

OCTOBER
2018

THE VOICE

A photograph of a church sanctuary. The interior features a high, vaulted ceiling with exposed wooden beams and several modern, cylindrical pendant lights. The floor is covered in dark carpeting. Rows of dark wooden pews are arranged on either side of a central aisle, leading towards the front of the sanctuary. At the front, a large, vibrant rainbow cross is displayed on the altar. To the left of the altar is a dark wooden pulpit, and to the right is a black grand piano. The overall atmosphere is serene and modern.

Sanctuary

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PEOPLES CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

LEADING COMPASSIONATE LIVES THROUGH
SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND JUST ACTION.



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Ancient Hawaiian society was ruled by *Kapu*, or sacred laws. Anyone who broke or violated the law, no matter how small, faced very serious consequences, usually death! The only way for a criminal to escape and ensure their own survival was to travel to a puuhonua.

Puuhonua, sacred sites of refuge established by local chiefs, held vast powers of forgiveness and healing. When a criminal arrived, the chief would perform a ceremony of absolution and they would be completely forgiven for their wrongdoing. If a warrior arrived, they would receive respite and healing. And if anyone else arrived, they would find a warm welcome, peace, and safety from whatever was in the dangerous world beyond.

At puuhonua everyone became clean, renewed, and absolved of sin and wrongdoing.

But a person couldn't stay at puuhonua for very long. One always had to return back to society.

There is a tension inherent in all sanctuary spaces between being called to come and rest and being called to go back out into the world. Sanctuary is different from simply being at home. At home we can stay as long as we like; we can draw boundaries around who is and is not welcome in our home. But sanctuary is different. It is radically open to all. It welcomes all, receives all, and begs to be

shared with all who are interested. As such, it requires us to be with others - criminals, warriors, and anyone else who wanders in - and when the healing and renewal are done, it invites us back out into the world.

This month at Peoples Church we will be exploring what it means to be a people of sanctuary. Where and what is sanctuary, how do we find it, access it, and what is it calling us to be or do?

“ LET
EVERYTHING
THAT WANTS TO
GO, GO. LET
EVERYTHING
THAT WANTS TO
COME, COME.
AND SO IT IS.
NAMASTE.

- Tosha Silver - ”

I am very excited that we were able to schedule Caleb Gates from the McAuley Center to host an Adult Forum on October 7th at 9:45am about immigration in Iowa. I hope you will join the conversation about making Iowa a more welcoming community for all!

I am also thrilled to be approaching our 150th anniversary in 2019. As we prepare to honor this milestone we will take some time this month to reflect on our long history, significant presence in Cedar Rapids, and enduring call to go out and serve the wider world. To get us started, the Archives Team has prepared a wonderful booklet celebrating our 150-year history which will be released on October 28th after church.

May we be sanctuary for another 150 years.

In faith,

Rev. Rebecca

MOMENT

Ministry's



Rev. Rebecca
Hinds

Sunday Worship



OCTOBER 7 | 11AM SERVICE: THE BODY OF SANCTUARY

Each one of us is physically sacred. We are the spirit of the universe, incarnate. Come reconnect with and renew your body as the living, breathing sanctuary that it is. Service led by Rev. Rebecca Hinds.

Music: Joan Jacob

Greeters: Bob Butikofer and Kathy Juba

Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation following Service.



OCTOBER 14 | 11AM SERVICE: THE VOICE OF SANCTUARY

If you could hear the voice of sanctuary calling, what would it say? Is it calling you to come and rest or to be filled and go? In this service we will explore the tension between sanctuary as a spirituality of respite and relief and sanctuary as a spirituality of engagement and stamina for action. Service led by Rev. Rebecca Hinds.

Music: Bryan and Kris Davis

Greeters: Sheryl Ochs and Rose Gabe



OCTOBER 21 | 11AM SERVICE: PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Children are struggling in our community, state, nation, and world. We will explore sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children. Service led by David Wise.

Music: Peoples Choir

Greeters:



OCTOBER 28 | 11AM SERVICE: THE PEOPLE OF SANCTUARY: 150 YEARS OF PEOPLES CHURCH

At Peoples Church we are held in the shelter of our ancestors. For 150 years Peoples People have been building a sanctuary to be proud of – not just a building, but a people, a way of being. Where do we go from here? And what does it mean to be a people of sanctuary? Service led by Rev. Rebecca Hinds.

Music: Pete and Deb

Greeters:



David Wise, Director of Faith Formation

WISE WORDS

Food insecurity. Two words that have started working their way into our lives. What do they mean? Simply put - a person without reliable access to sufficient quantities of affordable and nutritious food is food insecure.

In Iowa we are fortunate to live in an area that is among the most fertile soils in the world. Iowa and surrounding states produce an amazing amount of food every year. Yet, people in Iowa, the region, and the United States go hungry every moment of the day.

Dosomething.org shares these facts about hunger in the US:

- 1 in 6 people in America face hunger.
- The USDA defines "food insecurity" as the lack of access, at times, to enough food for all household members. In 2011, households with children reported a significantly higher food insecurity rate than households without children: 20.6% vs. 12.2%.
- Food insecurity exists in every county in America. In 2013, 17.5 million households were food insecure. More and more people are relying on food banks and pantries.
- 49 million Americans struggle to put food on the table.
- In the US, hunger isn't caused by a lack of food, but rather the continued prevalence of poverty.
- More than 1 in 5 children is at risk of hunger. Among African-Americans and Latinos, it's 1 in 3.
- Over 20 million children receive free or reduced-

price lunch each school day. Less than half of them get breakfast, and only 10% have access to summer meal sites.

- For every 100 school lunch programs, there are only 87 breakfast sites and just 36 summer food programs.
- 1 in 7 people are enrolled in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Nearly half of them are children.
- 40% of food is thrown out in the US every year, or about \$165 billion worth. All of this uneaten food could feed 25 million Americans.

Those are pretty startling facts!

What can we do? In conversations with Reverend Rebecca the concept of food insecurity came about. There are folks in our congregation who are food insecure. People who need help. This week a new cabinet is scheduled to be delivered to the church. We are going to use it as a small food pantry.

During the month of October we are holding a food drive. We are going to invite the children in Faith Formation to bring items to fill the pantry and help the local food banks. This helps them learn the importance of giving and caring for others!

Members of the congregation are also invited to bring non-perishable food items! We will start receiving items on October 7. There will be areas designated for the food items to be placed.

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In an effort to help highlight the issues of food insecurity and food needs we will be plotting out a labyrinth in the Ely room the first week of November. Marion Patterson reached out to some of her friends who design labyrinth's and they agreed to help us! The lines of the walk will be filled with the food items brought to the church. The labyrinth will be used by Faith Formation kids on November 4. It will also be open to the congregation and possibly the public. More details will follow.

Can you help us with helping those in need?



FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Worship Bags

On the table at the back of the sanctuary are bags, books, crayons, and activity pads! Create your bag of what works well for your family and use it during worship. Place it on the same table after worship.



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>

The End is Near.

Kathleen Watson, Board President

Well, it's more accurate to say the *ends are* near, but that just doesn't have the same ring to it.

As you know, Peoples Church is two years into its developmental ministry. Its overarching goal is to help us build on our existing strengths and shift those organizational behaviors that do *not* serve us well.

The first specific DM goal addresses governance: who is responsible for what; who is accountable to whom; and what appropriate limitations – and options – exist for staff, Board, volunteers, and the congregation as a whole.

Good governance is rooted in having clearly articulated congregational values (check); a compelling mission (check); and inspiring goals rooted in both values and mission (*check!!*).

Yes, it's true: your Board listened to your comments and developed five broad goals, or “end statements”, that will serve as a lens through which we'll view our future decision-making on behalf of Peoples Church.

End statements address the following questions:

- What difference do we want to make?
- For whom?
- What resources are we willing and able to devote to this work?

You've given the Board great input throughout the developmental ministry process, and here's the latest result: the first draft of end statements for Peoples Church, 2018:

1. We partner with others to build a fair and just world.
2. We create a spiritual home that welcomes everyone of good will.
3. Together we create transformative worship experiences that awaken compassionate action.



4. We articulate our UU faith, teach it to our children, and live it in the world.
5. We support our Mission through compassionate presence, talented participation, and financial resources.

As one aspect of good governance, the Board will use these five end statements as our decision-making compass for the next 3 to 5 years.

And, as another aspect of good governance, *you'll* be able to rely on these end statements when you're looking for ways to make a difference as a member of Peoples Church.

In other words, if there's something you would like to see Peoples get involved in, you'll be able to ask yourself, "Which end statement(s) would this project/program address?" A clear answer will make it easy to approach the Board and make a good case for how and why your idea fits into where we, as a church, are going.

This is a very different way of operating than we've had before, and it's likely to take some getting used to. And that's okay. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, track down a Board member and talk to him or her.

Better yet, join us at the Forum on October 14th. Starting at 9:45, the Board will talk more about our end statements, what they'll enable Peoples to accomplish, and what role each of us plays in reaching those goals.

So get the 14th on your calendar and come join us for a highly caffeinated conversation about that sexiest of topics: end statements.



FACILITY CHANGES

A big change happened to our facility last week! Our exterior wall in the sanctuary that held the broken cross window has been fixed! The window was removed, the wall insulated, the opening patched and new siding was hung. Home Repair Team did an excellent job with this project and was excellent to work with!

This project will allow us to move forward with the interior sanctuary projects which will include the incorporation of the restored stained glass windows. This is another huge step forward in making this facility our home, by not only making the necessary repairs but also beautifying our facility at the same time.

CATHY'S CORNER



Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee met on 9/20/18 to review financial reports.

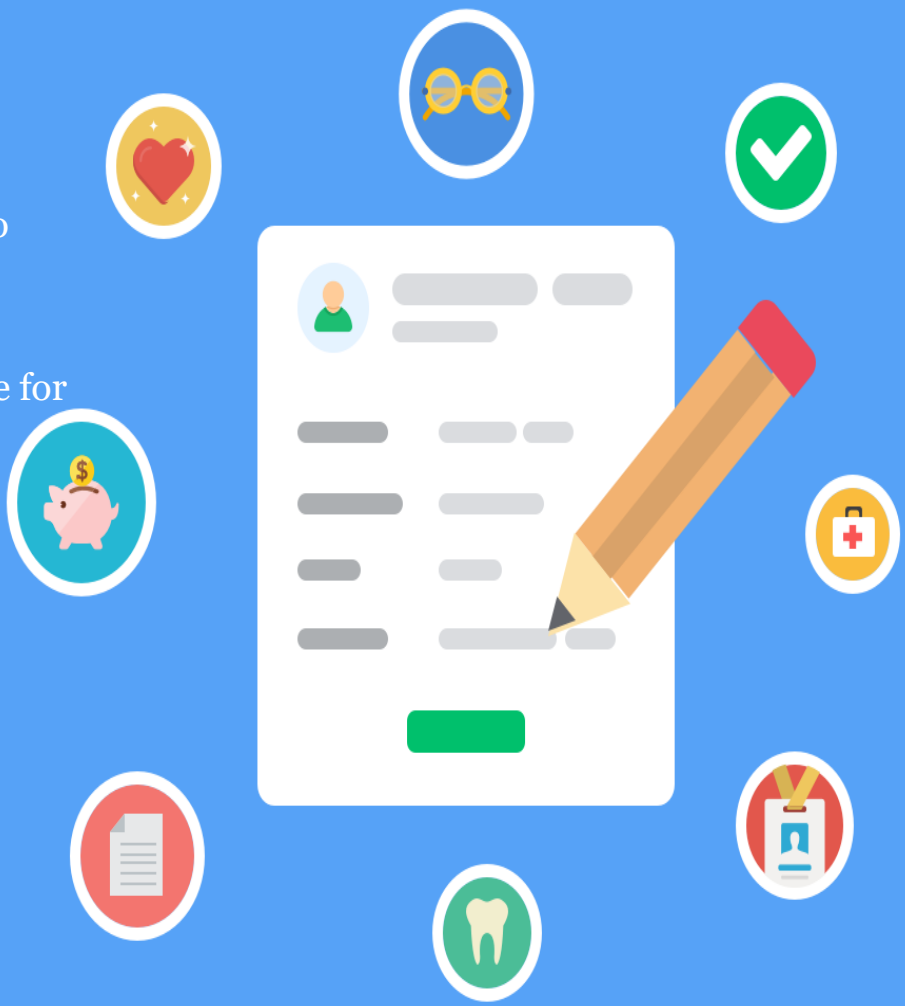
Peoples Church cash flow was negative for the month.

- August Income \$9,042
- August Expenses \$13,677

Don't forget to continue making your pledge payments for 2018!

And please remember to turn in your pledge form for 2019!

Thanks!



Are you interested in learning more about Peoples Church and what it means to be a member?
If so, contact Rev. Rebecca Hinds!

New Member Class

November | Dates & Times TBD



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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Our Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
3-Oct	Wednesday	6 – 7pm	Membership Committee Meeting
6-Oct	Saturday	7 – 9pm	CUUPS Wining and Divining Event
		9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		9:45 – 10:45am	McAuley Center Forum
		11am – 12pm	Worship
7-Oct	Sunday	6:15 – 8:15pm	Board Meeting
8-Oct	Monday	12 – 1pm	Van Vechten Guild Meeting
9-Oct	Tuesday	7 – 8:30pm	LGBTQ Support Group
13-Oct	Saturday	1 – 6pm	March for Our Lives Iowa Get Out the Vote Kickoff Weekend
		9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		9:45 – 10:45am	The Ends Forum with the Board
14-Oct	Sunday	11am – 12pm	Worship
15-Oct	Monday	6:30 – 8pm	CUUPS Monthly Meeting
18-Oct	Thursday	6:30 – 7:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
		9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
21-Oct	Sunday	11am – 12pm	Worship
24-Oct	Wednesday	6:30 – 8pm	CUUPS Full Moon
		9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am – 12pm	Worship
28-Oct	Sunday	12 – 3:30pm	CUUPS Chili Cookoff / Halloween Party
3-Nov	Saturday	2-4pm	ECC Fund Raiser



hello october.

CUUPS Wining & Divining Event

Saturday | October 6 | 7pm

Merry Meet All; We're gathering to celebrate September's New Moon. 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.

McAuley Center Forum

Sunday | October 7 | 9:45am | Ely Room

Caleb Gates from the Catherine McAuley Center will speak with us about immigration. Topics will include the history of US immigration, immigration to Iowa, and others related to refugees such as the vetting process that they go through to get to the US.

Board Meeting

Sunday | October 7 | 6:15 PM | Ely Room

The BoT 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 | October 8 | 12pm | Ely Room

Program will be a talk on the new voter registration laws. All are welcome to attend and share in this conversation. Bring your own lunch and drinks and dessert are provided.

March for Our Lives Iowa Get Out the Vote

Kickoff Weekend | Sat., October 13 | 1-6pm

Peoples Church member and high school senior, Quintin Gay, is one of the lead organizers of this event and Peoples Church is a sponsor.

There will be local bands, guest speakers, and of course satellite voting! You will hear from the up and coming local artist Gold Revere, nationally recognized Parkland Students, and many more! The night will wrap up with a dance party! Join us to have a good time and learn about how you can make an impact on your community. We can't wait to see you all out getting engaged to make a difference!

As a sponsor, we can host a Peoples Church booth. Who would like to help with that? Let's show our youth our love and support! Let's get out the vote!

The Ends Forum

Sunday | October 14 | 9:45am | Ely Room

Join Board to talk about our end statements, what they'll enable Peoples to accomplish, and what role each of us plays in reaching those goals.

CUUPS Monthly Meeting

Monday | October 15 | 6:30 | Ely Room

We will be gathering to discuss news and exciting upcoming events.

CUUPS Full Moon Ritual

Monday | October 24 | 6pm

Join us to gather under the October sky as we honor the Hunter's moon. This ritual is open to all who walk an earth-based path or anyone who is interested in exploring an earth-based path in more depth. We will meet at the Pavilion near the Old MacDonald Farm for ritual. Rituals often involve burning sage or incense. If you have other questions, please email Sam at sammie.ball2012@gmail.com. The rain location will be the Ely room at People's Church.

Cedar Rapids Halloween Parade

Saturday | October 27

CUUPS will be walking in the CR Halloween Parade and need 5-6 volunteers to help give out candy and information about participating in our earth-based spirituality group: CUUPS. We will be carrying the CUUPS banner and a COEXIST flag to represent our group. Please contact Deb Maynard if you are interested in volunteering .

**15th Annual Peoples Church Chili Cook-off
FF Costume Contest and Haunted Room**

Sunday | October 28 | 12:15pm

The CUUPS annual Chili Cook Off Fundraiser is gearing up again! We need contestants to enter to compete their best chili recipe's against one another's. We also need volunteers to bring breads and sides to share, as well as people willing to assist with set-up and kitchen clean-up. Attendees will have the chance to vote for the best chili and the winner will be awarded with a trophy! Also wear your best costumes for a chance at prizes! This event is fun for one and all!

CUUPS Samhain Ritual

Thursday | November 1 | 6pm | Andre Room

During the time of year that the veil between the worlds, we will gather to honor our ancestors and our fallen beloved ones in ritual. We will feast together (potluck style) and play some traditional games!

**ECC Fund Raiser | Saturday | Nov., 3 | 2pm
Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship Hall**

Come listen to a panel of local social justice leaders discuss key issues facing our local "Neighbors in Need." Keynote speaker Karl Cassell, former CEO of Horizons. RSVP by email to admin@ecc-cr.net or (319) 362-4284.

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