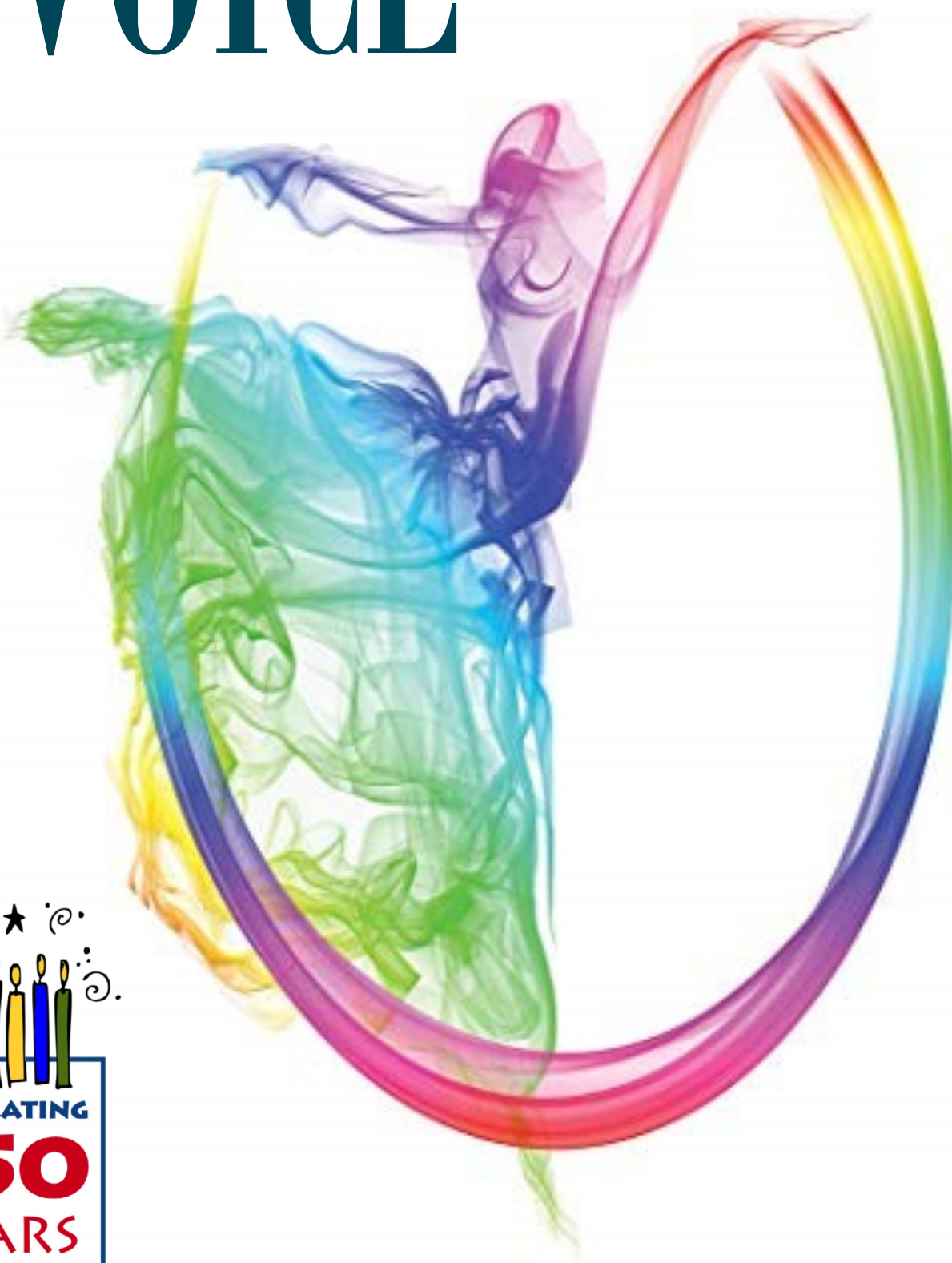


# THE VOICE



Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist  
JUNE 2019



KEEP  
CALM

I'm on  
Family  
Leave

*Welcome*

*Madeleine Malaret Hinds*

*May 22, 2019*

*Minister's*  
MOMENT



*Rev. Rebecca  
Hinds*

## **JUNE 2 | 11AM SERVICE: FINDING GRACE IN A BROKEN WORLD**

Grace is a gift of life that is unearned and undeserved. Grace shows up in our life in unexpected ways, opening the way to see beauty and experience wholeness -- even in the midst of brokenness. Service led by Rev. Diane Dowgiert.

**Music:** Jonny Lipford      **Greeters:** RC Eichacker, Joye Winey

## **JUNE 9 | 11AM SERVICE: TBD**

Service led by Rev. Emma Peterson

**Music:** Brian and Kris Davis      **Greeters:** Sheryl Ochs

## **JUNE 16 | 11AM SERVICE: BEAUTY IS TRUTH: IS THAT ALL WE NEED TO KNOW?**

The title comes from the most famous line of the poem "Ode to a Grecian Urn" by John Keats which goes "Beauty is truth, truth beauty, —that is all / Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know." I will try to discuss what beauty means for us today and why it is so vitally important in our lives. Service led by Charles Crawley.

**Music:** Quire      **Greeters:** RC Eichacker, Joye Winey

## **JUNE 23| 11AM SERVICE: BEAUTY**

What is Beauty? We are so culturally inebriated to understand what beauty is. I will explore how we as a society consider beauty. What role does it have in our lives? What are the different ways to consider beauty? Service led by Rev. Jay Wolin .

**Music:** Scott Mansfield      **Greeters:** TBD

## **JUNE 30 | 11AM SERVICE: ALL IS GRACE**

Brennan Manning wrote that "if I've learned anything about the world of grace, it's that failure is always a chance for a do-over." In this service, we will explore what grace means to our active faith, how compassion can fuel our work, and the strength that is found in community. Service led by Andrea Hawkins-Kamper.

**Music:** Karen Pierce      **Greeters:** RC Eichacker

David Wise, Director of Faith Formation



# WISE WORDS

The Faith Formation year has come to a close! It was a fun year with new adventures!!

As we look forward to the 2019-2020 Faith Formation year it is time for even more new adventures! We will be starting Faith Formation classes for adults! It has long been a desire and a need for the congregation and I am excited that we are going to be able to provide thoughtful and creative options beginning this fall.

In September, October, and November we will offer Transgender Inclusion in Congregations A 6-session online course

This course is for individuals, groups, and congregations who want to take their knowledge and skills to the next level in terms of trans identity and how to create congregations that are fully inclusive and affirming of the full breadth of gender diversity.

Over six sessions you will deeply explore the intersection of trans identity, spirituality, and faith community, and gain the grounding, context, and skills to transform yourself and your congregation.

This course is designed for people and groups within generally LGBTQ-welcoming congregations. It was developed with Unitarian Universalists in mind, but it is applicable to other faith communities and contexts as well.

This course is for everyone from novices on trans identity to those with decades of life experience. Rather than simply offering a “trans 101,” this class pushes participants to the next level of congregational welcome, relationship-building, and skills-building. It counters mainstream narratives about who trans people are; supports understanding of non-binary identities (such as genderqueer, agender, and two spirit); and employs a deeply intersectional approach. Congregational teams are particularly encouraged to participate.

The course is composed of six sessions, each of which includes a 45- to 60-minute lecture, reflection questions, and resources that take the conversation deeper.

We will offer the class on September 8 and 22, October 6 and 20, and November 3 and 17. This is a curriculum that we are purchasing and it includes a video license to

view the lectures. Participants can view the lecture in advance at home or come early to watch in a group. Then the discussion time will ensue.

In January, February, and March we will offer a series from Katie Couric on issues of the day.

From the ways in which people live and communicate to how they view the past, future and one another, American society is in the midst of seemingly head-spinning changes. To explore some of the most divisive, contentious and often confusing issues in today's culture, Katie Couric travels to dozens of cities across North America to talk with people at the forefront of this revolution. Covering pressing issues, including gender inequality, Muslims in America, political correctness, the battle over Confederate monuments and statues, and how technology is affecting humanity, Couric enlists cultural icons, experts and everyday people to help her look past the noise, politics and individual discomfort to understand complicated truths.

This will also be six sessions and be held January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16, and March 1 and 15. Again participants can view the lecture in advance at home or come early to watch in a group. Then the discussion time will ensue.

Additionally, we are going to be starting some Affinity groups. These groups will bring together who have something in common. We are planning on a Men's group called Kindle, a couples group called Oasis, and a parents group named Brave Hearts. A group for 20's and 30's has also started. These groups are not necessarily groups that are going to study curriculum. Their goal will be to provide fellowship opportunities. If a study develops that is fine as well but mostly a chance to get with others facing the same issues and discussing possibilities. Look for more info on those as the summer progresses.

Lastly, HARRY POTTER camp for children will be July 14, 21, and 28. It will be held at 9:45 in the Faith Formation rooms. Volunteers are still needed! Let me know if you are able to help.

The camp will conclude with a Harry Potter trivia contest for kids after worship and a Harry Potter trivia contest for adults in the later afternoon! *David*



# Faith Formation is having a fundraiser!

Everyone likes shirts right? We have 2 designs that can be ordered online.



Simply go to: <https://onemission.fund/support/pcff/?shopfor=173649>

Scroll down and you can pick out your favorite shirt or hoodie! You can choose between 2 designs or buy both! If shirts are not your thing coffee cups are also available.

We have partnered with a company from Mount Vernon called One Mission. We love that they are local and are committed to things that we at Peoples care about!

“One Mission is founded on strong values and a devotion to quality and service. We adhere to exceptionally high standards of production and sustainability for absolutely everything we make. This includes a commitment to Made in the USA, No Animal Testing, Recycled Corrugate & Shipping Material, and a whole list of other product standards that ensure the highest level of performance and safety for you, your family, and our planet.

Inspired by the simple goal of helping more people do more good, One Mission exists ultimately for missionaries, non-profits, and many other important groups and individuals that entrust us with their fundraising needs.”

## **There are 3 easy ways YOU can support our fundraiser:**

1. You can purchase any of One Mission’s great products and 40% of what you spend will be donated.
2. You can donate cash (One Mission doesn’t charge a platform fee).
3. You can share this fundraiser with your friends and family.

Please consider doing all these of these things!

***How will you help the Faith Formation fundraiser?***

## *Mike Meshak, new Board President*

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Mike, welcome to your new position as Board President.

We hope this journey will be joyful and enriching.

We look forward to Mike's first column in the July issue of the Voice.





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are in need of a few people who can help with cleaning  
the church building for the next few weeks.

Please contact the office at 362-9827 to volunteer.

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## *ALL* COMMITTEES, TEAMS, & GROUPS

At the end of your gatherings we ask that you *please*  
clean up, take all your materials,  
*and*  
return the room to its original set up.

*Thank you*



**CELEBRATING**

**150  
YEARS**

**1869-2019**

**PEOPLES  
CHURCH**

**WWW.PEOPLESUU.ORG**



## **SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS**

***Open House and Ice Cream Social  
with Special Guest Speaker to be  
announced in the July Voice!***

Peoples Church

Saturday, September 14

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### ***Celebration Dinner***

The Flamingo

Saturday, September 14

Cocktails 5pm

Dinner 6pm

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### ***Special Guest***

*Rev. Linda Hansen*

*Sunday Worship*

*September 15 11am*

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### ***High Tea***

Following Sunday Worship

*September 15*

*Watch this page each month for more information.*



# ***We need your help!***

## **1. Provide names & addresses**

Have you thought of a Peoples friend or former member who would like to join in our celebration weekend? Please share their name and address with us. We don't want anyone left out!

Please submit information to the office at [office@peoplesuu.org](mailto:office@peoplesuu.org) or place in the Operations Coordinator mailbox.

## **2. 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. 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.

Please submit your stories to the office at [office@peoplesuu.org](mailto:office@peoplesuu.org) or place in the Operations Coordinator mailbox.

## **3. Request for Photos!**

Do you have photos of Peoples People doing interesting things at church events, or of items relevant to PCUU history? Archives Committee has begun an enormous project to digitize all the photographs that have accumulated in the Archive Room, and put them into a searchable resource.

If you have actual, physical photographs, you can leave them in the ARCHIVES COMMITTEE mailbox. Digital photographs may be sent to [bevphilpott@gmail.com](mailto:bevphilpott@gmail.com) who will forward them to the committee. Whatever you provide should also include a "who, what, when, where, why?" explanation, or as much information as you can provide. (Do NOT write on the backs of actual photographs, it shows through the scanning!) Let us know if you want the photo(s) back.

### **We have a variety of items with which you can commemorate our 150th Birthday!**



They are:

- A set of 4 coasters (\$20)
- An insulated travel mug (\$20)
- A coffee cup (\$10)

You may purchase these items after the next two Sunday Worship Services and at our office, *while supplies last*.

*We regret that we are unable to ship these items to you.*

### **Peoples Church SESQUICENTENNIAL**



*Nurturing the Flame!*

RECEPTION & DINNER • CELEBRATORY WORSHIP  
• HISTORICAL DISPLAYS • SPECIAL GUESTS • HIGH  
TEA • RECEPTION & DINNER • CELEBRATORY  
WORSHIP • HISTORICAL DISPLAYS • SPECIAL  
GUESTS • HIGH TEA • HOMECOMING RECEPTION  
& DINNER • CELEBRATORY WORSHIP •  
HISTORICAL DISPLAYS • SPECIAL GUESTS • HIGH

**1869 - 2019**

**Mark your calendar:**

**September 14 & 15, 2019**

# Pancake Breakfast

Sunday September 8

8:30-10:30

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!!!**

*How many  
can YOU  
eat???*





### **ARCHIVE COMMITTEE**

We have items available that the Church no longer needs. They will be available for the cost of a donation to the church. Items from 3rd Ave include:

- one of John Ely's "thing" bins
- footrest from the organ
- Latin text picture
- china bell
- French New Testament
- assorted Youth Con t-shirts.

All items will be available until June 30th, at which point they will be disposed of.



DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
2	Sunday	11am – 12pm	Worship
		6:15 – 8:15pm	Board Meeting
5	Wednesday	5:30 – 6:30pm	Membership Committee Meeting
9	Sunday	11am – 12pm	Worship
10	Monday	12pm	Van Vechten Guild Potluck & Summer Partings
11	Tuesday	1 – 2pm	Paraministers Meeting
		7 – 8:30pm	LGBTQ Support Group
12	Wednesday	1 – 2pm	Interior Design Team Meeting
13	Thursday	12 – 1pm	Sesquicentennial Meeting
16	Sunday		Father's Day
		11am – 12pm	Worship
		12:15 – 1:15pm	Worship Associates
17	Monday	9:30 – 10:30am	Archives Committee
		6:30-8:30pm	CUUPS Meeting and Full Moon Ritual
18	Tuesday	1:30 – 2:30pm	Stewardship Committee
23	Sunday	11am – 12pm	Worship
30	Sunday	11am – 12pm	Worship



**Board Meeting | Sunday | June 2 | 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 | June 10 | 12pm | Andre Room**

Potluck and Summer Partings

**CUUPS Meeting and Full Moon Ritual Monday| June 17| 6:30-8:30pm**

This is a crucial meeting and ritual to attend! We need as many voting members or individuals who would like to become official members as possible to attend this meeting. Your current leadership team will be hosting this meeting and following it up with a ritual vote to approve policy changes and leadership exchange. If any of our active members are interested in a leadership position with CUUPS, please message the public CUUPS Facebook page or one of the current leadership team members.

**SUMMER CAMP REMINDER**

The summer camp program for Faith Formation is taking on a Harry Potter theme. The camp will be July 14, 21, and 28. There will be a trivia contest for kids after worship on the 28<sup>th</sup> and a trivia contest for adults later in the afternoon.

We are in need of volunteers to help lead the sessions. You do not have to develop the program—it is all set. You just need to lead and help the children with the tasks! Class will be at 9:45 on those Sundays.

If you are able to help—let me know! David at [dre@peoplesuu.org](mailto:dre@peoplesuu.org).



Finance Committee met on 5/21/19 to review financial reports for April.

Peoples Church cash flow was positive for the month. Income is ahead of expenses because a number of folks are paying their yearly pledge early, and we also received an endowment disbursement in April.

- April Income \$35,161
- April Expenses \$14,063



# Social Justice

**Juneteenth on Saturday, June 15 from 10 to 4.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We still need volunteers for our PCUU booth at Juneteenth on June 15 at Viola Gibson Park in SE Cedar Rapids. If you have experience putting together a canopy you are especially needed. Also, we are looking for people who will donate cookies that we can share with the celebrators. Please join us in this annual celebration of freedom with our African-American community members. Contact [marcia.swift@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.swift@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**Black Lives Matter.** To be an ally to people of color is to take on the struggle as your own; to stand up, even when you feel scared; to be a compassionate presence; to partner with others to build a fair and just world; and to take compassionate action.

The SJC wishes to demonstrate our ally ship by putting up a Black Lives Matter banner in this way. If you have any questions or comments please talk to Marcia Swift or Rev. Rebecca.



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Office Hours

Tuesday 8:30-2:30  
Wednesday 8:30-2:30  
Thursday 8:30-2:30  
Friday 8:30-10:30

### Childcare Providers

Valerie Angerer Zieser  
Eva Devi

### Custodians

Jerry Morris

## OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### **President**

Mike Meshak  
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## PEOPLES CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

LEADING COMPASSIONATE LIVES THROUGH  
SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND JUST ACTION.



# CARING COMMUNITY

### Good Neighbors

Kathy Juba | 378-3116 | [kathywilson@imonmail.com](mailto:kathywilson@imonmail.com)

### Paraministers

May 27-June 9 | Jan Fedderer  
June 10-23 | Scott Mansfield  
June 24-July 7 | Dot Hershner

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS.

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