



THE VOICE



Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist March 2019

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LEADING COMPASSIONATE LIVES THROUGH
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March 18 - March 31 | Scott Mansfield

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As many of you know, I grew up Unitarian Universalist. I have always felt at home in this faith. But trust me, I am aware that my experience is unique among UUs.

Most Unitarian Universalists come into our faith from out of another one. For most people this involves rejecting the tradition you were raised in and untangling from a spirituality that did not serve you in early life.

This is foreign to me. I never rejected my childhood faith.

But I did almost lose it once.

Like any good seminarian, I had a solid crisis of faith in the middle of seminary. Taking that deep of a dive into theology and church history and learning just how complicated and messy it all is, will bring just about anyone to the edge of faith. The question that I could not ignore during this time was

whether or not Unitarian Universalism was ENOUGH. Was their enough theology, enough richness, enough ritual, enough clarity about who we are and what we are doing together to hold me in the faith? Or was there something better out there!?

To find out, I went on a journey. An opportunity came up to travel to the Middle East and I took it. I journeyed to Iraq, Jordan, and Israel.

Now, I had high expectations on this trip, especially in Jerusalem.

I expected to really feel something and experience some sort of clarity of faith - maybe even a conversion?

You can imagine my disappointment when none of this happened. Yes, I was in awe of the beauty and history all around me, I was inspired by the traditions and the people, but my soul did not leap in a new direction and there was no voice calling me to a different faith tradition. Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, I traveled halfway around the world just to discover that there really is "no place like home."

My journey to the Middle East brought me back home and squarely back into Unitarian Universalism. What about you? What brought you here?

This month at Peoples Church we will be exploring the theme of JOURNEY. Have you ever taken a spiritual journey?

Have you ever left home? Found home? What was it like and who did you meet along the way?

Or maybe you are embarking on a journey right now. Where are you going? With whom? And what do you hope to find?

As always, it is a privilege to be on this journey with all of you. I look forward to what we can discover together!

In faith,

Rev Rebecca

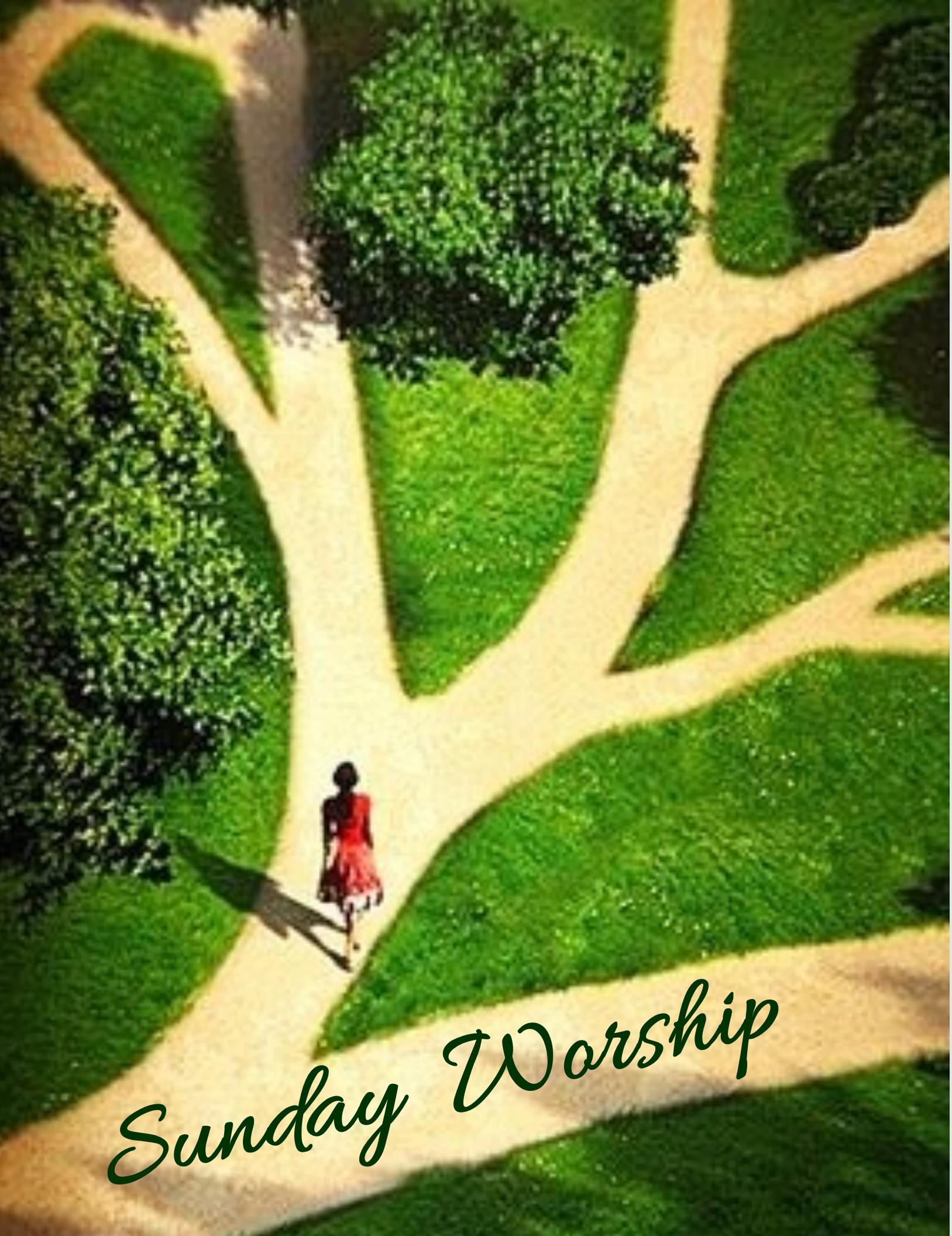
Waking & Newing MOMENT

“And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our own feet, and learn to be at home.

-Wendell Berry



Rev. Rebecca
Hinds



Sunday Worship

March 3 | 11am What's in Your Suitcase?

Like any trip, going on a spiritual journey requires us to pack well. What do you bring to the journey? What do you bring back from it? And how do you know what is worth carrying and what you can leave behind? Service led by Rev. Rebecca. Music by Bryan and Kris Davis.

This day is also Girl Scout Sunday – all Girl Scouts are invited to come to church in their uniforms!

Service led by Rev. Rebecca

Music: Brian and Kris Davis

Greeters: Aida Jones, Joye Winey

March 10 | 11am Service: Our Journey's Detours

The journey of life is straight and easy! Right?? LOL What about those detours, potholes, and hairpin curves? Where do they fit?

Service led by David Wise

Music: Jonny Lipford

Greeters: Joye Winey

March 17 | 11am Why Religion?

We are each on our own unique, individual spiritual path. So why come together at all in religious community? For all that is wrong about religion, what is RIGHT about it?

Service led by Rev. Rebecca

Music: Peoples Choir

Greeters: Joye Winey and Sheryl Ochs

March 24 | 11am Service: Crisis or Calling?

We've all heard about the midlife crisis. And now there is the quarter-life crisis and the three-quarter life crisis! Why is the aging process always seen as a crisis? Let's see if we can shift our perspective and learn to experience each unique phase of life as part of a spiritual journey. Service by Rev. Rebecca.

Music: Arianne and Abram

Greeters: Kathy Juba and Bob Butikofer

March 31 | 11am Service: TBD

Service led by Jude Johnson

Music: TBD

Greeters: Sheryl Ochs



David Wise, Director of Faith Formation

WISE WORDS

Are you tired of the snow and cold? I am! This has been a long and hard winter! Fortunately, we know that spring is getting closer each day! As spring gets closer the signs will come to life. Things like green grass, leaves re-appearing, birds in greater numbers, baseball, softball, and a spring in most of our steps! It is a time of renewal and looking forward! A time to come alive.

In my role it is a time to start looking forward as well. The Faith Formation year is coming to a close soon. Plans are being made for summer programming and we are starting to look at the fall as well.

Do you have a talent or skill that would be useful for kids to learn? Do you have a passion about a subject that would have meaning for kids? Talk to me and perhaps your

skills could benefit the Faith Formation program here at Peoples.



Easter Eggs

Beginning March 17 empty Easter eggs will be on the table outside the sanctuary. They will again be in bags of 12 eggs. The annual Easter Egg hunt will be April 21 following worship. Worship that day will be at Indian Creek. Please take a few eggs and fill them with coins, candy, or other goodies and return to the church by Thursday of April 18.

David

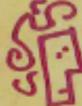


FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Peoples Church Annual

TRIVIA Night!

March 23, 2019 • 7 pm



CATEGORIES

SPORTS • IOWA HISTORY • RELIGION • GEOGRAPHY •
LITERATURE • ODDS & ENDS • BRANDS • TELEVISION

FORM YOUR TEAMS NOW!

8 people maximum per team.
Team members do not have to be from Peoples Church.
Entry fee: \$80 per team



To REGISTER

Call the office at 319-362-9827
or email office@peoplesuu.org

For more info talk to David or email dre@peoplesuu.org.

Snacks available with free-will donations

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The Membership Journey

Kathleen Mavity, Board President



Don't you just love it when ideas dovetail?

When I began writing these columns, I realized I needed a total of 12 topics, one for each month of my term as president of the Board. So I started with what leadership looks like at Peoples, then moved on to talking about our Mission, then to the five parts of our Covenant of Right Relations, and finally to the five goals of our Developmental Ministry.

I also made it a point to do my best to tie my topic in with the worship theme for that month. And this month it's the smoothest, dovetailing-est tie-in yet, because the DM goal for the month is membership, and the theme is Journey – hence the title.

So, in random order, here are my thoughts about the membership journey at Peoples.



"Different strokes for different folks" certainly applies. Some members like to sample everything the church has to offer; others like to focus on one or two areas. As long as their involvement helps them move toward being their best selves, it's all good.



No matter if someone has been a member here for a few months or for decades, they're still on a journey, still growing – and we get to be there with them.



- Each member has a responsibility to every other member to be respectful, open, accepting, and accessible.
- I know we take that responsibility seriously and put it into practice. I know that because one of the things visitors and new members comment on most often is how present and welcoming we are. Woohoo for us!
- All members have the right – and the responsibility – to ask for what they need from others. If that means saying something is not working for you, then that’s what you get to do. And if it means being delighted that it is working, you get to let the appropriate people know that, too.
- Membership is not just about the numbers. It’s also about the energy and commitment you bring to our stated goal of “creating a spiritual home for all those of good will.”
- We get what we give. The more warmth and welcome and involvement we put out into the world of Peoples, the more of that we’ll get – and the more fabulous members we’ll attract to hang with us.

So...How's your journey going?

Kathleen

Tourney



Pastoral Care Corner

Please keep these members of our congregation in your thoughts and prayers...

- Rose Gabe who is in St. Luke's room 453 until March 1. Thereafter Rose will continue her recuperation at Manor care. Rose would love to have visitors and phone calls.
- Bob Gulick is recovering from complications of dialysis. He would love cards and phone calls.
- Jerry Morris who continues to do well following major heart surgery. He is happy to be recuperating at home. Jerry's recovery will be slow and he will be out of work for awhile. For those who would like to help Jerry financially, Scott Mansfield has set up a Go Fund Me campaign:

[Go Fund Me - Jerry Morris](#)

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!*

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! Groups will meet:

First and Third Mondays | 7pm First and Third Tuesdays | 6pm TBD Wednesdays | 6pm

Young Adult Snacktivities

(snacks + activities)

Tuesday, March 26

6-8pm

Are you 18-30? Do you like snacks and having fun?

Come enjoy both and hang out with other young adults.

Our first gathering will be at Rev. Rebecca and Casey's house (who at 36 and 33 admit they are old adults, but please don't hold it against them!).

Rebecca and Casey will provide snacks and games. Contact Rebecca to RSVP and get her address.

PEOPLES CHURCH

RECOMMENDS



Global Healing Workshop

Do you feel the chaos of the times we live in? We invite you to walk the labyrinth as part of the Global Healing Response (GHR). Our purpose is to promote calm and unified healing in times of emergency or disaster.

A labyrinth is a circuitous path that leads to a center. The same path leads out when a walker is ready to leave.

By walking the labyrinth together, with unified intention we amplify our energy. We create compassionate energy that heals communities and our world.

During our time together, we will learn how science is proving that intention is energy and has an impact. As a group we will use a three-step process for walking the labyrinth to create the highest healing energy possible. This process is based on scientific experiments from around the world that studied the effects of intention.

First, we will learn how to center, balance, and energize, then practice these skills. Second, we will create positive energy and cohesiveness in our group by offering support and healing to each other. Third, our group will decide where we want to focus our unified healing energy. Then, we will walk the labyrinth with that intention. (i.e. responding to a situation in our community). Our goal is for participants to feel connected to self, others, and the larger community. From this experience all are invited to actively pursue healing community goals.

Please follow [this link](#) for a flyer with more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Passover Seder Dinner

Friday, April 19th 5:30 p.m. Andre Room



Join us for a traditional Passover Seder Dinner hosted by Laura McGraw.

The dinner is a ritual ceremonial dinner that commemorates the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. It will be an educational, as well as a fun evening, for all family members.

Tickets will be available to purchase the first two Sundays in April and also at the door the night of the dinner. Adult tickets are \$15 each and children eat free.

Will you be the child to find the hidden matzah? Attend the dinner and find out!

For more information, talk to Sheryl Ochs.

MidWest Leadership School and Youth MidWest Leadership School

July 14-20, 2019
at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa



Registration is now open for MidWest Leadership School and Youth MidWest Leadership School!

What is MWLS?

Part of the Unitarian Universalist Association's nationwide network of leadership schools, MidWest Leadership School is a week-long intensive program in leadership and group dynamics. Led by lay and ordained staff with a deep understanding of UU congregations, MWLS:

- develops both youth and adults into congregational leaders
- provides leadership tools and skills
- deepens Unitarian Universalist identity

This is an *extremely* intense week of workshops, discussions, intimate small groups, worship preparation, personal theological exploration and growth.

In exchange for wholehearted commitment to a strenuous schedule, MWLS offers a life-changing and congregation-nourishing opportunity.

For more information, please visit <https://www.mwls.org/>

Social Justice



We will be continuing our work in the area of racism, white privilege and supremacy in 2019. In addition, we will be exploring collaborating with St Marks in their African Ministry Program. This program works with immigrants from African countries who live in the vicinity. We will be holding a ***Forum on Sunday, March 10, at 10am in the Ely Room*** with relevant information on understanding the history of US policy on immigration and the reasons why people emigrate from their home countries in the African continent.

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 community. 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.

MARCH 2019



DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
2	Saturday	2–4pm	VM Rehearsal
3	Sunday	9:45–10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		10–11am	Estate Planning Forum
		11am–12pm	Worship
		2–3pm	Voices of Christ Service
6	Wednesday	5:30–6:30pm	Membership Committee Meeting
10	Sunday		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR
		9:45–10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		10–11am	SJC Forum: Partnering with St. Marks Methodist African Ministries Program
		11am–12pm	Worship
		2–3pm	Voices of Christ Service
		6:15–8:15pm	Board Meeting
11	Monday	12–1pm	Van Vechten Guild - Teresa Kurtz, Tanager Place Speaking
12	Tuesday	1–2pm	Paraministers Meeting
		7–8:30pm	LGBTQ Support Group
17	Sunday		St. Patrick's Day
		9:45–10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		10–11am	FEED IOWA FIRST Forum
		11am–12pm	Worship
		12:15–1:15pm	Worship Associates
		2–3pm	Voices of Christ Service
18	Monday		CR Schools on Spring Break
		9:30–10:30am	Archives Committee
20	Wednesday	5:30–6pm	CUUPS Ostara Potluck Gathering
		6:30–8pm	CUUPS Ritual
23	Saturday	6–10pm	Trivia Night Fundraiser COA
24	Sunday	9:45–10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am–12pm	Worship
		2–3pm	Voices of Christ Service
26	Tuesday	6–8pm	Young Adult Snacktivities
28	Thursday	6:30–7:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
31		9:45–10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am–12pm	Worship
		2–3pm	Voices of Christ Service



Estate Planning Forum | Sunday | March 3 | 10am | Ely Room

What Everyone Needs to Know About Wills and Estate Planning. Paul Morf, an estate planning attorney of Simmons Perrine, will lead a forum about wills and advanced directives.

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

Daylight Savings Time Begins | Sunday | March 10| SPRING FORWARD 1 hour !

Partnering with St. Marks Methodist African Ministries Forum |

Sunday | March 10 | 10am | Ely Room

Board Meeting | Sunday | March 10 | 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 | Monday | March 11 | 12pm | Andre Room

On this month's program: Teresa Kurtz from Tanager Place

Paraministers Meeting | Tuesday| March 12 | 1pm | Ely Room

LGBTQ Support Group | Tuesday| March 12 | 7pm

St. Patrick's Day | Sunday | March 17

Feed Iowa First Forum | Sunday | March 17 | 10am | Ely Room

Worship Associates | Sunday | March 17 | 12:15pm

Archives Committee Meeting | Monday | March 18 | 9:30am

CUUPS Ostara Potluck | Wednesday | March 20 | 5:30pm | Andre Room / Ely Room

Following the Potluck we will gather in the Ely Room to celebrate leaving the dark of winter behind and entering the light of spring!

TRIVIA NIGHT! | Saturday | March 23 | 7:00pm

Young Adult Snacktivities | Tuesday| March 26 | 6-8pm

Finance Committee | Thursday| March 28 | 6:30pm

Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee met on 2/21/19 to review financial reports.

Peoples Church cash flow was positive for the month.

- January Income \$18,507
- January Expenses \$16,835



It's cookie time! Aida Jones will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after church on **March 3 and 10**. Cost is \$4 a box for most, \$5 for ToffeeTastic (Gluten Free) and S'Mores cookies. Get your favorites while supplies last!

Last but certainly not least...

Faith Explorers will be studying Charles Eisenstein's The More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know is Possible. Eisenstein is the featured speaker at the Prairiewoods' Spirituality in the 21st Century this April. His thought provoking book discusses how small, individual acts of courage, kindness and self-trust can change our culture's guiding narrative of separation.. Faith Explorers meets at 10AM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at Kenwood Park Methodist Church. Please join us in our discussion on how we can make a difference to the world around us.



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.

The theme for 2019 is "Countries having Women Heads of State." For April it's Germany (Angela Merkel.)

We gather five times per year at each other's homes, in random groupings of six 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.

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

Peoples Church Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of bad weather, everyone is encouraged to prioritize their own safety and the safety of their family. Only come to church if you are comfortably able. An official decision on canceling Sunday morning activities (including worship, Faith Formation, and anything else on the calendar) will be made by 7:30 AM. Cancellation information will be posted as follows:

- a notice will be posted on our PCUU [website](#)
- a notice will be posted on our [facebook](#) page
- scrolling on KCRG TV and published on [the KCRG website](#)
- scrolling on KGAN TV and published on [the KGAN website](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

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. Watch the *eWeekly* and *The Voice* for more information as the preparations unfold!

Please let Rebecca, Marcy or Christine know if you'd like to help 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 mlmatti-sen@gmail.com, or leave them off at the church office with Christine.

Let's show the many seasons of Peoples Church! Thank you!



It is not too late to register for the 2019 MidAmerica Regional Assembly.

This year's Regional Assembly is being held in St. Louis, MO, 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.

Please contact Rev. Rebecca if you are interested in being a delegate.
(Delegates may vote remotely by conference call.)



