

SEPTEMBER
2018

THE VOICE

Worship is _____



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Everyone is welcome at Peoples Church!

We announce this good news every week during worship, we share it with our friends and neighbors when we talk about our church, and it is time now to demonstrate it to our children.

For children to grow up into well-grounded Unitarian Universalists and lifelong seekers, they need to feel welcome in church right now, as young people, exactly as they are, every single week, in every aspect of our common life, especially worship.

I say this based on all of my research, training, and personal experience. All the research indicates that if we send our children away every week into segregation during community worship time, we risk isolating them and sending them the message that they are not wanted in Unitarian Universalism. They miss out on being part of the full common life of the congregation and so do the adults.

This happened to me.

As a UU child I hated being ushered out of the Sunday worship service with the rest of the kids after 15 minutes (just when things really started to get interesting!) It compromised and shortened both my Religious Education experience with the other kids my age and my worship experience. I craved having a full experience of both - although

I doubt I could have articulated that at the time. I wanted to explore spirituality and faith in a small group of my peers and I wanted to worship with the whole multigenerational community.

I may have missed out on this as a child, but I believe we can offer this level of full, quality religious experiences to our young people at Peoples Church today. They deserve nothing less.

So, as you have probably heard, starting this month our Sunday morning Faith Formation Program (formerly Religious Education or RE) will move to an earlier starting time and meet from 9:45-10:45AM. Afterwards, our children and youth will join us in worship for the entire service every week.

I am so excited! I hope you are too. Multigenerational

worship is a gift to all of us at every age. It enriches our time together, challenges us to expand our welcome, and gives us a chance to practice what it means to be a human being in a multigenerational world.

After all, everyone is welcome at Peoples Church. No matter what age you are.

In faith,

Rev. Rebecca

“A congregation has to have a clear vision that it is their responsibility to start creating lifelong UUs. If we don't teach them (our children) our songs, our theology, our readings, no one else will.”

JENNIFER NICHOLS-PAYNE

DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT, UUA SW CONFERENCE.

Mix Moment's



REV. REBECCA HINDS

Sunday Worship



SEPTEMBER 2 | 11AM SERVICE: THE QUESTION BOX

Is there something you have been longing to ask Rev. Rebecca or hear more about in worship? This is your chance! This Sunday Rev. Rebecca will invite everyone to write down a question on an index card at the beginning of the service and she will do her best to respond to as many as possible during the reflection time. Your questions may be about theology,

Unitarian Universalism, ethics, spirituality, current events, pastoral care or anything else that is on your heart and mind. Service led by Rev. Rebecca Hinds.

Music: Scott Mansfield

Greeters: Joye Winey



SEPTEMBER 9 | 11AM SERVICE: WHAT TO EXPECT IN WORSHIP

Do you ever wonder why we do certain things in worship and what it all means? Do you ever wonder why we even worship at all when we don't all believe the same thing or worship the same God (or not)? In this service we will explore what

worship is and what it means in a UU context. It's not just going through the motions, so come prepared to go deep! Service led by Rev. Rebecca Hinds.

Music: Jonny Lipford

Greeters: Rose Gabe



SEPTEMBER 16 | 11AM SERVICE: WATER CEREMONY SUNDAY: A UU RITUAL

What is ritual? How do we engage with it and how does it mean for us as Unitarian Universalists? As we explore the aspect of ritual in worship we will honor one of our most beloved annual rituals – the Water Ceremony. Please bring a small jar of water with you from a place that holds special meaning for you to share with us in the Water Ceremony. Service led by Rev. Rebecca Hinds.

Music: Peoples Choir

Greeters: Sheryl Ochs



SEPTEMBER 23

11am Service: Widening the Circle:

Welcoming Children and Youth in Worship

This year we are experimenting with including children and youth in worship every week. What does this mean? How will it work? Come learn what to expect, how we can be more welcoming and inclusive of children and youth, and how our collective spiritual life will deepen as a result. The very future of our faith depends on it. Service led by Rev. Rebecca Hinds.

Music: TBD

Greeters:

SEPTEMBER 30

11am Service: TBD

Service led by Amy Bostwick.

Music: TBD

Greeters: Cate Sheller

Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation following Service.



David Wise, Director of Faith Formation

WISE WORDS

A new year of Faith Formation is upon us! I wanted to use the space this month to share a bit more detail about the new year!

Orientation will be September 9 at 9:45 am. Parents and children (ages 4 through 12th grade) will meet together in the large classroom in the back of the Faith Formation area. The room is mostly referred to as the green room. Room names are coming!!

During orientation, we will simulate what is going to happen for the students on Sunday mornings. We will have a time of gathering that includes singing, a bit of Unitarian Universalist history, and a bit of teaching about a religion of the world. It is important that the children in Faith Formation learn about the significance of UU'ism as well as the various faiths that make Unitarian Universalism unique and special.

After the time of gathering and orientation, the students will go with Rev. Rebecca and talk about worship. Worship is going to be different this year! We are looking forward to everyone worshipping together every week! Rev. Rebecca is going to ask the students what they like in worship and what they would like to see happen in worship in the future.

While the students are with Rev. Rebecca, the parents will stay together and hear more about

the classes and some of the subjects and activities that are to come in the next few months. Some really fun events are in the works as well as some that are very serious and very important for the development of each student's faith! There will be times this year when the children will be able to choose between two subjects. Other times, all the students through 6th grade will be together. Parents will get a sneak peek!

There will be some snacks after these sessions.

We will conclude at 10:45 to give everyone about 15 minutes to get ready for worship.

This year 7-12 graders will meet as one group for a curriculum on other faiths. Youth will not only learn about other faith traditions, but also experience how those faith traditions engage the questions that their home church is wrestling with. This is a great chance for our older classes to bond and learn! These students will not join in the opening time, but rather go straight to their class where their teaching team will work with them.

This year is going to be radically different than last year. I have had the chance to talk with many of us who are excited about the new look of the rooms and the new format! Let's all work together to make this a fantastic year in Faith Formation at Peoples!



FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Faith Formation Orientation

September 9th | 9:45am | Andre Room

Parents and children should plan on attending Faith Formation

Blessing of the Backpacks

During the service on September 9th, we will start the new Church year off with exciting worship! One of the parts of worship that day will be something new! We will hold a blessing of the backpacks to commemorate the beginning of a new school year and assure the students in the congregation of our support as they go through the year! If you are in school at any level—elementary, middle, high, college, technical, or grad, bring your bag and join in the celebration! Teachers, instructors, lecturers, and professors you are welcome to join in as well!



Faith Formation Water Ceremony Class

September 16th is the Water Ceremony! That day, Faith Formation will have some outdoor water events (weather permitting) as they learn about their UU faith. No need for swimsuits, but you will want to bring along an extra set of clothes to be on the safe side.

Register Your Child(ren) for Faith Formation Classes

We are excited for another year of Faith Formation for our children and youth! Registration is required for each child attending Faith Formation classes, but we are making it easier this year and you can register online! Use the following link to register your child(ren);

<https://form.jotform.com/82194913640155>



Our Whole Lives

OWL Classes

OWL for grades 9-12 is being planned for Spring 2019. More info to come!

Honoring Worship

Kathleen Watson, Board President

Our theme for September services at Peoples is “worship.”

I suspect most of us, whether or not we actually pay homage to any deity, tend to use this word to describe our Sunday services.

But, in a broader sense, worship, or “the formal or ceremonious rendering of...honor and homage” can be applied to whatever we consider important to us on a personal level.

Like, say, the Covenant of Right Relations we committed to a couple of years ago.

What would it look like to honor the Covenant? For example, the second behavior cited in it is that each of us will “do our fair share to make Peoples a strong, safe, welcoming community.”

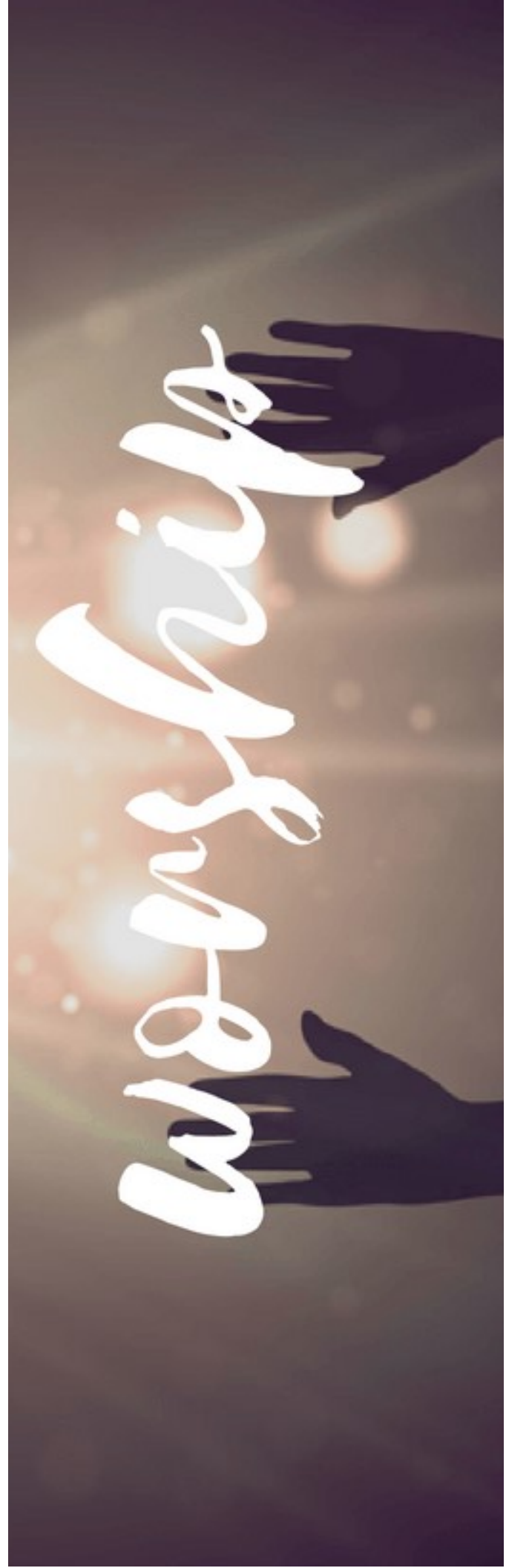
We can honor this particular agreement in a variety of ways. For example:

- We find ways to contribute financially to keep Peoples and its programs running. Pledging even \$5 or \$10 per month helps; this is especially true during this year’s Stewardship campaign, when pledges from people who have previously not pledged will be matched up to \$50 each. (Can you say “easy way to double my contribution”?)



- If we have a problem with someone in the congregation, we talk to that person directly, rather than talk about them to someone else. Conflicts of any type are a great chance to practice disagreeing without being disagreeable. By making this type of communication the norm at Peoples, we'll address one of our five Developmental Ministry goals, go a long way to preventing hurt feelings, keep molehills from turning into mountains, and enable everyone to feel a lot calmer and more powerful. Such a deal.
- We actively tackle approach newcomers so they don't end up standing alone and feeling awkward before or after the service. Even for those of us who are not particularly extraverted, Peoples provides a safe place to step up and talk. And, let's face it: Any of us who are already members are going to be far more comfortable than anyone who's visiting. It's a great chance to earn a newcomer's Hero Of The Day Award for making that personal connection.

So...What will you choose to do this month to honor our Covenant of Right Relations? (If you need a refresher course on it, you'll find it posted to the right of the doors to the Ely Room.)



Facility Changes

After some research and consideration we will be removing the large dumpster from our facility and relying only on the weekly garbage pickup by the city. The dumpster was rarely full and financially cost our facility a significant amount each year, plus we were paying for the garbage service through the city and not utilizing it.

With this change it is important to be more environmentally conscious to continue to reduce waste and recycle when possible. To help aid in this, the Lillian McGraw kitchen will be getting a new dishwasher which will eliminate the need to use paper products at large events. However, this also means we will need more volunteers at large events to help with the dishes. This is something that everyone can help with! Let's make this a successful change for both our church and the environment!



CATHY'S CORNER

Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee met on 8/16/18 to review financial reports.

Peoples Church cash flow was negative for month:

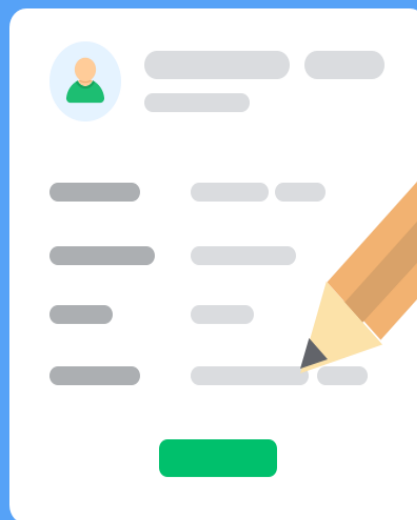
- July Income \$12,610
- July Expenses \$16,362

Cash flow for year to date was negative:

- January through July income \$115,043
- January through July Expenses \$117,908

Please remember to continue making your pledge payments for 2018!

Please remember to turn in your pledge form for 2019! Thanks!



Get Involved!

LOVE, OF COURSE

Everyone has some idea what love is or should be. Now People's Members will have had the opportunity to seriously study and discuss this many faceted topic. Starting Sept. 16 and for six Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45, member RC Eichacker will lead an adult class entitled "Love, Of Course". The group of 6 to 8 individuals or couples must preregister with RC before Sept. 15. For more details contact him at 622-3908, rceye@southslope.net or visit with him in person. RC guarantees you will LOVE this class.

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Are you a musician who enjoys performing?

Would you like to provide music for Sunday service, but have never performed for a church?

Do you know any musicians that would provide good music for Sunday Service?

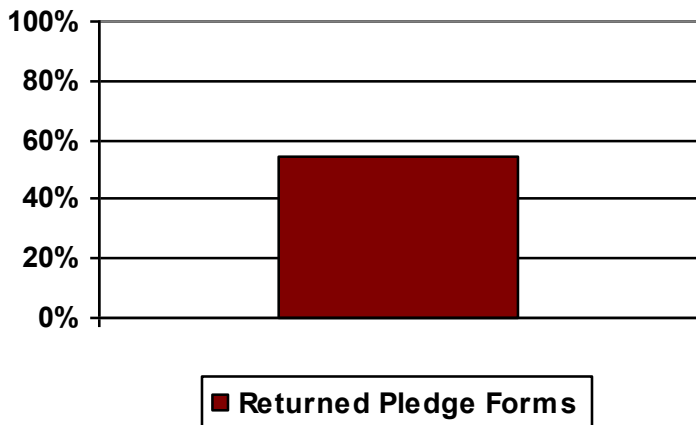
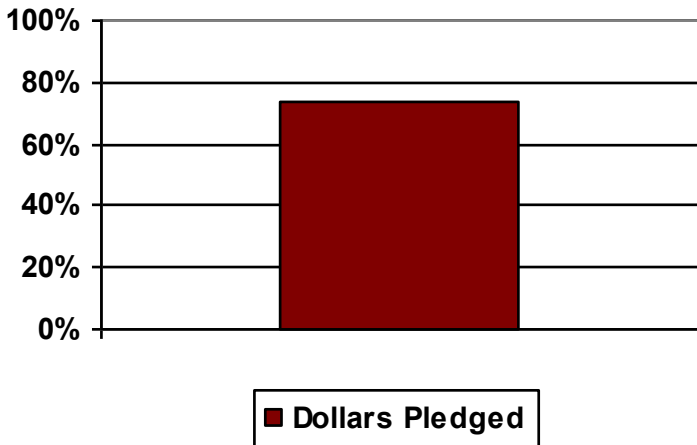
IF SO CONTACT SCOTT MANSFIELD, 319.362.0436,
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Stewardship Campaign September Update

As of August 26, 2018, we have heard from fifty-seven (57) of the one hundred six (106) congregational households. We are 74% of the way towards our goal of \$160,000. **Thank you** to all of you who have returned completed pledge and Good Neighbors forms!!!

The volunteer stewards are contacting each of the **remaining households** to listen to your thoughts about the church and pick up your completed pledge and Good Neighbors forms. The Stewardship Team will be staffing the table outside the Sanctuary through September 9. With everyone's active participation we can finish this campaign and plan for next year. Thank you all for your generosity!



What I know for sure is that what you give comes back to you.
- Oprah Winfrey -

Stewardship Committee

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



Social Justice Forum

The next SJC Forum discussion on racism, white privilege and supremacy will be held on Sunday, September 16 at 9:30 in the Ely Room. We will be discussing these essays by Ta-Nehisi Coates: "Fear of a Black President," "The Case for Reparations," "The Black Family in the Age of Mass Incarceration," and "My President Was Black."

This essays can be found in Coates book, *We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy*. The book is available from the public library in either print or electronic form. The essays can also be found online at TheAtlantic.com.

Sunday Plate Collections

Our September First Sunday Plate Collection will go to The Sentencing Project. Since 1986, this organization has worked for a fair and effective US criminal justice system by promoting reforms in sentencing policy, addressing unjust racial disparities and practices and advocating for alternatives to incarceration.

Our second quarter First Sunday Plate Collection of \$504 was sent to the Iowa ACLU. From the ACLU's thank you letter; "Thanks to your support, the Trump administration and our elected officials here in Iowa will continue to conform the strongest ACLU in the history of our organization. We won't let you down."





Our Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
2-Sep	Sunday	11am – 12pm	Worship
5-Sep	Wednesday	6 – 7pm	Membership Committee Meeting
8-Sep	Saturday	7 – 9pm	CUUPS Wining and Divining Event
		9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Orientation Session
9-Sep	Sunday	11am – 12pm	Worship
		6:15 – 8:15pm	Board Meeting
10-Sep	Monday	12pm	Van Vechten Guild Meeting
11-Sep	Tuesday	7 – 8:30pm	LGBTQ Support Group
12-Sep	Wednesday	6 – 9pm	Mission in Action
		9:30 – 10:30am	SJC Sponsored Forum
		9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am – 12pm	Worship
16-Sep	Sunday	12:15 – 1:30pm	Worship Associate Meeting
17-Sep	Monday	6:30 – 8pm	CUUPS Monthly Meeting
20-Sep	Thursday	7 – 8:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
		9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am – 12pm	Worship
23-Sep	Sunday	5:30 – 8pm	CUUPS Mabon Ritual
		9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
30-Sep	Sunday	11am – 12pm	Worship



Mission in Action (Repeat of June Event)

Wednesday | September 12 | 6pm

We need your help! The Peoples Church Board is still looking for input as we begin to put our new Mission to work: Leading compassionate lives through spiritual growth and just action!

If you did NOT attend the Mission in Action workshop in June please come and help the Board discern how our current activities and future endeavors can fulfill our mission. Bring your ideas about how our values and mission should define our church.

Membership Committee Meeting
Wednesday | September 5 | 6pm | Ely Room

CUUPS Wining & Divining Event
Saturday | September 8th | 7pm

Merry Meet All; We're gathering to celebrate September's New Moon on September 8th at 7:00 p.m. The theme will be wining (pronounced wine-ing) and divining, so bring a bottle (or two) and a favorite oracle. Please note, this is a BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverages) event. Two of our very lovely members have rented out the Club House of Pheasant Run Apartments for us to host this social, with the intent being to gather socially outside of our usual spaces for some extra fun time together. Please feel free to bring some snacks and non-wine libations like tea, juice, or beer if that's more your preference.

Board Meeting

Sunday | September 9th | 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.

Van Vechten Guild Meeting

Monday | September 10 | 12pm | Ely Room
The Van Vechten Guild will have its first meeting this fall on September 10 at noon. As per tradition we will be having a pot luck lunch and will enjoy catching up with each other on our summer activities. All are welcome to attend and help in planning our upcoming year.

Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday | September 20 | 7pm | Ely Room

CUUPS Mabon Ritual

Sunday | September 23rd | 5:30pm

We will gather to celebrate Mabon, the second harvest of the year, the fall equinox, and the full moon. Ritual will start at 5:30pm and will involved energy raising via percussion instruments. If you have a hand drum and feel moved to help us raise energy in honor of the Mother moon and the change of the season, please come with your chosen drum. After the ritual we will share food and drink together in community. Please bring a drink or beverage to share (attempting to keep with the theme of the fruit harvest if able). Gluten free and vegan dishes are welcome and helpful.

LGBTQ Support Group

Tuesday | September 11 | 7pm | Ely Room

Social Justice Council Forum

Sunday | September 16 | 9:30am | Ely Room
In this first SJC forum we will discuss the first four essays in *We Were Eight Years in Power* by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Worship Associate Meeting

Sunday | September 16 | 12:15pm | Ely Room

CUUPS Monthly Meeting

Monday | September 17 | 6:30 | Ely Room

We will be gathering to discuss news and exciting upcoming events. Please attend this meeting to help make decisions and assist with planning for CUUPS gatherings and rituals.



the Voice



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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