

THE VOICE

November 2022

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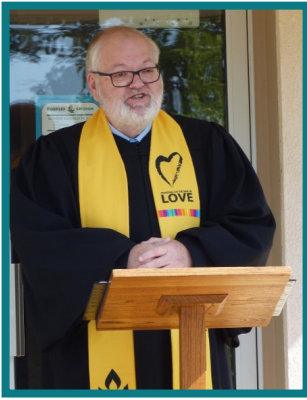


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Pastor's Page

"Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes ... The ones who see things differently -- they're not fond of rules ... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things ... They push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world are the ones who do."

That quote from Steve Jobs is pretty telling! So often we write folks off because they seem to a bit different. What if we embraced those with radical ideas and new thoughts? What if we helped initiate change rather than resist? What if we were leading the way?

In so many ways Peoples people have led the way!! What is the pressing issue of the day that needs the people of Peoples to step up one more time and lead the change? In the past it was being involved with the Civil Rights movement, helping with the AIM trials in the late 60's, assisting in the beginning of Temple Judah, the starting of what is the now the Iowa Abortion Access Fund, marching with Advocates for Social Justice and so many more.

What is the issue today that needs change? Where will Peoples next take a stand?

Change is inevitable! The question is, will we be on the frontside or the backside of the next big change? Peoples has always been on the frontside! What will it be next?

The Opportunity Fair was a great success! We still need some people to help with two very important teams here at Peoples!

Building and Grounds needs those with skills, ideas, and dreams to help make sure the building is in the best shape!

Membership helps to assimilate new folks into the life of the congregation as well as helping to brainstorm ideas for outreach and ideas to help nurture the members.

Both of these groups went by the wayside before COVID and are vital to the work we do here at Peoples. Interested? Reach out to David at minister@peoplesuu.org

I am excited about the Thanksgiving Meal here at Peoples on Thanksgiving Day! Details are elsewhere in this newsletter! Reservations are needed so we have enough food! Also, someone who can organize some games (we have plenty of board games downstairs) and someone who can lead a few songs would be a great addition!!

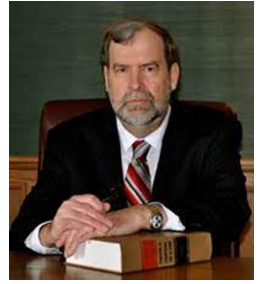
Thanks to all who participated in the Chili Cookoff and costume contest!! It was a great turnout and a good time was had!!! Thank you for being involved!!

Inter Religious Council Thanksgiving Service

November 21 7pm at First Lutheran

Many faith traditions will be represented,
including the UU faith with
Pastor David's involvement.

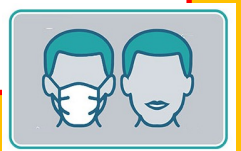
It is with regret and sadness that we note the passing of Larry Thorson. A service will be held this coming Saturday, November 5th. For information please follow this link: [Stewart Baxter Funeral Services](#)



October Worship Theme: *Change*

As of November 1, 2022 the wearing of masks in the church is optional. We ask that you continue to exercise good judgement in deciding if a mask is necessary for your protection and those around you.

Mask wearing is still recommended for the unvaccinated and those at high-risk.



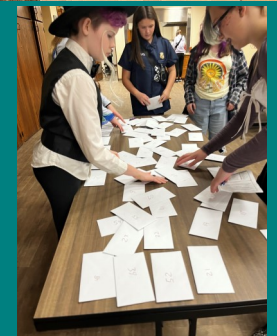
Follow [this link](#) to our home page where you can join a live stream of our 11am Sunday Worship service.

Interim Director of Faith Formation

Ryan Roth-Klinck



Friends, November is here and the new Faith Formation sign up form is now available. The kids and parents would super appreciate any time or help you can offer, even if it is just one time this month. We are always looking for folks to bring the snack or to volunteer as a second or third adult on Sundays. If you'd like to help, follow the link to the google form and sign up below. <https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/e/1FAIpQLSceoo67gOJIOMRb2ZPgAgp-OSRZ1viaKuHeYX7zb0NIIS0wmQ/viewform>



November Children and Family Calendar

November 6th
Faith Formation - Changing Ourselves
9:45 -10:45am

November 13
Faith Formation - Changing our World
9:45 -10:45am

November 20
Faith Formation - Changing Thanksgiving
9:45 -10:45am

November 24th
Peoples Church Thanksgiving Dinner
12 noon

No Faith Formation on November 27th

November Youth Co-op Schedule

NOVEMBER 6
Labryinth Walk @ the Pattersons
2 - 3:30 pm

NOVEMBER 13
Yard and Leaf Clean Up Project
2 - 4 pm

NOVEMBER 20
Rest as a Spiritual Practice / Dungeons and Dragons
2 - 5:30 pm

NO YOUTH CO-OP ON NOVEMBER 27TH



Peoples' Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24TH

12PM GATHERING | 12:30PM MEAL

Peoples people, are you going to be on your own this Thanksgiving? No need to cook for one or two, come and enjoy a wonderful dinner and great company here, with your Peoples community.

RSVP required by 12pm Tuesday, November 15 at 319-362-9827 or email office@peoplesuu.org

Fun and music are also on the menu!

Please contact the office if you can provide music or help get some games started.



Ministerial Search Team Update for November

Hello and happy autumn to all you lovely people.

First of all, welcome Charles Cizio to the Search Team! We are glad to have him join us.

Second, you may have already seen the **brief** congregational survey update we distributed in October, which can be found at tinyurl.com/pcuu2022. This short survey consists of only **three questions** to help us understand where we are as a congregation in our second year of search.

If you submitted a response in October, thank you so much! If you weren't able and would still like to share your thoughts, feel free to fill out the survey now. Just go to tinyurl.com/pcuu2022.

So what's next?

1. We submit to the Transitions Office the revised Congregational Record that reflects your responses to the survey update. That will go live on December 1, when UU ministerial candidates will be able to review openings across the country.
2. We spread the word about our opportunity to ministers beyond the UUA who may be interested in joining our congregation. Rest assured that we will cast a selective net focused on liberal leaning groups.
3. Applicants submit their materials by the end of December.

We review applicants in the beginning of January to identify the best candidate for Peoples Church.

Two important reminders:

The discernment process of moving from applicant to candidate takes many weeks and many conversations.

The Search Team cannot share any information about applicants to our position until we have identified our candidate.

We will continue to provide regular updates during the process, but we cannot share any information about the number of applicants, who they are, where they are located, or even their gender pronouns. We appreciate your understanding.

As always, if you have questions for the Search Team, you can reach us at pcuu.search@gmail.com

Warm Regards,

Charles, Kathleen, Laura, Robyn, & Susan

Peoples Church December Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December
4th following
worship



Some Agenda Items

Board President Report

Interim Minister Report

Interim Faith Formation Director Report

Vote on Budget

Vote 2023 Social Justice First Sunday Plate Recipients

Following the meeting we will be celebrating the
success of our Stewardship Campaign!



Holiday Sing-Along

DECEMBER 11, 5 PM

• In the Sanctuary •

• On Zoom •

A song book will be emailed to
everyone in early December. Song
books will be available in the back
of the Sanctuary December 11.



A quiet service of lament and reflection on how
difficult celebrating the holidays can be for
some of us. Service led by Pastor David Wise.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

*First Sunday Plate Collection:
Interfaith Alliance of Iowa*



**VOTE THIS COMING
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 8TH!**

Last Chance to Provide Input for Article II Revisions

Article II contains our Principles and Purposes, Freedom of Belief statement, and more – it is a foundational document. UUA's Article II Study Commission has been listening, writing, and receiving feedback on drafts over this past year as it revises Article II of UUA's bylaws. Its most recent draft makes significant changes. You are invited to [read the full revision and register](#) to attend one of eight feedback sessions via zoom from November 5 - 14. After this last round of feedback they will write the final draft which they will present to UUA's board in January, and it will be put to a vote at the 2023 General Assembly. [Sign up](#) to let your voice be heard!

The Interfaith Alliance of Iowa

will receive our First Sunday Plate Collection collections this quarter.

The mission of this organization is to champion the rights of individuals, by promoting policies that protect both religion and democracy, and by empowering diverse voices to challenge extremism. One of many actions is the Alliance's Faithful Voices for Racial Justice which brings together religious leaders in addressing racial justice in the state and their communities. The Alliance brought together a coalition addressing the gun amendment on the ballot this November.

www.interfaithallianceiowa.org
www.iowansforresponsiblegunlaws.com



We need **YOUR** help!
Please volunteer and help
lighten the load on Sunday
mornings.

We need volunteers in the roles of:

- Greeter
- Sunday Snacks Providers
- Coffee Hour Assistance

You can sign up to volunteer with these links:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B44ABA72FA0FD0-greeters>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B44ABA72FA0FD0-sunday>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B44ABA72FA0FD0-coffee>

SignUpGenius is very easy to use. It will send you reminders *and* it will let you swap dates with someone should the need arise. Have questions? Call the office for assistance at 319-362-9827.



The Finance Team met on 10/20/22 to review financial reports and discuss financial planning for the future.

Cash flow was positive for the first three (3) quarters of 2022 (January through September):

- January through September income \$173,382
- January through September expenses \$164,167

Thank you to everyone for your caring and generous support of Peoples Church UU!



Van Vechten Guild

Meeting Monday, November 14 at noon—BYOL. The speaker this month will be from Trees Forever.

The Peoples Church solar electric (photovoltaic) system has now been producing electricity for a full year. If you recall before we installed solar we replaced inefficient lights and HVAC with more efficient ones.

In September 2022 we asked Alliant to turn off the parking lot flood light that cost \$30 a month, or \$360 a year.

Charlie Cizio supplied the info below:

We produced 21,000 kilowatt hours of electricity.

In the full year before we installed the photovoltaics our electric bill was \$3047.

In the year since adding them our bill was \$717, including about \$300 for the flood light that has now gone away, giving us a monthly electricity cost of around \$45 or so. That will change some due to weather and anticipated Alliant rate increases.

Thanks to all who helped make the solar project possible. Remember you may be able to substantially reduce your utility costs by embracing efficient technologies.



WAYS TO GIVE WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING



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Cedar Rapids, IA
52405



Give online from your
laptop or desktop at
www.peoplesuu.org –
go to the Donate Now tab.
*This option does not work from your
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.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2022

Walking Alongside Our Trails

NOVEMBER

| Day | Date | Time | Event |
|-----------|------|---------------------------------|--|
| Sunday | 6 | early morning 11am | Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall back 1 hour Worship |
| Tuesday | 8 | 7am-8pm | ELECTION DAY! Please vote! |
| Friday | 11 | all day | Veterans Day |
| Sunday | 13 | 9:45-10:45am 11am 12:15pm | Social Justice Forum Worship Worship Associates |
| Monday | 14 | 12-1pm | Van Vechten Guild BYOL meeting |
| Tuesday | 15 | 7-8pm | Finance Meeting - Zoom |
| Wednesday | 16 | 1-2pm | Social Justice Team Meeting |
| Sunday | 20 | 11am | Worship |
| Monday | 21 | 7pm | Inter-religious Thanksgiving Service at First Lutheran |
| Thursday | 24 | all day | Happy Thanksgiving everyone! |
| Friday | 25 | all day all day | Native American Heritage Day Office Closed |
| Sunday | 27 | all day 11am | First Sunday of Advent Worship |

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PEOPLES CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

LEADING COMPASSIONATE LIVES THROUGH
SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND JUST ACTION.



Good Neighbors

November Kris Davis | 361-0280 | daviskris49@gmail.com

Paraministers

October 24-November 6 | Deb Maynard Booth

November 7-20 | Rose Gabe

November 21—December 4 | Jan Federer

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS.

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