

April 2023



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Pastor's Page

I could fill this column with all sorts of clichés about resistance!

The reality right now is that resistance is tough! There are so many things that need to be resisted in our lives and in the world around us. The problem, so often, is that resistance is hard and tiring. And, unfortunately, it seems like things that we want or need to resist come at us from all directions and it is non-stop. Often the things that we resist come to pass regardless and the resistance turns to more hurt and pain. Needless to say, these last few weeks and months there has been lots of resistance that has turned into hurt and pain.

I often tell care-givers they need to take care of themselves as well as the one they are caring for day in and day out. The same holds true when it comes to constant resistance. We need to take time for ourselves and make sure we care for ourselves and each other.

Talia Cooper suggests these ways to resist and help maintain some equilibrium in our lives.

The 7 Forms of Resistance All Around Us:

1. **Movements:** Collectives, groups, organizations, neighbors, and friends can get together and learn about oppression and envision liberation. Organizing has worked over and over

again throughout history and will continue to.

2. **Self Care and Community Care:** We can decide we are worth it and we are vital just because we are alive.

3. **Tell Our Stories:** We can tell our personal stories and the collective story about the white supremacy, colonialism, patriarchy and Christian hegemony that founded this country. With our stories we can refuse to be lied to.

4. **Healing:** We can use therapy, support groups, co-counseling, somatic practices, art therapy and more to get ever bigger, bolder, stronger and more powerful. We can use the wisdom gained from our healing to create better policy and support communal healing through practices like reparations for slavery.

5. **Connection:** We can dare to cry, laugh, and share our real feelings with all the people in our lives without placing a limit on the number of people our hearts can love.

6. **Love:** We can refuse to buy into the idea of spreading self-hate. Even in our hardest moments, we can remember we are a human with a human body, and we deserve the goodness all humans deserve.

7. **Art and Culture:** Artists can rise up everywhere all the time to say we will not accept this world, we will build a better one. We can choose to learn about our ancestors, their histories and traditions and find ways to reclaim them afresh for ourselves.

In these difficult days please remember to take care of yourselves and your friends.

Get your tickets
NOW!

Tell your friends
and family!



EARTH WEEK CONCERT: PETER MAYER



SAT., APR. 15 | 7 P.M.

PEOPLES CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

**4980 GORDON AVE. NW
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA**

Minnesota songwriter Peter Mayer celebrates Earth Week with his songs about the environment, including a folk favorite "Blue Boat Home".

**COST: \$20 IN ADVANCE IN PERSON,
\$25 AT DOOR
\$15 PER CHILD****

**OR \$20 PER ADULT WITH GROUPS OF 3 OR MORE.
\$25 FOR ZOOM PERFORMANCE**

**The nursery is open for children under age 5 and free with a ticket purchase.

**OPENING ACT IS LOCAL STRINGS TRIO
DEEP DISH DIVAS.**

**BUY TICKETS TODAY AT
PeoplesUU.org
OR
bit.ly/MayerUU**



April
FF Calendar

April 2
Faith Formation -
Breathing Resistance
9:45 - 10:45am

April 9
Faith Formation - Speaking Truth
9:45 - 10:45am
Easter Egg Hunt After Church

April 15
Family Fun Event - Peter Mayer Concert
6pm @ the church

April 16
Faith Formation - Joining Together
9:45-10:45am

April 23
No Faith Formation, Outdoor Service

April 22
EcoFest Meet Up
11am @ NewBo City Market

April 30
Faith Formation -
Changing Our Habits
9:45 - 10:45am

Interim Director of Faith Formation Ryan Roth-Klinck



APRIL CO-OP SCHEDULE

4/2 - Visit to the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Czech Village - 2:30 to 4pm - Bring \$5 for admission fee

4/7 - Good Friday Service @ Lovely Lane UMC

4/8 - Help Hide Easter Eggs for Kids

4/9 - Easter Sunday, No Youth Co-op in the Afternoon

4/16 - Sunday Funday Hangout! Work on an Art Project, Play Dungeons and Dragons or Board Games, or watch a Movie, Your choice! - 2 to 5pm @ Lovely Lane UMC

4/23 - No Co-op (Ryan out of town)

4/30 - Outdoor Service Project and Hike @ Prairiewoods, time TBD

Earth Week

A Week of Activities to help
Faith Formation Families
Connect with the Earth



Begins on April 15th @ the
Peter Mayer Concert and
ends on April 22nd @
Ecofest

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**
APRIL 9TH
Immediately After Church @
Jaclyn Park Across the street

**April
Worship Theme:**
Resistance

Our **First Sunday Plate Collection** is for:
The Cedar Rapids Gun Violence Intervention Program.
You can read about it in the *Social Justice* page below.

The Annual Meeting is fast approaching. If you have moved *OR* changed email address in the last year please notify the office ASAP. We want to ensure the official/mandatory meeting notice reaches you when they are mailed. Thank you!

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

The Lea Morris Collection

Worship theme
and song:

Resistance

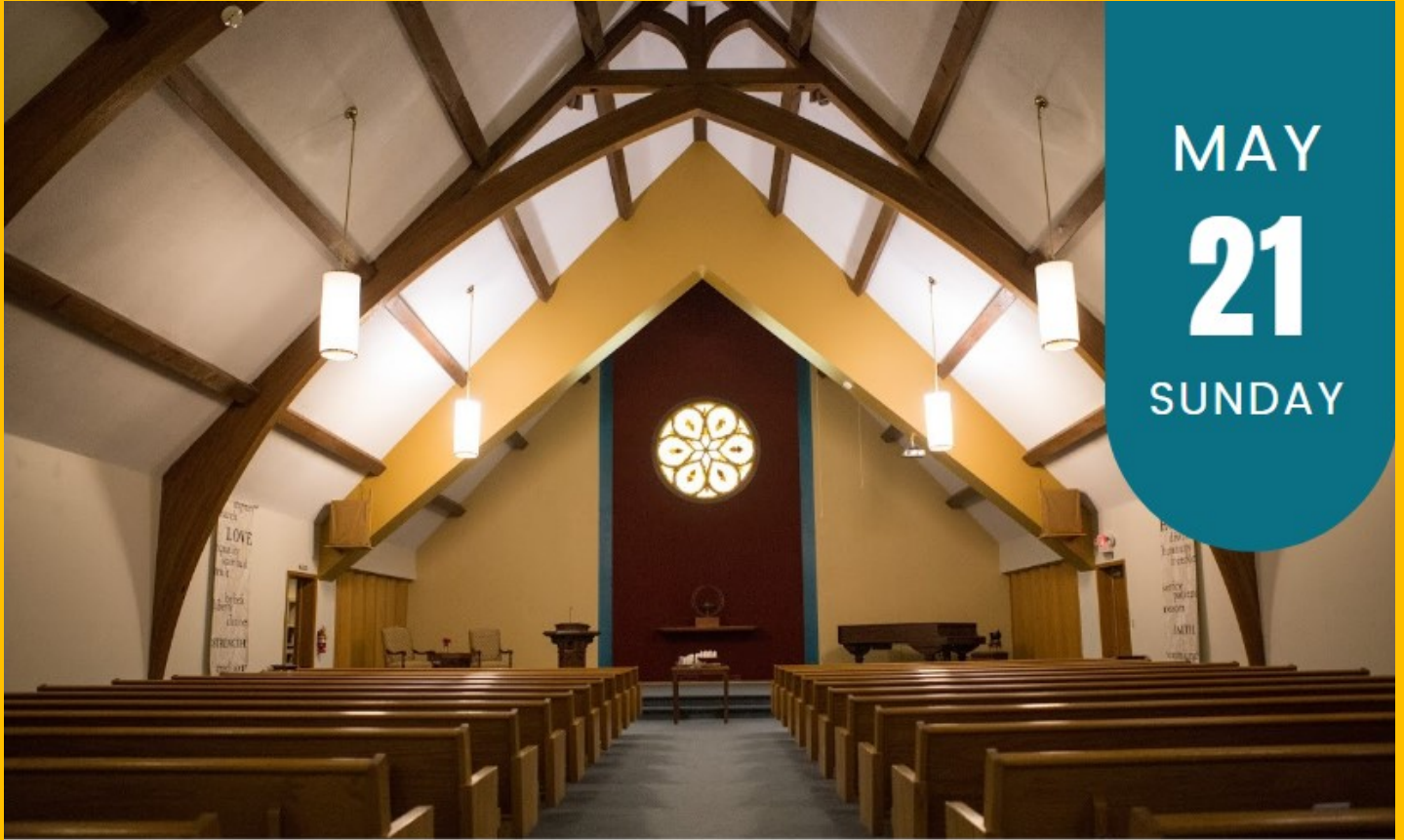
I Feel You / We Choose

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=Z2XvIU1OKoA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2XvIU1OKoA)



5 Wishes

In the past there was a meeting related to Memorial Services. People were able to fill out a document that featured 5 Wishes for their Memorial service. They were expecting that those documents would be held by the church. Recently someone inquired about those documents. When searching the files (in my office, the Admin office, and asking archives) it was determined that no file exists with these documents. I visited with Rebecca as well and she does not remember a file like that in her time here. As a result in the near future we will hold a session where individuals can complete new forms. When that occurs the documents will be placed in a new locking box and then placed in the locked file cabinet in the Ministers Office.



MAY
21
SUNDAY

THE ANNUAL CHURCH

Meeting

AND POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

Immediately after Worship



**Where do *your* time
and talents
fit?**



Sign up here
to be a greeter
before Sunday
worship!



Sign up here
to help set up
coffee hour
before Sunday
worship!



Sign up here
to bring
snacks for a
Sunday coffee



If you need help signing up please call the office.



Wednesday Lunch Fun!

A few UU's from Peoples Church are meeting weekly each Wednesday noon for lunch at the Hy-Vee on 32nd street NE.
Come join us for delightful conversation!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

First Sunday Plate Collection: The Cedar Rapids Gun Violence Intervention Program

Gun homicides are on the rise in the US with Black and brown people experiencing the highest rates. Young Black citizens (ages 15 to 34) are experiencing the highest rates of gun homicides across all demographics. Black Americans are 10 times more likely than white Americans to die by gun violence. Cedar Rapids is no exception to rising rates of gun violence.

We have a unique program to address gun violence in our community. Chief of Police, Wayne Jerman has said of the **Group Violence Intervention program**: "I appreciate the work and efforts of the GVI program. Their relationship building, involvement, and custom notifications move us in the right direction."

Our 4th quarter 2022 First Sunday Plate Collection recipient was the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa. The thank you letter started with "Dear Marcia, Thank you for your generous gift of \$611 to the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa. Your financial support enables us to do the work to protect religious freedom and our democracy as well as creating welcoming communities for all." Thank you Peoples people for supporting an organization that directly advocates for the civil rights of our most vulnerable populations.



It is time for some spring refreshening!

As we have taken notice of all the spring cleaning that is due, we have also noted some items needing special attention:

- ♦ Touch up painting!
- ♦ A bit of wall sanding/resurfacing/painting
- ♦ Wood doors in need of some TLC
- ♦ Rest room panels needing sanding/painting
- ♦ Cleaning paint off of some trim & baseboards
- ♦ Installing:
 - ♦ Kick plates to Sanctuary doors
 - ♦ New Exit/ER lights sign
 - ♦ Security Camera Signs

***Please contact the office to let us
know when you can help!***



Join Us!

Bayside UU Family Camp

July 2-8, 2023
Lauderdale Lakes • Elkhorn, WI
www.baysideuu.org

Bayside UU Family Camp

Looking for a great summer experience? Join us at Bayside UU Family Camp held at Lutherdale Camp on the shores of Lauderdale Lakes in Elkhorn, WI. This year, camp will take place July 2nd to 8th. This special week includes adult workshops, activities for children, free time for family fun and relaxation, and intergenerational activities. For more information visit our website at baysideuu.org or contact baysideuu@gmail.com.



We are practicing on the following dates and times in the sanctuary:

April 13 and 20 5:30 to 6:30pm

Principles

Article II of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Bylaws, Principles and Purposes, is the foundation for all of the work of our UUA and its member congregations and covenanted communities. It is the covenant to which all of our congregations and covenanted communities pledge themselves when they become members of our UUA.

Our current Principles and Purposes were last substantially revised in 1985. At General Assembly (GA) 2017, there was discussion of amending the Principles to add an 8th Principle, addressing racism, and an amended 1st Principle, addressing non-human life. The 5th Principle was the subject of a report in 2009, which dealt with the ways in which GA and other Unitarian Universalist (UU) gatherings do and don't embody an inclusive democratic process. The 7th Principle has also been the subject of discussions about possible amendments.

There have been many projects, resolutions, task forces and other strategies that have come from the Board, the Commission on Appraisal and grassroots groups which encourage us to take a look at our principles, purposes, bylaws and rules. It is time for us to do a review and make changes so that we are living into the Unitarian Universalism of the future, a Unitarian Universalism that holds us in times of great need and ethical, moral and spiritual crises. We are in one of those times now.

In response to those discussions, the UUA Board committed to establishing this Article II Study Commission to consider possible amendments to this Article.

Here is their report at a new and corrected link:

<https://www.uua.org/files/2023-02/article-II-study-report-2021-23.pdf>

Information from the MidAmerica Region UUA

Intergenerational Spring Seminar

The Intergenerational Spring Seminar will be in-person and online at the First Unitarian Church of Minneapolis, MN **April 1-3**, with the program titled “Demilitarization and Abolition: Resist Policing and Empire”. The keynote speaker will be Andrea Ritchie, co-author of No More Police. You can attend this transformative intentionally intergenerational event either **in-person or online**. You can learn more about the program and register on the **[Intergenerational Spring Seminar page](https://www.uua.org/international-justice/un/spring-seminar?mc_cid=2916214cd2&mc_eid=81d61e517c)** [https://www.uua.org/international-justice/un/spring-seminar?mc_cid=2916214cd2&mc_eid=81d61e517c]

2023 UUA PRESIDENTIAL FORUMS

There will be a series of four presidential candidate forums, starting in March, to allow delegates and members to learn more about Rev. Dr. Betancourt. Planned in concert with the Election Campaign Practices Committee with support from UUA staff, each forum will offer both on-site and virtual participation. There will also be an additional forum during General Assembly in June.

All Unitarian Universalists are welcomed and encouraged to engage with the presidential candidate forums and the process as a whole, to ensure our next UUA President may establish the foundation for their leadership with broad participation. Learn more on the pages listed below.

[April 29, 2023 1p CT Evanston, IL](#)

[May 20, 2023 1p PT Santa Barbara, CA](#)

[June 3, 2023 1p CT Dallas, TX](#)

At People's Church, we believe...

1. Each and every person is important.
2. All people should be treated fairly.
3. Our churches are places where all people are accepted, and where we keep on learning together.
4. Each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.
5. All people should have a voice and a vote about the things that concern them.
6. We should work for a peaceful, fair and free world.
7. We should care for planet earth.
8. We must work together for diversity and against racism & oppression.

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:
PCUU
4980 Gordon Ave. NW
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.

Earth Day April 22



April

Day	Date	Time	Event
Saturday	1	9am-2pm	Private Event Andre Room/Kitchen
Sunday	2	11am 1-6pm	Worship Sanctuary in use
Tuesday	4	10-11am	Archives Team
Thursday	6	all day 6-9pm	Passover (Day 1) CUUPS Service and Meal
Friday	7	all day	Good Friday
Saturday	8	all day	Holy Saturday
Sunday	9	all day 11am 12pm 1-6pm	Easter Worship Easter Egg Hunt Sanctuary in use
Monday	10	12-1pm	Van Vechten Guild Meeting and BYOL
Wednesday	12	all day	Passover (Day 7 - last day)
Saturday	15	7-8:30pm	Peter Mayer Concert!
Sunday	16	11am 1-6pm	Worship Sanctuary in use
Tuesday	18	all day all day	Tax Day Yom HaShoah
Wednesday	19	1-2pm	Social Justice Meeting
Saturday	22	all day	Earth Day
Sunday	23	11am 1-6pm	Worship at Morgan Creek Park weather perm itting Sanctuary in use
Tuesday	25	all day	Yom HaZikaron
Wednesday	26	all day	Yom HaAtzmaut
Thursday	27	7pm	Board Meeting
Sunday	30	9:45-10:45 11am 1-6pm	Forum Worship Sanctuary in use

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PEOPLES CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

LEADING COMPASSIONATE LIVES THROUGH
SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND JUST ACTION.



CARING COMMUNITY

Good Neighbors

April Kris Davis | 319-361-0280 | daviskris49@gmail.com

Paraministers

March 27-April 9 | Rosie Rimrodt

April 10-23 | Jan Federer

April 24—May 7 | Dorothy Hershner

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS.

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