

JANUARY
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THE VOICE

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Happy New Year! And Happy Anniversary! As we enter 2019, clear eyed and focused on the future, we are entering the 150th year of our existence as a faith community in Cedar Rapids.

As the year unfolds, I am sure we will have many opportunities to reflect on the past and celebrate our history, but in this moment, at the tender beginnings of the new year, I wonder if we can pause to look and listen for what is calling us forward. What is inviting us into the future of our faith and the future of Peoples Church? Is there a new vision on the horizon, something worth our trust and willingness to venture out together and stay on this journey for another 150 years?

Perhaps it is a fitting metaphor at this time of year that on every January 6, Christians around the world celebrate Epiphany or Three Kings Day, a day that commemorates the arrival of the Three Wise Men in Bethlehem to visit the Christ child. After all, the three kings were only able to arrive in Bethlehem to greet the unimaginable because they had been willing to leave the past and all they knew behind and set out on a wild journey across the desert to an unknown land.

Why did they do this? Because they saw a star in the sky. Because they saw something on the horizon worth pursuing. Because they received a vision of a new possibility for the future. I imagine it must have taken a lot of trust, faith, and courage for them to search out this new, uncertain possibility on the distant horizon.

Here at Peoples Church we are in a similar situation.

“There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about. Ask: “What’s possible?” not “What’s wrong?” Keep asking. Notice what you care about. Assume that many others share your dreams...”

Margaret Wheatley

In this, our 150th year together, we too are facing a time of possibility. So, let’s take a moment now to gaze towards the horizon. What do you see? Can you make out a new star, a new vision, a new hope calling us forward? I would love to hear about it, and I hope you will share your vision with me and all of us!

So, as we spend the month of January exploring the theme of Possibilities, I invite us all to look and listen for new promises on the horizon. I invite us all to boldly begin the journey into the next 150 years of our life together at Peoples Church.

In faith,
Rev Rebecca

Ministry's

MOMENT



Rev. Rebecca Hinds

Sunday Worship

Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation following Service.

January 6 | 11am Service: Window Celebration Sunday!

Congratulations Peoples Church! The rose and star windows are up and this phase of our sanctuary project is complete. Come see the newly installed windows and celebrate our refreshed, sacred space! We will recognize and honor all of the people who helped make this project happen. Service led by Rev. Rebecca.

Music: Karen Pierce

Greeters: RC Eichacker and Sheryl Ochs

January 13 | 11am Service: How to Birth New Possibilities

When we feel stuck or discouraged it is easy to think that nothing new or good will ever happen. But what if everything is always possible? According to Process Theology, it is! How could our lives change for the better if we truly realized the vastness of our creative potential? Service led by Rev. Rebecca.

Music: Caden Messenger

Greeters: Joye Winey

January 20 | 11am Service: TBD

Service led by Kathleen Mavity.

Music: Bryan Bowers

Greeters:

January 27 | 11am Service: Don't Forget to Close the Door!

In a world full of possibilities, we all have to eventually make some choices. So how do you let go of old possibilities and what could have been? How do you make peace with what is and bravely face the future when some doors are so clearly closed behind you? Service led by Rev. Rebecca.

Music: Peoples Choir

Greeters:



David Wise, Director of Faith Formation

WISE WORDS

As a new year begins there is always anticipation! We anticipate good things to happen. We anticipate having success in our endeavors. We anticipate our hopes and dreams to come to fruition.

Brian Wren writes these words in a beautiful hymn:

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

That is what the beginning of a new year brings to us. It is the chance to wipe away and start anew.

We have been doing that in Faith Formation the last year. We have looked back, looked at what we were doing, and have been looking to the future. The program is getting stronger every day and continues to educate the children of the congregation in the Principles and other important components of the UU Faith.

Over the coming months we are looking to add some fun and exciting programs that will greater enhance the connection between the children and adults of the congregation.

Will you think about how you can help enrich the lives of the children? Elsewhere in the Voice are some ideas. Do you have an idea you would like to try? Let me know!! We are open to new and innovative ideas!! The positive and healthy interaction between the children of Faith Formation and the Peoples people is crucial! How can you help?

Thank you for the wonderful gifts during the holiday season! I truly enjoy my time here and appreciate the thoughtfulness of the congregation and board.

Thank you for all the kind words, thoughts, and prayers as we have dealt with the medical issues facing Karen. She is recovering well and we wait to hear the next step(s) in the healing process.



FAITH FORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed!

Do you like to read? Do you like to read to others? Do you like to tell stories? The Faith Formation program is looking for people to read or tell stories to the children from the end of Faith Formation (10:45) until close (10:55) to worship time. This would be downstairs in the library of the Faith Formation class area. Interested? Contact David at dre@peoplesuu.org.

In past times there has occasionally been a mystery pals or secret pals program at Peoples. This would match a child with an adult. Notes could be exchanged and the two get to know each other before a reveal party where the two meet. There is some interest in doing this again—is there someone who would be willing to help organize the program? Email David at dre@peoplesuu.org.

Do you enjoy board games? Do you remember flash cards? We are thinking a game would be a great addition to the Peoples Faith Formation learning process for the Principles and how they can be applied to our everyday lives. Interested? Email David at dre@peoplesuu.org

Do you love to do crafts? Knit, crochet, cross stitch, or another style of craft! I would love to have you help the kids understand the benefits as well as possibilities of using crafts for the greater good. Would you be willing to help one or a few Sundays? Contact David, dre@peoplesuu.org.

OWL—Our Whole Lives

High School OWL is scheduled to start this month. Grades 10-12. Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. With a holistic approach, Our Whole Lives provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about a range of topics, including relationships, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual health, and cultural influences on sexuality. Participants do not need to be involved at Peoples to join the class. We feel this program is incredibly important in the world in which we live and want everyone to experience the teaching available in OWL!

Trivia Fundraiser Returns!!!!!!

Mark your calendars for March 23rd!! Get your teams together! TEAM MEMBERS DO NOT NEED TO BE FROM PEOPLES! 8 people maximum per team. Watch the weekly and February Voice for more information. For more info talk to David or email dre@peoplesuu.org



Christine Kullander

My name is Christine Kullander and I am so fortunate to be introducing myself as your new Operations Coordinator. I have previous experience working in a church office and look forward to serving the needs of this congregation. In the past I have worked with volunteers, coordinated projects, and managed facility rental and website content maintenance and optimization.

My office hours will be 8:30am-2:30pm Tuesday through Thursday and 8:30am-10:30am on Friday.

In my spare time I enjoy traveling, gardening, baseball, reading, baking, and spending time with my husband and children.

Peoples Partners with St. Marks United Methodist to Aid African Refugees

Putting Our UU Values to WORK!

Preparations for the Jan. 19 winter concert are moving ahead full steam so plan now to be there with Bryan Bowers and the African Amen Choir for a fun filled evening for the whole family. In case you weren't there last year, Bryan Bowers is an internationally renown musician and entertainer with a unique brand of music, song and storytelling that has appealed to audiences for over 50 years. And it is especially exciting that we can partner with St Mark's United Methodist church in presenting this exciting evening to benefit their African Ministry that has assisted Africans settling in Cedar Rapids for many years.



The Facts:

- The concert will be January 19, 7:00 pm at PCUU.
- Cost is \$20 and all tickets are general admission. Children 12 and under free.
- Tickets are available on Sundays from Bryan Davis and Bob Butikofer or by contacting the church office 362-9827.
- Tickets are also available online from the PCUU website and will be available at the door.
- Contact David Wise if you need childcare for this event.
- Questions? Contact the church office 362-9827 or Bryan Davis 294-5010.



Our Events

January

Date	Day	Time	Event
1	Tuesday	All Day	New Years Day
2	Wednesday	6-7pm	Membership Committee Meeting
5	Saturday	2-4pm	VM Rehearsal
6	Sunday	9:45-10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am-12pm	Worship
		12:15-1:15pm	Social Justice Council Meeting
		6:15-8:15pm	Board Meeting
8	Tuesday	7-8:30pm	LGBTQ Support Group
13	Sunday	9:45-10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		10-11am	Social Justice Forum on the ROSE Program
		11am-12pm	Worship
19	Saturday	2-4pm	VM Rehearsal
		7pm	Bryan Bowers Concert
20	Sunday	9:45-10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am-12pm	Worship
21	Monday	All Day	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
		6:30-8pm	CUUPS Monthly Meeting
24	Thursday	6:30-7:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
27	Sunday	9:45-10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am-12pm	Worship
		12:15-1:15pm	Worship Associates Meeting

Board Meeting | Sunday | January 6 | 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.

SJC RISE Program Forum | Sunday | January 13 | 10am

The Social Justice Council will hold a Forum with representatives from the RISE Program on Sunday, January 13 at 10 am in the Ely Room. Through listening, guiding, and empowering individuals RISE serves to foster self-esteem, reduce recidivism, advance a safe community, and reduce public expenditures. Volunteer navigators and mentors work with individuals newly released from jail or prison and provide the support needed to break down the barriers toward re-entry into the community.

Bryan Bowers Convert and Fund Raiser | Saturday | January 19 | 7pm

Tickets for the January 19 concert are now available at the church, online (by visiting the peoplesuu.org) and at the door. We are raising money for the St. Mark's United Methodist Church's African ministry in aid of African immigrants and refugees making a new home in Cedar Rapids. All tickets are \$20 general admission and kids 12 and under are free. Please let David Wise know if you will need childcare.

CUUPS Monthly Meeting | Monday | January 21 | 6:30 | Ely Room

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

Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee met on 12/18/18 to review financial reports.

Peoples Church cash flow was negative for the month.

- November Income \$8,129
- November Expenses \$16,406



the Voice



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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