

THE VOICE



Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist
MAY 2019

Spring is here and I could not be more delighted! The yellow and red tulips opening in my garden are a warm, welcome sight.

Last fall, when I planted the tulip bulbs, I was thinking to myself, “by the time these tulips bloom it will be just about the time for Casey and me to welcome our new baby.”

Casey is due May 19th and we could not be more excited to welcome our daughter to the world. We feel ready, but I know we are in for some surprises and have a lot to learn. I am endlessly curious about what the whole experience will be like.

And I know you have questions too! Are you curious about how my life transition will impact the church? Well, here is everything I know so far:

I have no special talent. I am just passionately curious.

-Albert Einstein

duration of my leave time, and boy are you in for a treat! We have some fabulous preachers lined up! Here is the schedule:

- o May 19: David Wise
- o May 26: Kathleen Mavity
- o June 2: Rev. Diane Dowgiert (minister of the UU Society of Iowa City)
- o June 9: Emma Peterson (minister of Cedar Valley UUs in Cedar Falls)

o June 16: Charles Crawley (president of the Inter Religious Council of Linn County)

o June 23: Rev. Jay Wolin (minister of the UU Congregation of the Quad Cities)

o June 30: Andrea Hawkins-Kamper (ministerial intern at the UU Congregation of the Quad Cities)

- When the baby is born, I will be taking 6 weeks of parental leave. I will not be checking email or voice mail during this time as I take care of my family and new baby.
- David Wise has graciously agreed to be on call for pastoral care emergencies while I am gone. You can contact him at the church (319-362-9827 or dre@peoplesuu.org)
- In addition, our Paraministers will be on call as usual. Please check their schedule here in the Voice and in the eWeekly and call them as needed.
- Sunday morning worship services are covered for the

- When my six weeks of parental leave is up, it will be right around the beginning of July and the start of my annual 4 weeks of Study Leave. During the month of July, I will be working from home, reading, studying, and preparing for the 2019-2020 church year.
- Our talented Worship Associate Team will be hosting worship services in July. They have some wonderful, wild ideas that you will be sure to enjoy!

With a grateful heart, I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks and then again in August.

In faith,

Rev. Rebecca

Minister's MOMENT



Rev. Rebecca
Hinds

**MAY 5 | 11AM SERVICE: THE GREATEST UNITARIAN SERMON EVER
PREACHED & NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

Exactly 200 years ago on this date, William Ellery Channing preached what has come to be known as The Baltimore Sermon, the greatest Unitarian sermon ever preached. What was Channing so passionate about and how does his message speak to us today? Service led by Rev. Rebecca.

Music: Joan Jacob **Greeters:** RC Eichacker

MAY 12 | 11AM SERVICE: FLOWER CEREMONY SUNDAY

Spring is bursting forth all around us! Come celebrate beauty, life, and community as we share in our annual Flower Ceremony. Please bring a flower to the service with you! Service led by Rev. Rebecca.

Music: Deb Hunemuller and Pete Kies **Greeters:** Bob Butikofer

MAY 19 | 11AM SERVICE: CURIOSITY IN OUR DAILY LIVING

It is said that “curiosity is the most important thing you own.” If that is true how can we best use curiosity to our advantage in our daily living? Service led by David Wise.

Music: Peoples Choir **Greeters:** Sheryl Ochs

MAY 26 | 11AM SERVICE: AREN'T YOU CURIOUS?

Have you ever wondered whether curiosity could be a tool for spiritual growth? Whether, by choosing curiosity over judgment, we could better connect with others and begin to heal the divisions of our world? Come explore the possibilities. Service led by Kathleen Mavity.

Music: Deborah Dakin **Greeters:** TBD



David Wise, Director of Faith Formation

WISE WORDS

Have you ever been curious about something? Perhaps what was going to happen next on a television show? Maybe where your next adventure was going to take you? Perhaps you were curious what college was going to be like? Perhaps you wondered what you might learn when your parents drug you to church as a child? Perhaps you wondered what you might learn when you drug your parents to church?

We all have curiosities about people and situations in our lives. We do not know all the answers, and even with the internet and what it is becoming, we still don't have answers to everything! The children of Peoples are curious as well! They are curious about the songs we sing, the readings we hear, the prayers that are lifted up, and the sermons that are preached. The kids in Faith Formation love to ask questions and get their curiosity fix!

It is hard to imagine that we are approaching the end of the Faith Formation year! The children have learned about the Principles, the history of Peoples, how the board operates, why music is important, and what the pastor does. They are always asking questions and seeking answers! Just like we want them to be doing!!

The first year of the new format for Faith Formation and Worship has gone extremely

well! There have been a few hiccups. That is normal. Anytime we have radical change there are going to be a few bumps! But they have been minimal. The kids have really benefited from, and enjoyed, being in worship. They have enjoyed helping in worship as well. As we continue this journey I hope to see more children in class and more children helping in the leading of worship!

I know there are adults who are curious as well 😊 and I know there are adults who are looking for ways to help at Peoples. Have you considered teaching a class? Talk to me and we can chat about what teaching entails and how you can help your own curiosity as well as the curiosity of the children of Peoples!

David

Adult Faith Formation is coming!

Rebecca and David have been talking and plotting! Stay tuned brave hearts for an oasis that provides a catalyst and an opportunity to kindle personal growth! It will have an impact and provide a lifeline to this venture we call life!



Easter Egg Hunt Fun!



Cedar Lake Walk



That's all folks! (Not really.)

Kathleen Mavity, Board President

I love this line from Semisonic's Closing Time: "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

My year as Board President is coming to an end, and I can honestly say it was a very, very satisfying experience. Of course, that was due in large part to having great people to work with: Rebecca Hinds, Geoff Johnson, Jude Johnson, Kathy Juba, Gary McGraw, Mike Meshak, and David Miessler-Kubaneck.

One of the most satisfying elements is seeing how everything we've done so far as part of our developmental ministry all hangs together. For example, by addressing governance (DM goal #1), we're clarifying how we can more effectively address communication, finances, membership, and involvement in the broader community (goals 2 - 5).

Another source of great satisfaction is the feeling that we're in a whole new emotional space these days. There were some serious challenges in the recent past – the move from downtown, interpersonal conflicts, and so forth – and it feels like these are in the past. I've spoken with numerous Peoples people who say we've turned a corner; we're focused on the future and what works, not on the past and what doesn't work.

I'm happy to have had some part in that. Thanks for the opportunity.

Kathleen



PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

Banjay!

May 4, 2019 | 7 p.m.



Featuring

Bob & Kristie Black,
with Joy Ward



Tickets \$20

[eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door



"Bob's banjo music is a dipperful of cold well water at the end of a long, hot, dusty day."
— Greg Brown



"I believe Bob Black is the best playing the old-time fiddle numbers of any banjo player."
— Bill Monroe



Recipient, 2002 Traditional Arts Award by the Iowa Arts Council for outstanding contribution to the Arts in Iowa | Iowa Bluegrass Hall of Fame member.



PEOPLES CHURCH
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Tickets, priced at \$20 including online fees, are [available here](#)
and at the door May 4th.

Celebration Dinner

The Flamingo
Saturday, September 14
Cocktails 5pm
Dinner 6pm

Special Guest

Rev. Linda Hansen
Sunday Worship
September 15 11am

High Tea

Following Sunday Worship
September 15

*Watch this page each month for
more information.*

***3 ways we need your
help RIGHT NOW!***

1. Provide names & addresses

Have you thought of a Peoples friend or former member who would like to join in our celebration week-end?

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 or place in the Operations Coordinator mailbox.

2. Help Build Our Story!

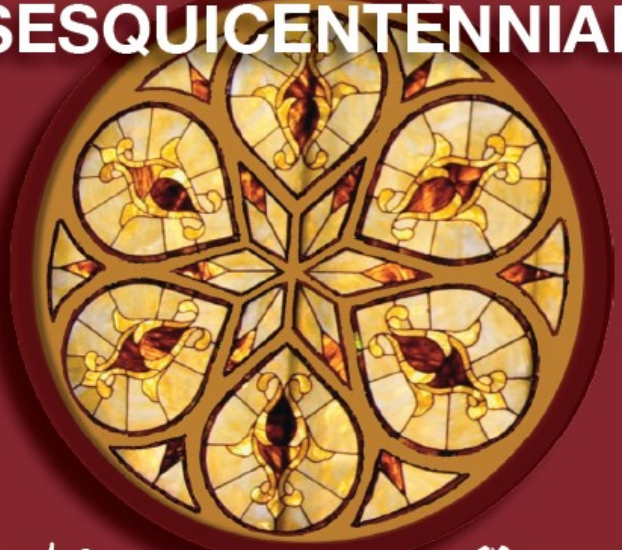
To help tell our 150-year story, will you share YOUR Peoples stories?

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 or place in the Operations Coordinator mailbox.

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

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 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.

2019 Seder Meal



2019 Easter Worship Service



B A B Y

Welcome & Open House

We're happy to announce an Open House/Shower for the Revs. Rebecca, Casey and their baby!

July 23 from 5-7 pm

Peoples Church Andre Room

Light refreshments
and many smiles guaranteed

Watch for more details as plans progress

Questions? Email [Kathy Juba](mailto:KathyJuba@peopleschurch.org)
or call her at 319 378-3116.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

**Our Annual Meeting is
Sunday, May 19th**

**We will have a potluck at
12pm in the Andre Room.**

**The meeting will start *no
earlier* than 12:30pm.**

All are welcome!

Watch for updates about Peoples Church edible landscape as they become available.

We will also need a few more volunteers to help finish cleaning up the church yard in the next few weeks. Watch for day, time, and plans. Call Sue Davis with questions 981-4494.



REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEES, TEAMS, & GROUPS

At the end of your gatherings we ask that you please remember to
clean up
and
return the room to its original set up.

Thank you

Events and Opportunities

This spring Faith Explorers will be studying David Brooks' new work, The Second Mountain: the Quest for a Moral Life. Brooks is a noted columnist for The New York Times and frequent guest on the PBS News Hour. His new book explores commitments that define a life of meaning and purpose. To read more about this work see the [New York Time Opinion piece](#) by David Brooks or his [PBS interview](#) with Walter Isaacson.

Faith Explorers meet at 10 AM on the first and third Saturdays of the month at Kenwood Park Methodist Church. Please join us as we explore The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life.



**Lost
and
Found**

The Lost and Found will be cleaned out at the end of May with items donated or disposed of.

PLEASE, everyone, take the time to check the Lost and Found drawer below the staff and committee mailboxes.



DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
1	Wednesday	5:30-6:30pm	Membership Committee Meeting
		6-8pm	CUUPS Beltane Potluck and Ritual
		7 – 8pm	Peoples Choir Practice
4	Saturday	10am-noon	Second of 2-part New Members Class
		7-9pm	Banjoy Concert
5	Sunday	all day	Cinco de Mayo
		9:45-10:45am	Faith Formation Classes
		10-11am	Board Forum
		11am-noon	Worship
		12:15pm	Social Justice Committee Meeting
		6:15-8:15pm	Board Meeting
8	Wednesday	7 – 8pm	Peoples Choir Practice
12	Sunday	all day	Mothers Day!
		9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am – 12pm	Worship/Flower Ceremony
13	Monday	12 – 1pm	Van Vechten Guild
14	Tuesday	7 – 8:30pm	LGBTQ Support Group
15	Wednesday	7 – 8pm	Peoples Choir Practice
16	Thursday	12 – 1pm	Sesquicentennial Meeting
17	Friday	6:30 – 8pm	CUUPS Flower Full Moon
19	Sunday	9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am-noon	Worship
		12 – 2pm	Congregational Meeting (Potluck at noon; meeting at 12:30pm)
		6:30 – 8pm	CUUPS Meeting
20	Monday	9:30 – 10:30am	Archives Committee
21	Tuesday	6:30 – 7:30pm	Finance Committee
22	Wednesday	7 – 8pm	Peoples Choir Practice
24	Friday		VOICE ITEMS DUE
26	Sunday	9:45 – 10:45am	Faith Formation Class for children and youth
		11am-noon	Worship
		2 – 5pm	Private Rental of Andre Room
27	Monday	all day	Memorial Day
		4 – 6pm	CUUPS Memorial in Memorium: A Discussion on Celebrations of Life
29	Wednesday	7-8pm	Peoples Choir Practice
30	Thursday	6 – 8pm	Young Adult Group

CUUPS Beltane Potluck and Ritual |
Wednesday | May 1 | 6pm | We will gather together at Kenwood Park to celebrate in the spirit of fire and fertility to honor Beltane. *Rain site — Andre Room*

Second of a 2-part Spring New Member Class | Saturday | May 4| 10am-noon
Are you interested in learning more about Peoples? Have you been thinking about joining the church? Come to the New Member Classes! Contact Rev. Rebecca to sign up at minister@peoplesuu.org. Child Care available by request.

Banjoo Concert | May 4 | 7pm
See flyer on page 10 for more details.

Board Form | Sunday | May 5 | 10am| Ely Room
Come together for conversations, to make connections, and share .

Board Meeting | Sunday | May 5 | 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 | May 13| 12pm | Andre Room
Linda Olsen from Chains Interrupted (anti-trafficking) will speak.

Thanks to everyone who came on Earth Day to help clean up the yard and help Feed Iowa First add to our edible landscape project.

CUUPS Flower Full Moon Ritual
Friday | May 17| 6:30-8pm
We will gather together to honor our mother moon in the beautiful season of flowers. We will meet at the Bever Park Zoo Gazebo, near Old McDonalds Farm. *Rain site—Ely Room*

Congregational Meeting | Sunday | May 19 | Noon-2pm | Andre Room
This meeting is open to all, however, only members may vote on agenda items. We will begin with a potluck after the worship service, with the congregational meeting following. The meeting will begin no earlier than 12:30 PM.

CUUPS Monthly Meeting | Monday | May 20 | 6:30 | Ely Room
Join us as we gather to celebrate our own little community and family, both socially and with planning upcoming celebrations—classes, full moons, and Litha!

CUUPS Memorial in Memorium: A discussion on Celebrations of Life | Monday| May 27| 4-6pm
We will meet at the Bever Park Zoo Gazebo, near Old McDonald’s Farm. One of our members is training to be a funeral director and will lead a discussion on funeral rites. We will learn what types of burials/rites are feasible and legal. *Rain site — Ely room.*

Young Adult Group| Thursday | May 30| 6-8pm
Young adults are invited to gather again, this time at Allyson's house. We'll be cooking food and snacks around the firepit and enjoying each others company! Email Allyson for the address at akbrowner@gmail.com if you're interested in coming!



Social Justice

The project to provide land for gardening to our African immigrant neighbors program progresses. St Marks, our neighboring church will be building raised garden beds. Once these are built planting will begin along the side of the church between the parking lot and Gordon Ave. Our neighbors will be planting such items as white eggplant, beans, squash, tomatoes, and lenga-lenga. Lenga-lenga is a crop native to their African countries that is a main part of their diet. It is not familiar to westerners. **We are looking for donations of rain barrels.** We have also offered the neighbors the opportunity to pick some of our onions, kale, and rhubarb. Our neighbors will be doing all of their own gardening and will only need from us our land, support, and goodwill. Questions about this project can be directed to marcia.swift@gmail.com.



Lu Wilcox has set up a signup.com account for us for volunteering to help our African neighbors through the St Marks Ministry program. [Email Lu here](#) to be invited to join. Signing up does not commit you to anything. Once the program is underway we can use signup.com to determine when a volunteer is needed and you decide if you can help that day.

Contact your congressional representatives in support of HR6, the "American Dream & Promise Act." This bill will allow Dreamers and immigrants who have been protected due to war or natural disasters in their home countries to apply for permanent legal status in the US.

SJC will meet on Sunday, May 5 at 12:15 in the Ely Room.

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Friday 8:30-10:30

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THE VOICE.

PEOPLES CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

LEADING COMPASSIONATE LIVES THROUGH
SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND JUST ACTION.



Good Neighbors

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May 13 — May 26 | Suzie Hauter | 448-4490

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS.

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