULY15

11am Service: TBD

Service led by Deb Maynard.

Music: TBD

Greeters: RC Eichacker

Flower Ministry:

Coffee Hour:

JULY22

11am Service: A Light at the End of the Tunnel

A course in resilience. Service led by Jude Johnson.

Music: Scott Mansfield

Greeters: Sheryl Ochs and Rose Gabe

Flower Ministry:

Coffee Hour:

JULY 29

11am Service:

The summer Religious Education program will lead the worship service. The theme is Puppetry and Theatre.

You won't want to miss the talents of the children of the congregation as they show off their creativity!

Music: TBD

Greeters:

Flower Ministry:

Coffee Hour:



Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation following Service.



WISE WORDS

I love music! I always have and even went to college the first time around majoring in music and youth ministry. I enjoy looking at the words to songs and seeing how they can fit situations in my life. A few years ago one of my favorite artists Sandi Patty sang these lyrics:

Oh Lord of light, of form and hue
Who has created all things new
Create in me, from shapeless clay
An instrument on which you play

God of the dance that planets tread
Who walks beside and soars ahead
O let me move to worship Thee;
Come, Holy Spirit dance with me

God of the Living Word, Poet of Time
Teach me Your words in Your cadence and rhyme
O Lord of beauty, Lord of art
Who gives a song for every heart
Carve out my life, reshape and mold;
And be the artist of my soul

These lyrics are from a Christian perspective and they speak volumes to what we do in Religious Education here at Peoples. We want to teach children to form their own thoughts and views of the world around them. We want to take them from a shapeless train of thought and help them question what they see in the world. We want to give them the questions to ask to help shape their lives. We want to

help them find what beliefs and views resonate with their lives and help them to be the leaders of the world in the years to come. It is crucial that we help children start exploring who they are and what they believe at early ages and help them refine those views as their years progress in Religion Education.

What can you do to help? Religious Education is going to be totally different in the coming months here at Peoples. Do you have talents and gifts that might help the children of Peoples to form their worldviews? Do you have talents or gifts that might encourage our youth to start asking the questions that will shape their lives? The subjects and curriculum for the coming year is going to be varied and exciting. All types of subjects are going to be covered. What talents or gifts might you be able to help teach? Talk to me and let's see if we can put those talents and gifts to work in the plans for this coming year!!!



David Wise
Director Of
Religious Education



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENTS

Summer Camp 2018



Puppetry and Theatre is the theme of the summer program here at Peoples. The classes will meet at the same time as worship on July 8, 15, and 22, On July 29 the final class will take place in the morning worship. All ages from 3-18 are invited to participate. Registrations from this past RE year will cover these final sessions of the 17-18 RE year. (If a registration needs to be completed it is very simple to do the first day of class.) All you have to do is show up!!



Mission: Possible

Peoples' Mission is still new. Most of us haven't had time for it to sink into our bones yet, and that's okay, because the Mission is...you know...new. At the same time, it's vital for all Peoples people to be able to clearly state what that Mission is.

Why? Because it's going to be our core criterion when it comes to making any type of decision about where to invest our resources of time, energy, and money. For example:

- Should we have a booth at PrideFest? Maybe. Will doing that enable us to live into our Mission?
- Should we host more concerts in our church? Maybe. Will doing that enable us to live into our Mission?
- Should we put the effort into becoming a designated Green Sanctuary? Maybe. Will doing that enable us to live into our Mission?

You get the idea.

This is a Mission for all Peoples people: not just the Mission team, or the Board, or the staff, or the perennial volunteers...all of us.

That's why we've held two Mission In Action retreats, so that everyone has a chance to get familiar and comfortable with this new driving force in our congregation.

At the first retreat, we did a "Mission mash-up" exercise as a fun way to establish a baseline. In other words, we wanted to find out, "Who knows what about the Mission at this point in time?"

As we discovered, it's a whole lot trickier to articulate it than to simply recognize it when we see it in writing.

And so – because of course we don't want anyone to feel left out – here's a chance for you to do an at-home version of Mission Mash-up:

Which of the following phrases are part of the Peoples Church Mission?

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| 1. community | 13. spiritual growth |
| 2. friendship | 14. social activism |
| 3. communication | 15. membership growth |
| 4. do my fair share | 16. financial stability |
| 5. leading compassionate lives | 17. listen, think, then respond to others' comments |
| 6. justice, equity, and compassion | 18. Democratic governance |
| 7. Social justice | 19. Just action |
| 8. holding each other accountable | 20. Spirituality |
| 9. trust in others' good intentions | 21. Outreach |
| 10. welcoming community | 22. Inherent worth and dignity of all people |
| 11. treat others with respect | |
| 12. compassion | |

In case you're wondering, each of these phrases was drawn from one of the following sources:

- the goals for our developmental ministry
- our Covenant of Right Relations
- the seven UU Principles
- our core values
- our Mission, of course
- and a few random ones just to keep it interesting

So...how did it go?

If you found yourself huffing and puffing to pull out the key components of our Mission, you're in good company; we had some wildly creative offerings when we did this at the retreat (including some contributions by Board members – because, hey, we're all learning this).

I invite and encourage you to compare your results with friends, acquaintances, and even visitors at the next church function you attend. The more we discuss it and work with it, the sooner we'll all “get” it on a gut level, the easier decisions will be at all levels of the congregation, and the sooner we can ramp up our efforts to effectively make this world a better place to live in.

Are you in?



Kathleen Watson, Board President

July Board Meeting

Sunday, June 22 | 6:15 PM | Ely Room

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.





CANVASS 2019

Stewardship Campaign Starts July 1st!

It's time to begin our annual stewardship campaign and once again there will be a "No Hassle" phase and a conventional pledging phase of the campaign. This year we also have something new - a pledge matching offer for folks who had difficulty making a pledge last year. You will receive a mailing soon explaining the goals and including the pledge form. It's been a year, so here are some frequently asked questions:

What is "No Hassle" Pledging? This is the easy self-service phase of the campaign. From July 1 to August 15 you can complete the entire pledging process simply by filling out your pledge form and: 1) emailing the information to the pledge treasurer at pcuu.pledge.treasurer@gmail.com, 2) dropping it in the collection plate at church, 3) mailing the completed form back to the church office or 4) leaving it at the pledge table outside the sanctuary. This is the least-hassle way to make your pledge for both you and the Stewardship Committee. Wouldn't it be wonderful if EVERYONE took advantage of this option this year!

What is Conventional Pledging? To form an accurate budget, it's necessary to hear from everyone. So from August 16 to September 30 stewardship volunteers will directly contact everyone who didn't respond in the No Hassle phase to solicit a response.

What is the Pledge Matching Program? Everyone's gift to the church matters and sometimes the smallest ones are the most difficult to make. Recognizing this, several church members have committed to anonymously match the pledge of anyone who was at \$0 last year to a maximum of \$50. For example, \$10 becomes \$20, \$50 becomes \$100, \$200 becomes \$250 and so on. By lifting each other up, we lift up the whole community.

What if I Really Can't Pledge? We understand that there could be circumstances that simply prevent one from pledging. If so, please respond in the No Hassle portion of the pledge campaign by writing a zero on the pledge form and returning it as soon as possible. All responses are confidential.

Why Did I Also Receive a Good Neighbor's Form in the Pledge Mailing? Embracing the Mission is more than money alone and also importantly includes the gift of time when needed. This is an additional opportunity to help further the mission of the church.

If we are successful this year in our shared pledge campaign we can balance our budget based entirely on pledges and be able to use our Unrestricted Reserves to fulfill our mission instead of supporting daily operations. This will be a real milestone! So thank you in advance for your generosity and support! Embrace the Mission!

Stewardship Committee

Bob Butikofer | Charlie Cizio | Bryan Davis | Sue Davis | Ann Gruber | Judy Price | Rev. Rebecca Hinds

RACHAEL KILGOUR

IN CONCERT



An Incandescent Evening with Rachael Kilgour Saturday, August 11 | 7:00pm | Peoples Church

Minnesota-born, Boston-based Rachael Kilgour comes with emotionally rich lyric-driven music described as both brave and humane. She took the grand prize in 2015 at the esteemed International New Song Music Performance & Songwriting Competition D.C., and the Sundance Film Festival. On top of that, she also won the 2017 Kerrville New Folk Contest. Many of us will remember Rachael's previous appearance at a Peoples worship service.

Concert Tickets

- Early Bird ticket price: \$15 Until July 15
- Regular Price: \$20 After July 15
- No service fees are charged for online sales.
- All tickets are general admission - refunds only if the concert is cancelled.

Tickets are available at Peoples Church or online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rachael-kilgour-at-peoples-church-tickets-46996412535>

FINANCE COMMITTEE



Finance Committee met on 6/21/18 to review financial reports.

Peoples Church cash flow was negative for the month.

- May Income \$12,513
- May Expenses \$13,531

Please remember to continue your pledge payments during the summer!



ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Do you have photographs for the Peoples Archive?

Do you have a photograph of a PCUU event or Peoples People at a non-church/community event? The Archive Committee is glad to have them and include them in the Archive, but we need the following information WITH the photograph: WHAT was the event, WHEN was the photo taken, WHO is in the photograph, any additional EXPLANATION you may have.

Submit photographs and information to Clarice Krippner at cbkrip@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



Social Justice Forums—Save the Dates

August 26 and September 16 at 9:30 am in the Ely Room for discussion on *We Were Eight Years in Power* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. On 8/26 we will talk about the first four essays in his book, these being; "This Is How We Lost to the White Man," "American Girl," "Why Do So Few Blacks Study the Civil War," and "The Legacy of Malcolm X." On 9/16 we will discuss the last four essays in his book, "Fear of a Black President," "The Case For Reparations," "The Black Family In The Age of Mass Incarceration," and "My President Was Black."

The 4 essays can be found in Ta-Nehisi Coates book *We Were Eight Years In Power*. The CRPL has four copies of the book and it can be borrowed from the library electronically. Or, you can go online and google the name of the article and the author and read the essays individually.

Cedar Rapids Families Belong Together Event Saturday, June 30 | 12pm | Sokol

Immediately following the Freedom Festival Parade (12:00PM) at Sokol part near the end of the parade route, there will be a Families Belong Together Event to rally and oppose the Separation of Detention of Migrant Families under the current administration. Sponsors for this event include MoveOn.org, Indivisible Iowa, NextGen Iowa, and LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) of Iowa. Rev. Rebecca will be one of the speakers!

Iowa UU Witness Advocacy Network IUUWAN—Get Out the Vote Saturday, July 14 | 12pm | First Unitarian Church of Des Moines | 1800 Bell Ave.

Learn how to effectively get out the vote and create relationships amongst UUs across Iowa. We're locating speakers with the help of local politicians, League of Women Voter's, Carrie Chapman Catt Center's "Ready to Run" (supporting women candidates) and Let America Vote. There will be a sandwich bar with Graziano's meats and cheeses, garden goodies, and other homemade treats.

Our Events

Day	Date	Time	Event
		11am – 12pm	Peoples Church Annual Picnic
Sunday	1-Jul	6:15 – 8:15pm	June PCUU Board Meeting
			<u>Independence Day</u>
Wednesday	4-Jul	All day	Office Closed
		11am – 4pm	CR PRIDE
Saturday	7-Jul	3 – 4pm	Aesthetics Committee Meeting
Sunday	8-Jul	11am – 12pm	Worship
Tuesday	10-Jul	7 – 8:30pm	LGBTQ Support Group
Wednesday	11-Jul	6 – 7pm	Membership Team Meeting
Sunday	15-Jul	11am – 12pm	Worship
		9:30 – 10:30am	Archives Committee Meeting
Monday	16-Jul	6:30 – 8pm	CUUPS Spirituality Class
		11am – 12pm	Worship
Sunday	22-Jul	6:15 – 8:15pm	July PCUU Board Meeting
Friday	27-Jul	6:30 – 8pm	CUUPS Full Moon
Sunday	29-Jul	11am – 12pm	Worship





PRIDEFEST

Peoples Church at Cedar Rapids PRIDE
Saturday | July 7th | 11am-4pm

Stop by the Peoples booth for games and prizes.
See you there and bring your friends!

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