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“In God We Trust.”

The official motto of the United States of America since 1957, this phrase is printed on our currency and has been consistently debated in conversations on the separation of church and state ever since.

But all debate aside, what does this statement mean? What does it mean for an entire country to have trust? And in what? Some might certainly say they have trust in God, but others not so much.

In either case, whether you believe in God or not, in order to function as a society, it seems to me that we need to have some basic level of trust. But this appears to be getting more and more difficult. Our basic level of trust these days is pretty low. In a divided country we are growing far more suspicious of one another than we are trusting.

So, if not in God, what do we have trust in as a nation? As individuals? Is there anything in our society and in our lives which we can trust unconditionally, and which holds us together? Are we are losing it and, if so, can we get it back? Can we learn to trust again?

I can't answer these questions by myself or for you (or anyone else), so I have asked our Worship Associates for help. I've asked them each to consider the phrase “In _____ We Trust,” fill in the blank, and reflect on their answers.

Throughout the month of February, as we explore the topic of Trust, we will hear some of these reflections during worship.

Trust is like
the air we breathe.
When it's present,
nobody really
notices.

But when it's absent,
everybody notices.

-Warren Buffett

I would invite you to do the same reflection this month. “In _____ We Trust.” How would you fill in this blank? What do you have trust in? If you aren't sure, what would you need to have trust?

I suspect this will not be an easy exercise. Trust is anything but simple! After all, trust is really hard to build and really easy to lose. No wonder so many of us have a hard time with it! It requires so much of us; and it can vanish in a moment! But we need it to survive.

So please join us this month at Peoples Church as we explore trust, what it requires, and what is required of us to be trustworthy.

In faith,

Rev Rebecca

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Rev. Rebecca
Hinds



Sunday Worship

February 3 | 11am Service: Becoming a Trusted Ally

As we begin Black History Month and a second year focusing our social justice energy on anti-racism and dismantling white-supremacy, we have an opportunity to reevaluate our role as allies for racial justice. “What does it mean to be an ally? Who decides? And how can we become better allies?” These are just some of the questions we will explore in this service. Service led by Rev. Rebecca

Music: Deb Hunemuller and Pete Kies
Greeters:

February 10 | 11am Service: A Recipe for Trust

Trust is hard to build and easy to lose, especially in our personal lives. Like a beautiful cake, trusting relationships are made up of a variety of ingredients added one at a time. What are these ingredients? Can we rely on them to avoid betrayal? This service will complement Valentine’s Day this year as we celebrate love and friendship, which both require a whole lot of trust! Service led by Rev. Rebecca

Music: Scott Mansfield
Greeters: Rosemary Gabe, Sheryl, Ochs

February 17 | 11am Service: Restoring Social Trust

A civil society is built on trust. But more and more Americans seem to be claiming that they do not trust the government, the media, and other institutions that make our democracy possible. So how can we rebuild social trust in America? In this time of deep political division, is it even possible? And how can we each do our part? Service led by Rev. Rebecca

Music: Peoples Choir
Greeters:

February 24 | 11am Service: TBD

Service led by Bryan Davis

Music: Jonny Lipford
Greeters:



David Wise, Director of Faith Formation

WISE WORDS

The Faith Formation program has subscribed to a new product from Soul Matters (the same organization we use for worship resources). It follows the worship theme for the month and helps you go a little more in-depth with the theme. There are stories and songs all of which are hyperlinked in the packet. It will be sent to everyone in the congregation on or before the 1st of each month. You may use it as you see fit. It is written for families. As we all know families come in all shapes, forms, combinations, and groups! If you are the only one in your home you can contemplate the questions that are asked or get together a small group of friends and discuss them together. They make for great discussion starters for couples or parents and children! We have enjoyed using Soul Matters these last few months in worship! I anticipate the congregation will find this packet just as valuable! It is broken into the following categories:

The Welcome Mat

The Welcome Mat section provides a brief introduction to the theme and how it relates to family life.

At the Table

The At the Table section engages the theme through discussion. Questions are designed for a family gathering, perhaps in the sitting room when everyone is together or during a meal. This section strengthens the bonds within a family as members learn more about each other by asking and answering questions.

Around the Neighborhood

The Around the Neighborhood activity engages families with their surroundings through the lens of the theme. Throughout the month, we ask families to keep their eyes open for what might seem like everyday sightings but which can be perceived in new ways through the monthly theme. Trips to the grocery store, walks, and drives make for excellent spaces to conduct these treasure hunts.

At Play

The At Play activities and questions are a way to joyfully, playfully and imaginatively experience the monthly themes. We offer a brief framework for parents to use to introduce the activity and another to then help one's family reflect upon it, so that the insights learned in play can stay with us throughout the month and beyond.

On The Message Board

The On the Message Board section lifts up a theme-related mantra for your family to carry with them throughout the month. Think of them as tools for the journey that help re-focus and steady us as we navigate life's challenges and opportunities.

At the Bedside

The At the Bedside activities engage the theme through storytelling. This takes place during the dreamy, almost otherworldly hour or so before children or youth drift off to sleep. Through stories and the questions and realizations that they prompt, we come to understand the nature of our world and our unique place in it.

At the Kitchen Sink

At the Kitchen Sink suggests ways for parents to connect with their co-parents, close circle of supporters or both. Perhaps this happens as the dinner dishes are washed and dried or with friends over a cup of tea or coffee.

The Extra Mile

The Extra Mile section invites families to explore the monthly theme through larger adventures and more complex projects.

Let me know how you use this new resource! We are one of the first congregations to use the product!

On a personal note many have asked about Karen. We truly appreciate your care and concern!! We met with the Oncology Surgeon and Radiation Oncologist yesterday. They are recommending about 6 weeks of radiation therapy to help ensure that the cancer is gone. The cancer was contained in what they removed and they want to give her the best chances for long term.

David



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.

OWL—Our Whole Lives

High School OWL is being postponed. More info coming soon on re-scheduling.

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. The categories are: **SPORTS, IOWA HISTORY, RELIGION, GEOGRAPHY, LITERATURE, ODDS AND ENDS, BRANDS and TELEVISION.** Cost is the same as last year—\$ 80 per team. We will have snacks available with a basket for donations. To register call the office at 319-362-9827. We accept credit cards, checks, or cash. For more info talk to David or email dre@peoplesuu.org.



Trust

Kathleen Mavity, Board President

Back in 1945, former U.S. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson made the following observation about **trust**: “...the only way you can make a man trustworthy is to trust him; and the surest way to make him untrustworthy is to distrust him and show your distrust.”

Aside from the sexism, that’s a compelling point. And yet how often does any of us typically choose to extend that trust to others?

Another question worth pondering is this: What makes you trust – or distrust – another? Is it their politics, gender, skin color? Maybe it’s their socio-economic status.

That last one can get people really squirrely. Some folks seem to worship money, while others distrust it *and* the people who have a lot of it. Perhaps the healthiest people are those who are in the same boat as author Dan Millman, who once observed, “Money is neither my god nor my devil. It is a form of energy that tends to make us more of who we already are, whether it’s greedy or loving.”

That means that we at Peoples Church will be just as warm, welcoming, loving, and trustworthy when we’ve doubled our current financial resources as we are now.

And we’ll one day achieve that happy financial position because one of Peoples Church’s developmental ministry goals focuses on effective financial stewardship.

Did we choose this goal because we’re money hungry? Because we want to be known as “that rich church”? Or because we want to have the wherewithal to continue providing a liberal, non-creed-based spiritual community in Cedar Rapids?



At Peoples, we don't value money for what it is, but rather for what it enables us to do. We know that the more financially secure we are, the more readily we can focus on creating the outcomes identified in our end statements:

- \$ We partner with others to build a fair and just world.
- \$ We create a spiritual home that welcomes all of good will.
- \$ We articulate our UU faith, teach it to our children, and live it in the world.
- \$ We support our Mission through compassionate presence, talented participation, and financial resources.
- \$ Together we create transformational worship experiences that inspire compassionate action.

We all get to trust that everybody will do everything they can to create these outcomes, by sharing with Peoples their skills and their cold, hard cash. Because we need it all: the trust, the skills, the money.

As humorist Henry Wheeler Shaw put it, "Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of her tail." So let's trust that, moving forward, we'll enjoy both the dog *and* the wag.

Kathleen





Our History

Bite-Sized Peoples Church History

Before our current Sesquicentennial was a Centennial Celebration. What year was that? The Sanctuary and Ely rooms of our current home are newly refurbished. How many homes has Peoples Church had? And, BTW, under what aliases has our church gone?

Who was minister during the Centennial Celebration and what on earth did the folks then do to celebrate? What were people talking about in those days? And, how many of your were yet to be born in those days?

Stop by Sunday, February 10 during coffee hour downstairs to chat with Reverend Rebecca, Sheryl Ochs, and an archives' expert to tease out or share the answers to these and more questions as we kick off Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist's Sesquicentennial 2019 year.

Peoples Church will celebrate its Sesquicentennial anniversary September 14 & 15!

The Sesqui Team is planning a festive weekend celebrating all that has made, and continues to make Peoples Church so very special through the years. We're lining up guest speakers, planning history displays, a reception and dinner (location tbd) – plus a memorable worship service. Stay tuned as the preparations unfold!

Please let Rebecca, Marcy or Christine know if you'd like to hep in any way – this will be fun!

Help Build Our Story!

To help tell our 150-year story, will you share YOUR Peoples stories? We're looking for a paragraph or two describing your favorite *wow* experience in Peoples Church. Have a great photo? Add a caption, and we may include it. Help tell our history through your eyes as we assemble Y/Our Story!

The results will be shared in *the eWeekly* and *The Voice* in the run-up to the big event. All these special remembrances will also become a book available to congregants and friends. Note: final space considerations may require some editing of your piece – or we might contact you for more details!

Send your WOW memories of Peoples Church to Marcy Mattison at mlmattison@gmail.com, or leave them off at the church office with Christine. Let's show the many seasons of Peoples Church! Thank you!



RISE is the recipient of our first quarter First Sunday Plate Collection. They did a Forum for us on January 13. RISE assists individuals newly released from jail or prison. Volunteer navigators provide support and assistance in problem-solving and finding resources to help people re-enter the communi-

ty. RISE also provides items that are donated and will help individuals move from incarceration, to homelessness, to a job, to a place of their own. Currently RISE is in need of the following items:

Backpacks	Sleeping bags	Hand & Body Warmers	Pots and Pans
Men's pants	Men's t-shirts	Men's winter coats size L	Deodorant
Shampoo	Soap	Toothpaste	Toothbrush

If you are able to donate any of these items contact marcia.swift@gmail.com.

The RISE office is currently located at 1700 B Ave NE and is open from 10 am to 12 pm Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 1pm to 3:30pm. Donated items can be dropped off then. Please support our neighbors in their re-entry process. Iowa is second in the nation in terms of the percentages of black Americans who are incarcerated.

IA Senate Study Bill 1177 would address racial profiling by law enforcement. It would standardize the collection and compilation of data from state and local law enforcement stops; provide for officer training; and create a 20 member community policing advisory board. Please let your legislator know you support this bill.

RSVP at the church office (362-9827) for our 12/23 event presenting Christopher Sims speaking on being black in UU spaces and sharing his spoken word poetry.





Our Events

Hello February!

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
1	Friday	5 – 6pm	CUUPS Pot Luck
		6:30– 8:30pm	CUUPS Imbolc Ritual
2	Saturday	2pm-4pm	VM Rehearsal
3	Sunday	9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		10 – 10:50am	I Messages Forum
		11am – 12pm	Worship
		6:15 – 8:15pm	Board Meeting
		2pm	Voice of Christ Ministries Service
6	Wednesday	5:30 – 6:30pm	Membership Committee Meeting
10	Sunday	9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		10 – 10:50am	How We Love Forum
		11am – 12pm	Worship
		2pm	Voice of Christ Ministries Service
12	Tuesday	7 – 8:30pm	LGBTQ Support Group
14	Thursday		Valentine's Day
17	Sunday	9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		10 – 10:50am	News Media: Real or Fake Forum
		11am – 12pm	Worship
		12:15 – 1:15pm	Worship Associates
		2pm	Voice of Christ Ministries Service
18	Monday		Presidents Day
19	Tuesday	6 – 8:30pm	CUUPS Meeting
21	Thursday	6:30 – 7:30pm	Finance Committee
23	Saturday	12 – 4pm	Christopher Sims Presentation and Spoken Word Art
24	Sunday	9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		10 – 10:50am	Hugging 101 Forum
		11am – 12pm	Worship
		2pm	Voice of Christ Ministries Service

I Message Forum | Sunday | February 3 | 10am | Ely Room

Board Meeting | Sunday | February 3 | 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.

Membership Committee Meeting | Wednesday | February 6 | 5:30pm

How We Love Forum | Sunday | February 10 | 10am | Ely Room

LGBTQ Support Group | Tuesday| February 12 | 7pm

News Media: Real or Fake Forum | Sunday| February 17 | 10am | Ely Room

CUUPS Meeting| Tuesday| February 19 | 6:30pm | Ely Room

Finance Committee | Tuesday| February 21 | 6:30pm

Christopher Sims Presentation | Tuesday| February 23 | 1pm

Hugging 101 Forum | Sunday | February 24 | 10am | Ely Room

Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee met on 1/24/19 to review financial reports for December and CY 2018.

Peoples Church cash flow was positive for the month.

- December Income \$12,828
- December Expenses \$12,785

Cash flow for CY 2018 was negative. The higher income and lower staff expense offset higher utility and building maintenance costs and cut the budget deficit by almost \$2,700:

- CY 2018 Income \$182,452
- CY 2018 Expenses \$187,805

Registration is OPEN for the 2019 MidAmerica Regional Assembly.

This year the Regional Assembly will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Marriot St. Louis Airport Hotel April 5-7.

This year's theme is "Intersectionalities" and Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray will be the keynote speaker.

If you wish to be a delegate please contact Rev. Rebecca. (Delegates may vote remotely by conference call.)

Last but not least...

We again extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped with and supported our window project in the Sanctuary. The result was outstanding! Below are a few pictures from our special Windows Dedication Service.



Riverview Center provides Sexual Assault Services—therapy/counseling; outreach; education and professional training; advocacy; and volunteer opportunities. Contact Riverview Center for help or to volunteer—319-540-0080.

Interested in good company and international cuisine? Join Adventures in Dining!

The 2019 edition will be our seventh year. It's rooted in a long-standing Peoples Church small dinners tradition! Approximately 50 Peoples congregants and friends participate. We gather five times per year at each other's homes, in random groupings of seven to ten, for delicious and adventurous gourmet meals. The host provides the main dish and guests bring an appetizer, salad, soup, side dish, or dessert.

A few place settings remain. Participation is completely open to anyone who wants in. If interested, call Ann Woodward (319) 362-9890.

New Operations Coordinator—Christine Kullander

I have just started my second month at Peoples Church—my how fast a month can go! It has been lovely meeting so many of you. I have never had such a warm welcome as I have here.

I am continuing to learn new parts of my job and how I can best serve this congregation.

The upcoming Sesquicentennial is very exciting and I look forward to the opportunity to help make the celebration special for each and every one of you!

Christine



If you enjoyed the Bryan Bowers Concert, or wish you hadn't missed out...here is an opportunity to acquire Bryan's latest CD: "Woodland Dreams", a CD featuring the newly formed Bryan Bowers Band available for ordering at www.pxrec.com. Cost is \$13.50 + \$4.00 shipping.

Are you interested in exploring spirituality?

Have you been looking for a nice way to get to know other people at church?

Sign up to join one of our
HOME CHURCH groups!

Similar to "covenant groups" or "Small Group Ministry," **HOME CHURCH** is your opportunity to meet regularly (twice a month) with 4-5 other Peoples people to reflect on and discuss significant life topics. As a member of a **HOME CHURCH** you will build deep connections with others, with the congregation and with the sacred.

Groups will be lead by a trained facilitator and meet twice a month for three months. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside of the sanctuary or contact Rev. Rebecca to sign up for a group! Below are the available groups with the dates, times and locations they will meet.

First and Third Mondays | 7pm | NE | Kate Martinek

First and Third Tuesdays | 6pm | Peoples | Kathleen Mavity

TBD Wednesdays | 6pm | Peoples | Sarah Herman

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