

THE VOICE

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Pastor's Page

We hear stories of courage all the time.

Storming into a burning building to rescue people.

Rescuing someone from an attacker.

Lifting a car off of someone who was trapped underneath.

These and other examples are indeed shows of courage.

There is another kind of courage as well. The courage to stand up for what is right. The courage to speak up when someone is being bullied. The courage to fight for those who are less fortunate.

There was a time in this country when it was easier to stand up for what is right and wrong. Unfortunately, times have changed and those who stand up for what we view as right are often ridiculed, put down, and in some cases attacked.

It takes a lot these days to stand up for

those things we hold dear. I encourage you to remember our Principles, live them each day, and stand up for those who are less fortunate, those of a different race, those who look a bit different and those who feel differently. The Principles of UU'ism are pretty clear! Are you living them to the highest level possible?

David

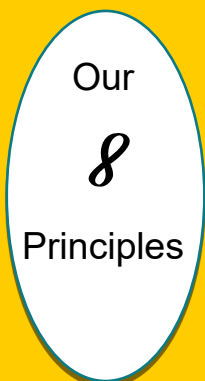
Prior to Covid some teams that help the work of the church fell by the wayside. The time has come to re-invigorate those teams as well as have some of the other teams get some help. To that end we are having an OPPORTUNITY FAIR on October 9th following worship. You will have a chance to hear from members of the teams about what they do and what kind of help they could use.

Coffee and snacks will be plentiful!!

Chili Cookoff will be October 30 following worship.

Halloween Costume Contest following the Chili Cookoff on the 30th. All ages—including adults are invited to participate!!

I will be out of the office Monday the 3rd through Wednesday the 5th attending the UUMA Ministers Retreat. Ryan and Christine will be available in case of needs.



October Worship Theme: *Courage*

 We are having a Forum
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This week's forum will be rescheduled—
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Follow [this link](#) to our home page where you can join a
live stream of our
11am Sunday Worship service.



your favorite dish, a marshmallow skewer, and an instrument. We provide games and marshmallows for the kids! The second event is our church's chili cookoff and costume contests. Bring your best chili recipe and wear your Halloween costume! We will have ribbons for the top three costumes in each age group!

Interim Director of Faith Formation Ryan Roth-Klinck



Children and Families-

This month we have two events for children and families that are outside of our normal Sunday morning faith formation time. The first event is on Oct 21st, where you are invited to come to Ryan's house (3000 Carroll Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids) for a potluck, bonfire, and folk song sing along. Bring

Volunteer Opportunities with Chil-

dren - We have half of our slots filled up for the month of October but we still need some of the following filled!

1. Provide a healthy snack
2. Be a second adult during our children faith formation time
3. Lead a lesson on a Sunday when Ryan is gone (don't worry Ryan will provide everything you need for the lesson!)

Sign up here (<https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/e/1FAIpQLSceoo67gOJIOMRb2ZPgAgp-OSRZ1viaKuHeYX7zboNllSowmQ/viewform>)



Youth -

Youth Co-op had an amazing start in September, where we had fifteen youth from both churches participate in activities. At the end of September we had a huge group go out to the Iowa Farm Sanctuary where the youth met rescued farm animals and learned from the volunteers why it is important to care for the creatures of our planet. We are hoping to continue to build off our

Youth Sunday Morning Volunteers -

We are currently seeking 3 to 4 adults to be on a rotation to lead the youth Sunday morning formation. This would typically be one Sunday a month, so that no one individual gets overburdened with leading them every Sunday. The best part about this opportunity is Ryan will plan the discussion and activities for you! All you have to do is facilitate it, no planning on your end. Please reach out to Ryan ASAP if you are interested!

successful September with a ton of awesome events in October! Be sure to check the time and look for updates on the location each week in our weekly mailchimp email.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

First Sunday Plate Collection: Interfaith Alliance of Iowa



Yard signs on the Reckless **Gun Amendment** are still available at the church. IUUWAN has provided some funding for these signs. A free will donation to the church for a sign will be appreciated.

Volunteers will be needed to assist in Voter Registration

Peoples UU Church is proudly a members of this community coalition working on electoral justice this election season. As part of the WeVote Coalition in Linn County, Peoples Church is committed to electoral justice in 2022.

- **Volunteers are needed** to register voters at the CornFeed at NewBo on **Saturday, 10/8/22**. Sign up is for 2 hour shifts anywhere from 11:30am to 5 pm. Email the Social Justice Council at pcusocialjustice@gmail.com if you will help.

Providing voter education, and getting people registered and to the polls in one of the Congregation's goals for 2022!

Revisions of UU Principles

Principles, Purpose, Freedom of Belief statements, and other foundational elements of Unitarian Universalism are being rewritten by UUA's Article 2 Study Commission (A2SC). The proposed revisions will be put to a vote at the 2023 General Assembly. Sessions to gather feedback on an early draft are being held now, and there is still time to [sign up \(and learn about the process\) here](#). Two of the 10-person national Outreach Team are part of IUUWAN: Linda Lemons and Kirk Witzberger, and they are hosting an [additional session on 9/25 at 6 pm CT](#). ***This is big, so please sign up and add your voice.***

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Indivisible Iowa Cedar Rapids

Meeting Notes – Thursday, September 9 & 15, 2022

NOTE: Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89921126293>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Evening Postcards Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 5:30 am – 6:30 pm.** Location: Hacienda Las Glorias Mexican Restaurant, 715 1st Ave SW, Cedar Rapids.
- **Lunchtime Postcards, Wednesday, October 5 at 11:30 am -1:00 pm.** Location: Midtown Station, 715 2nd Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids. We will be addressing the postcards we've written, so we need lots of people to show up.
- **Progress Iowa Corn Feed, Saturday, Oct 8, from Noon – 3:00 pm. Location: New Bo Market, Cedar Rapids.** If you've never attended the Corn Feed – it's a blast! Food, music, and lots of activities. Plus, candidates will be in attendance. Free!
NOTE: *Volunteers will get a free lunch ticket and reception afterwards. To volunteer, click on the link below.*
Volunteer Sign Up : <https://progressiowa.actionkit.com/signup/volunteer-progress-iowa-corn-feed-2022/>



ISSUES DISCUSSED

Upcoming Debates: Below is the debate schedule for state-wide and federal races.

October 6: Franken vs. Grassley at 7:00 pm on Iowa PBS

October 12: Mathis vs. Hinson at 7:00 pm on KCRG

October 17: DeJear vs. Reynolds at 7:00 pm on Iowa PBS

October 18: Mathis vs. Hinson at 7:00 pm on Iowa PBS



STEWARDSHIP



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2023 Peoples Church Pledge Campaign

The Stewardship Team would like to thank everyone responding to the 2023 campaign! We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of all of you. We even edged out last year's pledge total. To date we have a pledge total of \$176,086 from sixty-eight (68) people!

We appreciate not only your generosity but your timeliness. Now the work goes to the Treasurer, the Finance Team, and the Board of Trustees to put together a 2023 budget for congregational approval at the December meeting. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



It's Pecan Time!

Van Vechten Guild is currently taking orders for pecans. Proceeds will benefit Peoples Church and VVG projects. You can place your order for Fancy Halves (plain), Dark Chocolate covered, and Milk Chocolate covered pecans with Jan Federer at janfederer46@gmail.com or text or call 319-213-6205. We expect the price to remain at \$13 per bag. Delivery is antici-

pated in November. Checks should be made payable to Peoples Church UU with VVG pecans on the memo line.

Our special new candle bowl is here!

The pictures:

1st Water from water communion.

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Send in a check to:
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Cedar Rapids, IA
52405



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go to the Donate Now tab.
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smart phone.*



Vanco Mobile app
on your smart phone.

1. Go to the **[App Store](#)** or **[Google Play](#)**
2. Search for “**Vanco Mobile**”.
3. Download the app and search for “Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist”.
4. Set up your account and donate!

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.

OCTOBER

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	2	9:45am 11am	Forum with Ashley Vanomy Worship
Tuesday	4	all day all day	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Yom Kippur Eve
Wednesday	5	all day	Yom Kippur
Sunday	9	11am 12pm 12:45pm	Worship Opportunity Fair Worship Associates
Monday	10	all day all day 12pm	Indigenous Peoples' Day Sukkot (day 1) Van Vechten Guild Meeting & BYOL
Tuesday	11	all day	Sukkot (day 2)
Wednesday	12	all day	Sukkot (day 3)
Thursday	13	all day	Sukkot (day 4)
Friday	14	all day	Sukkot (day 5)
Saturday	15	all day	Sukkot (day 6)
Sunday	16	all day 11am 12:45pm	Sukkot (day 7) / Hoshanah Rabah Worship Worship Associates
Monday	17	all day	Shemini Atzeret / Sim chat Torah
Wednesday	19	1-2pm	Social Justice Team Meeting
Thursday	20	7-8pm	Finance Meeting
Sunday	23	11am	Worship
Thursday	27	6:30-8pm	Board Meeting
Sunday	30	11am after worship	Worship Chili Cook-off and Costume Contest
Monday	31	all day	Halloween

Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October, on October 10 this year, to honor the cultures and histories of the Native American people. The day is centered around reflecting on their tribal roots and the tragic stories that hurt but strengthened their communities.

Sukkot is one of the three major festivals in Judaism, and is both an agricultural festival of thanksgiving and a commemoration of the forty-year period during which the children of Israel wandered in the desert after leaving slavery in Egypt, living in temporary shelters as they traveled.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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Good Neighbors

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

Paraministers

September 26-October 9 | Jan Federer

October 10-23 | Dorothy Hershner

October 24-November 6 | Deb Maynard Booth

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS.

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