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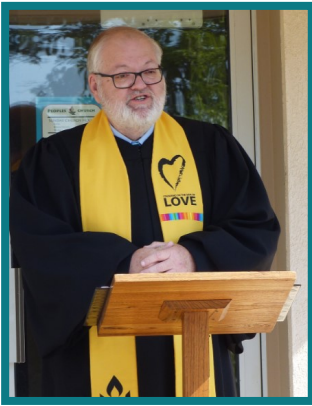
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Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

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Pastor's Page

Over the last few weeks, I have thought about issues of justice quite a bit! It seems every time we turn around something more is being taken away or restricted. We must fight the oppression and injustice that is in the world. It is part of the nature of Unitarian Universalists to stand up for what is right—not what is convenient. I am reminded of the words of the classic song of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers:

Well, I won't back down
No I won't back down
You could stand me up at the gates of Hell
But I won't back down

No I'll stand my ground
Won't be turned around
And I'll keep this world from draggin' me down
Gonna stand my ground
And I won't back down

Hey baby
There ain't no easy way out (I won't back down)
Hey I will stand my ground
And I won't back down

Well, I know what's right
I got just one life
In a world that keeps on pushin' me

around
But I'll stand my ground
And I won't back down

Hey baby
There ain't no easy way out (I won't back down)
Hey I will stand my ground (I won't back down)
And I won't back down

Hey baby
There ain't no easy way out (I won't back down)
Hey I won't back down

Hey baby
There ain't no easy way out (I won't back down)
Hey I will stand my ground (I won't back down)
And I won't back down (I won't back down)
No I won't back down

*Lyrics and Music by Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne

These next few months are going to rough!
Don't back down! Stand up for what you believe!!

David

As I begin my second year as Interim Pastor I want to say thank you for all of the patience and love this past year! It was a long year in many ways but it was also a good year here at Peoples! Thank you to everyone who helped make that possible!

Follow [this link](#) to our home page where you can join a
live stream of our
11am Sunday Worship service.

**August
2022
Service
Themes**

becoming

commitment

listening

healing

BOARD PRESIDENT

During these dog days of summer your Board and Search Committee have been working hard. Discussions have focused on how we can best support our Interim Ministry with David and our longer term ministerial search goals. It has become clear during our search efforts over the past year and during our discussions this summer, that UU ministry is not immune from the labor challenges affecting so many professions. There are now three other congregations in Iowa (Ames, Des Moines, Quad Cities) that are in the process of replacing called ministers and recently contracted with interim ministers.



THE SEARCH CONTINUES...



Steve Hershner

After careful, thoughtful discussion, the Board and Search Committee will support possible inclusion of non-UU ministerial candidates in our search process. With approval from the Board, the Search Team has adapted existing UUA search guidelines. They felt this was necessary in order to delve deeply into any non-UU applicant's ability to effectively minister to a congregation like Peoples, with its plurality of beliefs. We will continue to provide information to the congregation as our journey of search continues.

On another note, Covid sub-variants continue to increase overall infection rates, we will continue to monitor CDC guidelines, please take necessary precautions and stay safe!

Peace,
Steve

STEWARDSHIP

From the Stewardship Team

Thanks to everyone who has returned their pledge form so far in this year's stewardship campaign. We're over half way to our goal of \$180,000! If we have not heard from you yet, there is still plenty of time to make your pledge before August 15 when the No Hassle phase of the campaign ends.

As Bob Butikofer pointed out recently, even small increases in your pledge makes a big difference when it's all added up. To meet our goal, an average increase of 3.2% is all it takes. So please make your pledge soon. If you need a pledge form or other information please contact Bryan Davis: bd@bryandavis.us or 319 361-9280.

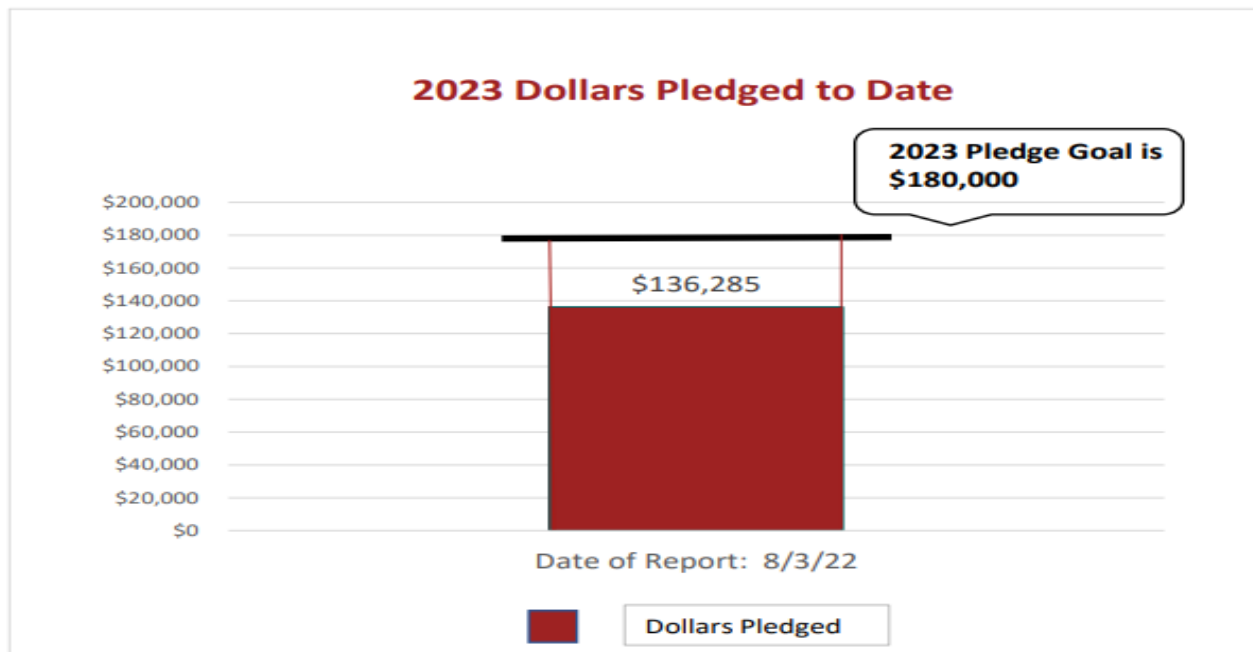


ROOTED IN LOVE • ACTIVELY GROWING

2023 Peoples Church Pledge Campaign

Date of Report: 8/3/22

Total Dollars 2023 Pledge Goal	\$180,000	
2023 Dollars Pledged to Date	\$136,285	76%
Goal for Pledge Returns	99	
Number Pledges Counted	39	39%



Please let us know your pledge intentions for calendar year 2023 as soon as you can.
No time for forms? Contact Charlie Cizio at pcuu.pledge.treasurer@gmail.com or 319-395-7499.
Thank you for your generous and timely response!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

First Sunday Plate Collection: Common Cause Education Fund

Meskwaki Annual Powwow

The Social Justice Council invites all congregants and their families to join us for an afternoon at the Meskwaki Annual Powwow. In keeping with the congregation's vote, attending this event helps to educate us about our neighbors, the Meskwaki Settlement in Iowa. This powwow is the only one of its kind in Iowa and is held annually on the only Indian Settlement in the state. Every year, relatives and friends from across the country unite for four days of laughter, dancing, singing, reminiscing and reconnection.



We will be going to the Powwow on Saturday, August 13. We will meet at the church at 11:45 am and return around 4 pm. This will be a great experience for all of us and especially our youth.

Admission for Faith Formation Families will be covered. If

anyone else needs help paying the admission contact Pastor David at minister@peoplesuu.org. Contact us at pcuusocialjustice@gmail.com if you wish to participate.



Juneteenth 2022!



A vote is a kind of prayer about the kind of world you want to live in.

US Senator and Reverend Raphael Warnock

THE LEGACY OF REDLINING, RACIAL SEGREGATION, & TAKING ACTION IN OUR COMMUNITY

A Community Conversation on the Past, Present, & Future

Facilitated by

NAACP-CR #4013 Criminal Justice Committee and
the African American Museum of Iowa

NAACP



**AFRICAN
AMERICAN
MUSEUM
OF IOWA**



**MAPPING
EXCLUSION**
REDLINING IN IOWA

JULY 7 & AUGUST 4, 2022 / 6-8 PM

FREE

African American Museum of Iowa
Cedar Rapids, IA

5:45-6:00pm Registration

6:00-7:00pm Guided tour of the AAMI Redlining Exhibition

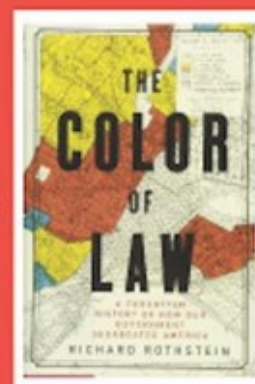
7:00-7:40pm Panel discussion with community leaders

7:40-8:00pm Create a personal/professional action plan

FREE 2HR CEU INCLUDED
IOWA BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

- Identify how redlining and racial segregation are still impacting our community today
- Examine the role we have as community health professionals in addressing the relationship between redlining and public health inequities
- Create a personal and professional action plan to address the impacts of redlining in our community

Win a copy of
**The Color of Law: A
Forgotten History of
How Our Government
Segregated America**
by Richard Rothstein



Eric McKinley-Thompson

MEd, PhD candidate, Assistant Director,
The Academy for Scholastic and Personal
Success

Karey Chase

MPA, Director of Community Impact, United
Way of Cedar Rapids

Aaron Terrones

Support Services Director, Willis Dady Shelter

Scan to Register



Why have a celebration concert?

Why not have a celebration concert?!

Looking back, it's been a heck-of-a two and one-half years, hasn't it? Extreme pandemic, extreme weather, extreme politics - it's been a lot to deal with. But we're still here! Peoples Church has survived and thrived through it all. So maybe it's time to pat ourselves on the back a little! And invite the whole community to join us in an evening of family-friendly music, no ticket needed. Set aside Saturday, September 3, 7:00 PM when the Deep Dish Divas and Bryan Bowers will be on stage at Peoples doing what they do best - great music! Church members can attend in person or online, same as Sunday morning. And tell your friends and family that they are welcome to enjoy the show in person or on YouTube and Facebook. What a great way to rev things up for the new church year!



September 3, 2022

**Peoples Church Celebration Concert -
We're Still Here And Thriving!
Saturday, September 3, 7:00 PM**

Featuring:
Deep Dish Divas and Bryan Bowers
Open to the Cedar Rapids community

FREE ADMISSION!
to the church or
online Concert
(FB-Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist
YT-Peoples Church UUU Cedar Rapids Iowa)



Peoples Church
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AUGUST

Summer's lease hath all too short a date.

William Shakespeare

Day	Date	Time	Event
Saturday	6	all day	Tisha B'Av Eve
Sunday	7	all day 11am	Tisha B'Av Worship
Sunday	14	11am 12:45pm	Worship Worship Associates
Monday	15	all day	Assumption of Mary
Wednesday	17	1-2pm	Social Justice Team Meeting
Sunday	21	11am	Worship
Thursday	25	6:30-8pm	Board meeting
Friday	26	all day	Voice submissions due
Saturday	27	9am-1pm	Board Retreat
Sunday	28	11am	Worship

Be Alert for Fraud

Peoples Church Minister, Board members, and staff will:

- **NEVER** text or email you to ask for money or gift cards.
- **NEVER** text or email you to ask for your social security number and/or birthdate.

Do not respond to these communications!

If you receive either request, please let the office know.

It is increasingly common for people to be impersonated on social platforms. Please be aware of the possibility that you could be seeing or following a fake account on any social media platform. If you are in doubt if an account belongs to Peoples Church, please check with us.

WAYS TO GIVE WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING



Send in a check to:
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laptop or desktop at
www.peoplesuu.org –
go to the Donate Now tab.
*This option does not work from
your smart phone.*



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on your smart phone.
Go to the **App Store**
or **Google Play** and
search “**Vanco Mo-**
bile”. Download app and
simply search for
Peoples Church Unitarian
Universalist. *

* **Vanco Mobile is free!**
Members' log-in credentials in Vanco Mobile are the same as they are in GivePlus Mobile.
Recurring gifts will continue to be made as scheduled.

Community Mental Health Resources

This is a difficult time for all of us. While it is perfectly normal to feel anxious and sad, if you start to enter a mental health crisis, where the stress, pressure, fear, or anxiety are too much for you to cope with on your own, please reach out for professional help. There are a number of resources available 24-hours a day. Here are two of them:

Foundation Two Crisis Hotline:

319-362-2147

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

988

Foundation 2 www.foundation2.org

24 Hour Crisis Line—319-362-2174

Trained compassionate telephone counselors
are available 24/7/365

Crisis Chat/Text—

www.foundation2crisischat.org

www.iowacrisischat.org www.yourlifeiowa.org

J-Fast—319-247-0030

Juvenile & Family Assistance & Stabilization
Track provides immediate crisis intervention &
case management for youth who are struggling
with self-harm, substance use, depression and
thoughts of suicide.

OUR STAFF

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THE VOICE.

PEOPLES CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

LEADING COMPASSIONATE LIVES THROUGH
SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND JUST ACTION.



CARING COMMUNITY

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August Kathy Juba | 378-3116 | kathywilson@imonmail.com

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August 1-14 | Jan Federer
August 15-28 | Dorothy Hershner
August 29-September 11 | Deb Booth

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