

THE VOICE

March 2023

Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

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Pastor's Page

"The moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in shadows of life, the sick, the needy, and the handicapped." Those words used by Hubert H. Humphrey in 1977 are still as true today as when he uttered them years ago.

The quote covers many of the vulnerable groups in our society. I think if Humphrey was using that quote today he would add a few groups to the list. Black, Indigenous, People of Color and LGBTQ+ come immediately to mind. These folx are all being hurt and mistreated seemingly every moment of the day. Legislation attacking these friends of ours takes shots at people that have a

difficult time getting their voices heard.

Constantly the vulnerable among us are spoken over, put down, and pushed to the back! How long will we let this happen? We pledge to support:

- ◀ The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- ◀ Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- ◀ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- ◀ The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

In these difficult times the question for us is how will we respond to the vulnerable among us as they continue to be hurt? Will we step up and let our voices be heard? What say you?

Pastor David will be out of the office the week of March 13, 2023. Ryan Roth-Klinck will be in the office and can assist you in David's absence.



"It's that time of year! On March 19th there will be bags full of empty Easter Eggs available for you to take home and fill up with candy, words of encouragement, and other wonderful goodies for our children (Please nothing perishable, like fruit). We will use these eggs for our Easter Egg hunt in April. Let's all work together to make sure we have plenty of eggs to hide so our children have a good time!"

For a LIMITED TIME Only!

Fighting for justice is the responsibility of our faith.

Order a shirt today:

https://www.bonfire.com/uuvalues-protect-trans-kids/?utm_source=copy_link&utm_medium=campaign_page_share&utm_campaign=uuvalues-protect-trans-kids&utm_content=default&fbclid=IwARogT5E7OmkjJMdp-X5365ovoB45sJl4b82SBjhr26nmkfHPnMUqoF-rTEc



MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

The Lea Morris Collection

Worship theme
and song:

Vulnerability

Good Life

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



March Co-op Schedule

March 5

Collage as a Spiritual Practice

3 to 4:30pm @ Lovely Lane

March 12

Iowa Raptors Soccer Game

2pm @ Alliant Powerhouse Stadium

March 19

**Dinner with Zaa to hear about his experience
as an Afghan Refugee**

5 to 7pm @ Taj Mahal

March 25

Family Fun Event @ The History Center

10 to 11:30am

March 26

No Youth Co-op

Interim Director of Faith Formation
Ryan Roth-Klinck

MARCH FF CALENDAR

March 5

Faith Formation - When we need a
friend

9:45 - 10:45am



March 12

Faith Formation - When we can't do it
on our own

9:45 - 10:45am

March 12

Family Fun Event - Iowa Raptors
Soccer Game

2pm - Alliant Powerhouse Stadium

March 19

Faith Formation - When we Hope

9:45 - 10:45am

March 25

Family Fun Event - The History Center

10 - 11:30am

March 26

Faith Formation - When we show our
true selves

9:45 - 10:45am

Reminder

Iowa Raptors Soccer Game

Join Faith Formation on March 12th for an Iowa Raptors Soccer Game at the Alliant Powerhouse at 2pm. General admission seats are \$7.50. **Please send Ryan your reservation by March 5th**, so he can purchase tickets for us. If this expense is a financial burden but you and your family would still like to attend, simply let Ryan know and the church will cover your ticket cost.



Rich Patterson is teaching Faith Formation students how to be good caretakers of our planet Earth.

**March
Worship Theme:**
Vulnerability

Our **First Sunday Plate Collection** is for **We Vote**.
You can read about it in the *Social Justice* page below.

Effective March 1

Masks wearing is at your discretion when attending
Worship. Please, if you are feeling unwell, mask up
again. Thank you!

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



EARTH WEEK CONCERT: PETER MAYER



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

PEOPLES CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

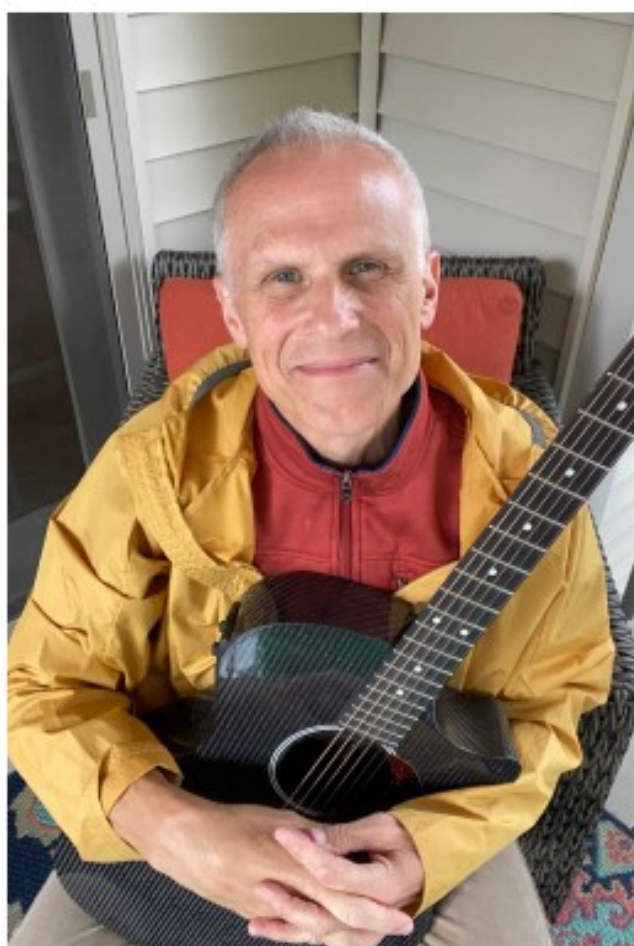
Minnesota songwriter Peter Mayer celebrates Earth Week with his songs about the environment, including a folk favorite "Blue Boat Home".

**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



Ministerial Search Team Update for March

Hello Peoples people!

The Search Team is happy to announce that we have invited two new applicants to become pre-candidates for Peoples Church!

It's been a little while since our last update, so here's a quick refresher of the search process:

December: Ministers submit applications to congregations.

January: Congregational search teams review the applications, conduct screening interviews, do preliminary reference checks, and invite promising applicants to become pre-candidates.

February-March: Pre-candidates visit over a weekend to meet the Search Team, see the church, and experience the city. The goal is to get to know each other better, conduct more in-depth interviews, and see if we would be a good fit.

As you may remember, the Board supported developing a process to accept and review applicants from outside the Unitarian Universalist Association process. We created an application and advertised with several organizations but did not receive any applications from non-UU ministers this year.

Apart from that update, please remember that the Search Team cannot share any information about the selected pre-candidates until we have identified and announced our candidate. We **WILL**, however, post regular updates as the process nears its completion, so keep reading the Voice. And if you have any questions for the Search Team, you can reach us at pcuu.search@gmail.com.

Warm Regards,

Charles, Kathleen, Laura, Robyn & Susan

Finance Team Summary

The Finance Team met on 2/16/23 to review bookkeeper reports and related items.

Cash flow for January was positive due in part to prepaid pledges and scheduled endowment disbursement:

- January income \$43,533
- January expenses \$23,796



**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.

FOLK CHOIR



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

March 16 - 5:30 to 6:30pm

March 23 - 5:30 to 6:30pm

March 26 - 10am to run through the music together

SOCIAL JUSTICE

First Sunday Plate Collection: WeVote



Peoples UU Church joined the WeVote Coalition along with 12 other community groups in forming a coalition in 2022 in anticipation of the November election. This non-partisan partnership works on voter education, voter accessibility, voter registration and voter turn-out. The Coalition assisted with organizing satellite early voting sites and provided education and registration opportunities at the Latino Festival and Asian Fest. Future projects involve working with refugee and immigrant groups on understanding the voting process and

providing access for registration and voting.

Donations are used for voter education materials and publicity through social media and at onsite events.

It is time for some spring cleaning and refreshing!

As we have taken notice of all the extra 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 up some trim & baseboards

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

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!



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**We've got two Scouts selling this year
and many ways to buy!**

To purchase online, visit [Geerta's](#) or [Aida's](#) website. You can select delivery directly from the Scout or to have your order shipped to your door.

You can pull Geerta or Aida aside during church and order directly!

You can visit the cookie booth after church on March 5th (**Girl Scout Day!**) and get your cookies the day of purchase! Geerta and Aida will be well stocked and ready to meet all your cookie needs.

Would you rather donate your cookies? Check out their websites for the option to donate to troops or talk with your Scout about donating your purchases to local food banks or the People's Church food pantry.

Both Scouts use the money they earn from sales for their troops' field trips and activities. Thank you for supporting our Scouts!

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**](#)

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.

[**March 18, 2023 1p ET Arlington, VA**](#)

[**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



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Cedar Rapids, IA
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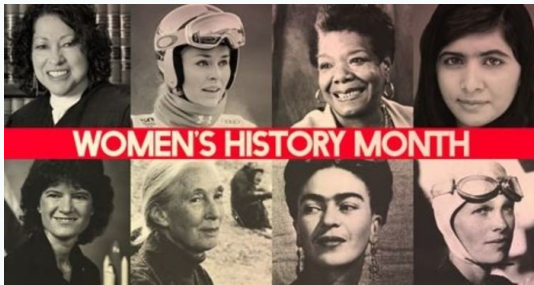
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www.peoplesuu.org –
go to the **Donate Now** tab.
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Vanco Mobile app
on your smart phone.

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.



March

Day	Date	Time	Event
Wed	1	all day	Beginning of Women's History Month
Sunday	5	11am 1-6pm	Worship Sanctuary in use
Monday	6	evening	Purim Eve
Tuesday	7	all day 10am	Purim Archives Team Meeting
Wednesday	8	all day	Shushan Purim
Special note: Pastor David and Christine are each out this week on family vacations. Ryan will be in the office and volunteers will be the office Tues-Thurs			
Sunday	12	11am 12:15 – 1:15pm 1-6pm	Daylight Savings Time Starts - Turn your clocks 1 hour forward! Worship Worship Associates Sanctuary in use
Monday	13	12-1pm	Van Vechten Guild BYOL meeting
Wednesday	15	1pm	Social Justice Team Meeting
Thursday	16	all day 7pm	Pastor David's Birthday Finance Meeting
Friday	17	all day	St. Patrick's Day
Sunday	19	11am 1-6pm	Worship Sanctuary in use
Thursday	23	7pm	Board Meeting
Saturday	25	5-9pm	Sanctuary in Use
Sunday	26	9:45-10:45am 11am	Social Justice Forum Worship

COMING EVENTS

Easter | Sunday April 9

Peter Mayer Concert |
 Saturday April 15 | 7pm
<https://www.petermayer.net/>
Opening act - the Deep Dish Divas!

OUR STAFF

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Tuesday, Wednesday, and
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Administrator

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Tuesday 8:30-2:30

Wednesday 8:30-2:30

Thursday 8:30-2:30

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

March– Kathy Juba | 319-378-3116 or 319-361-2890 |
kathywilson@imonmail.com

Paraministers

February 27-March 12 | Rose Gabe

March 13-26 | Paulette Montague

March 27-April 9 | Rosie Rimrodt

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS.

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