

THE Voice

August 2023 20232023



Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist
4980 Gordon Avenue NW Cedar Rapids IA 52405
www.peoplesuu.org





Sunday Worship



PEOPLES
CHURCH UU IS
A WELCOMING
CONGREGATION

August 6, 2023, 11 a.m.

UUA General Assembly Worship

Worship Associate – Emily Hoselton

August 13, 2023, 11 a.m.

Worship led by Lu Wilcox

Worship Associate – Bryan Davis

August 20, 2023, 11 a.m.

Worship led by Deb Booth

Worship Associate – Rev. Carin Bringleson

August 20, 2023, 11 a.m.

Worship led by Rev. Carin Bringelson

Worship Associate – Lu Wilcox

Hymn Leader – Jim Federer

Join us for coffee and treats in the Andre Room after worship!

Sign up here to be a Worship GREETER!

Use [THIS LINK](#) to the Peoples Church home page to join a live stream of Sunday Worship, or access video through any of the links below:



Minister's Note

Thank you for the wonderful send-off!
We appreciated all of the cards and the reception!
We will have fond memories of Peoples,
and are so grateful for all we have shared!

David and Karen



Faith Formation

We're going to the State Fair!!

\$20, 7:30 am - 9 pm. meet at ???

Youth Co-op Plans are taking shape for the fall – stay tuned!



Board News

This month begins an exciting new chapter in the history of Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist as we begin the ministry of Rev. Carin Bringelson.

It took some time to get to this point, but we are so fortunate to have Rev. Carin join us in our collective efforts to support our PCUU core values and mission.

I want to thank everyone who has helped support the church in so many different ways during the past several months - your flexibility, kindness, and commitment to PCUU will be help us move forward in our new ministry with Rev. Carin!

Please remember that we have begun our **Stewardship** campaign which has seen supportive early pledge returns, please be as generous as you are able and return your pledge form soon.

This summer of transitions has included many changes for our church and that also includes significant rebuilding of the street (Gordon Ave NW) on the south side of the church. As previously noted, it is physically difficult to get to church and your efforts to do so are much appreciated.

We will try to keep you actively informed of any changes from the current available routes for getting to Peoples in the weekly email newsletter. Jacolyn Dr will be resurfaced over the next month or so and should be reopened sooner than Gordon Ave, which is undergoing a total rebuild and will take some time to complete.

Take care everyone & **WELCOME** Rev. Carin!

Steve Hershner



OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Steve Hershner

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Gary McGraw
(319) 373-9449

Board of Trustees:

Kris Davis

Sue Davis

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Cate Sheller

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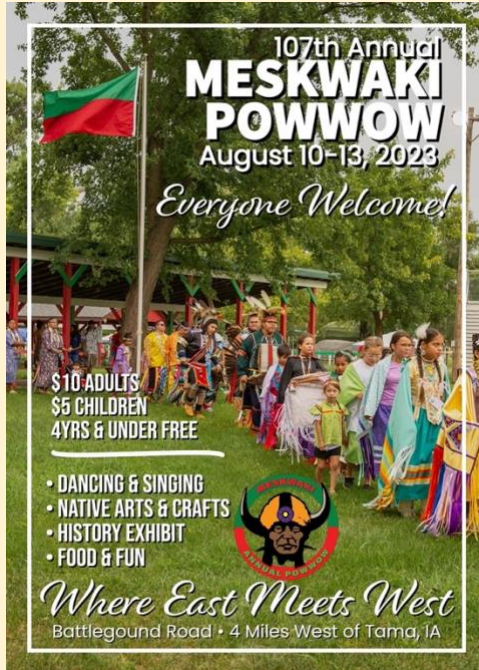
Ex Officio Member

Rev. Carin Bringelson

If you'd like to attend our monthly Board meetings, please contact David Wise at minister@peoplesuu.org. Past board minutes are on the Peoples Church website [here](#).



Social Justice



Meskwaki Annual Powwow

The Meskwaki Annual Powwow is August 10-13 this year. This is the only one of its kind in Iowa and is held on the only Indian Settlement in our state. It is a time of laughter, dancing, singing, remembering, and commemorating. Native artwork, crafts and history in Iowa can be explored at the Powwow. If you are interested in going to the powwow and would like to carpool, please send an email to pcuusocialjustice@gmail.com.

Fall Read & Forum

Our Fall social justice read is Indians of Iowa by Lance Foster. This book is available at the public library, electronically, and the church will have 2 copies to lend. We will discuss this book at a **Forum on Sunday, October 1** at 9:45 am. **On**

October 14, from 1 to 2:30 pm we will host Dr Braun, an expert on the 12 native tribes of Iowa. More information to follow!

Iowa Unitarian Universalist Witness Advocacy Network

The Iowa Unitarian Universalist Witness Advocacy Network connects and collaborates with Iowa's Unitarian Universalists to amplify social justice work.



Iowa UU Witness Advocacy Network

In response to Iowa's new laws affecting LGBTQ+ youth, Iowa UUs are joining together to support youth and allies. **The Iowa UU Witness Advocacy Network (IUUWAN)** invites all Iowa UUs to get

involved. One step is to join a team that shares resources, plans actions, provides speakers, and distributes yard signs. To add your name to receive an email about this team, contact Sally, IUUWAN board secretary (sallyahartman@hotmail.com). It is imperative for the well-being of Iowa's LGBTQ+ youth to respond. We can do more together. Join us!



A newsletter of Interfaith Alliance of Iowa, the only statewide, non-partisan, progressive voice for people of faith and no faith protecting religious freedom, ensuring religion is not misused to discriminate, championing individual rights, and uniting diverse voices to challenge extremism.

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF IOWA

To read the **The InterFaith Alliance of Iowa** newsletter, *Mosaic*, or to subscribe, click [HERE](#) – find out about actions happening in



Church Notes

Iowa! To learn more about **The InterFaith Alliance of Iowa**, click [HERE](#)

2024 Peoples Church Pledge Campaign



BLAST OFF!

Stewardship Update as of July 25, 2023:

2024 pledge goal: \$185,000

Total dollars/percent pledged to date: \$94,039/51%

Goal for pledge returns: 72

Household responses/rate: 28/39%

Please let us know your pledge intentions for calendar year 2024 as soon as you can. No time for forms?
Contact Charlie Cizio at pcuu.pledge.treasurer@gmail.com or 319-360-2852.
Thank you for your generous and timely response!

Good Neighbors

Kris Davis

(319)-361-0280

daviskris49@gmail.com

Paraministers

July 31 - August 13 | Deborah Booth

August 14 - 27 | Jan Federer

August 28 | Sept 10 - Rose Gabe

UUA GA Delegates

Thank you to the members who were delegates to the UUA General Assemble this year: **Marcia Swift, Sue Davis and Lu Wilcox**. Ask them about their (virtual) experience!

Peoples Food Pantry *The pantry needs the following items:* Cereals, crackers, soups, canned meats and canned vegetables (but not green beans, thanks).

thisisLEA

THE LEAMORRISCOLLECTION

August's song from Lea Morris is a beautiful new take on an old favorite reminding us to honor our own light and live into it fully.

[Shine \(revised\)](#)

<https://youtu.be/FbN2PaTc3Do>



Calendar

AUGUST

- 1 Pastor Carin begins her ministry
- 11 Faith Formation trip to the State Fair! \$20, 7:30 am - 9 pm

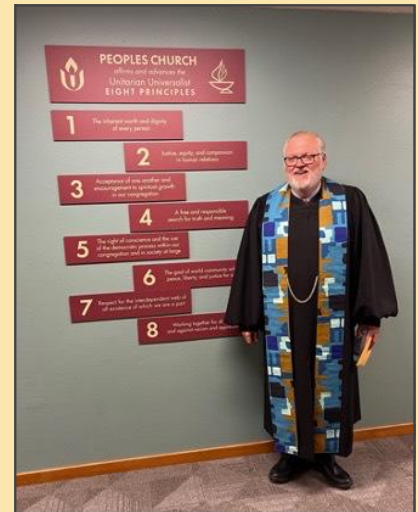
- 10-13 Meskwaki Annual Powwow
- 22 Board of Trustees meeting 7 pm
- 30 Paraministers meeting, 1 pm

Van Vechten Guild Memorial Garden

The garden is progressing nicely thanks to some hard work in hot weather by many people: Ann Woodward, Jan Federer, Kathy Juba, Sue Davis, Melissa Rucker, Linda Levy, Dan Meiners and Denny Rucker. Dan and Jim Federer also worked reducing the weeds on the driveway. Isn't this a lovely new space? It includes Autumn Sedum. Black Lace Elderberry, roses, hydrangeas, and evergreens, with more to come. We're grateful for the VanVechten Guild's vision!



So much accomplished, so many memories!



Thank you, Pastor
David!



TRIVIA NIGHT
on
APRIL 21
REGISTRATION 6:30PM | COMPETITION 7:00PM
\$80 PER TEAM | MAX 8 PEOPLE PER TEAM

CATEGORIES
Sports Music World Religions
History Brands Odds and Ends
Literature Toys Television
Iowa

PRIZES
A minimum of 5 teams are required in order for the event to occur. Prizes of cash and/or gift cards will be given to the top 3 teams. The prize amounts will be a minimum of \$50 for 1st place, \$30 for 2nd and \$20 for 3rd. The more teams that enter the higher the prize amounts will be.

**Fundraiser for
Coming of Age Trip**



**Peoples Church
SESQUICENTENNIAL**

Nurturing the Flame!

1869 - 2019
September 14 & 15, 2019
CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Look for updates at www.peoplesuu.org or call 319.362.9827



It's been an exciting six years!

Peoples Church Mission Statement

Leading compassionate lives through spiritual growth and just action.

Publication Deadlines

The VOICE submissions for the September Voice are needed by August 29th.

eWeekly - NOON each Wednesday, unless notice is given otherwise (*e.g., holidays*)

Photo submissions welcome!

Peoples Directory

Click Online Directory to access the directory for Peoples Church.

New users: email the office at office@peoplesuu.org to request an invitation from Realm to join and access the online directory. The invitation will be sent via email with instructions on how to create and log into your account.

[Sign up here to help set up Coffee House before Sunday Worship](#)

[Sign up here to bring SNACKS for Coffee Hour after Sunday](#)

PEOPLES STAFF

CHURCH PHONE: (319) 362-9827

office@peoplesuu.org

MINISTER

Rev. Carin Bringelson

FAITH FORMATION: TBD

CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Christine Kullander

TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR

Leiana Evans-Arcenas (319) 362-9827

office@peoplesuu.org

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9 am - 2 pm w/Leiana

Summer hours subject to change

DIGITAL MEDIA SPECIALIST

Jackie Wedeking

PIANIST

Judy Mitschelen

CUSTODIAN

Walter Robidoux

NURSERY ATTENDANT

In Search of Nursery Staff

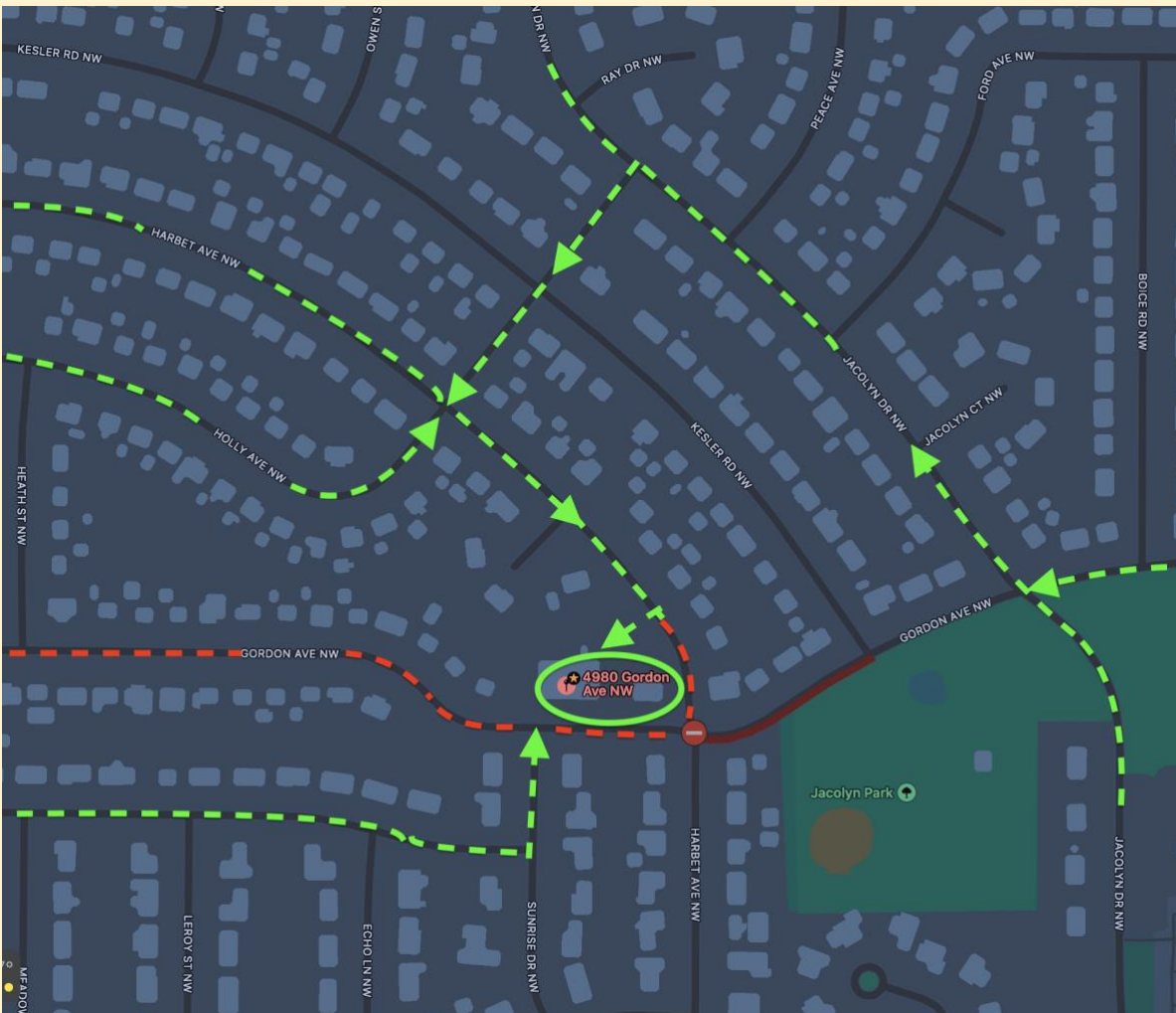
We are still looking for nursery workers.

We have tried increasing pay, posting the position on multiple sites, and even reached out to all the young people we know in the age range. We would like to ask the congregation to reach out to anyone they know who is:

- Looking for a little extra cash and likes kids,
- Not a member of the church,
- 18 or older
- Consistently available on Sunday mornings

We desperately need a second nursery worker for Sundays so we are in compliance with the safety standards of childcare. Our hope is if we all work together, we can find some great people to be with and care for our youngest members of the church during the service.

If you have any recommendations, please reach out to [Carin](#) or the [office](#)!



Peoples is still in a construction zone, with limited access that changes daily. Approaching *from the east*, using Holly or Luellen to reach Harbet from Jacolyn Drive. *West Post is open to Skyline from the south now; Jacolyn access is spotty. Good luck!* We hope the map above helps, but allow extra time, and *be persistent* – or choose the Zoom option for now!

Community Mental Health Resources

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 some of them:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
988 <<<NEW NUMBER

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.

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Leading compassionate lives through spiritual growth and just action.

Our Ends Statements

1. We partner with others to build a fair and just world.
2. We create a spiritual home that welcomes everyone of goodwill.
3. We articulate our UU faith, teach it to our children, and live it in the world.
4. We support our mission with compassionate presence, talented participation, and financial resources.
5. We create transformative spiritual experiences together that awaken our compassionate action.

Our Principles:

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 things that concern them.
6. We work for a peaceful, fair and free world.
7. We care for Planet Earth.
8. We work together for diversity, and against racism and oppression.

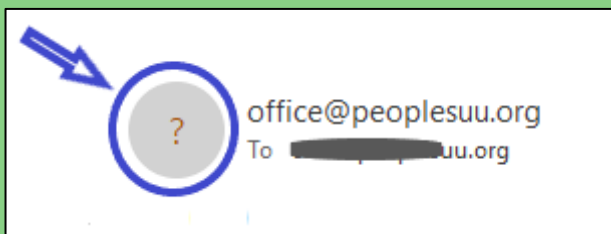
Be Alert for Fraud!

The Peoples Church Minister, Board members, and staff will *NEVER*:

- Text or email you to ask for money or gift cards.
- 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: 319 362-9827 | office@peoplesuu.org**

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.



We have seen an uptick in fraud linked to fake PCUU accounts. To the left is an example of a fake email: The “?” in the circle is the clue – if it was from Peoples, there would be a logo or an image you recognize. When in doubt, check with [the office](mailto:theoffice@peoplesuu.org), 319 362-9827!