

THE *Voice*

June 2023



Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist

4980 Gordon Avenue NW. Cedar Rapids IA 52405

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Worship

Sunday, June 4, 2023

11 am WORSHIP

What Delights You, and How Do You Use That Delight?

By Pastor David Wise

Worship Associate: Rev. Rosie Rimrodt

Story for All Ages: Ryan Roth-Klinck

Pianist: Judy Mitschelen

Sunday, June 11, 2023

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Worship Associate: Angie Pierce-Jennings

Pianist: Judy Mitschelen

Special Music by Bryce Janey



Pastor's Notes — Pastor David Wise

Delight is the worship theme for June!

"Like a path through the forest, Sabbath creates a marker for ourselves so, if we are lost, we can find our way back to our center. 'Remember the Sabbath' means 'Remember that everything you have received is a blessing. Remember to delight in your life, in the fruits of your labor. Remember to stop and offer thanks for the wonder of it.' Remember, as if we would forget. Indeed, the assumption is that we will forget. And history has proven that, given enough time, we will."

OUR STAFF

David Wise

Interim Pastor

(319) 362-9827

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday usually
10 am - 3 pm or by appt

Ryan Roth-Klinck

Faith Formation Interim Director

(319) 362-9827

Christine Kullander

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(319) 362-9827

Tuesday & Wednesday 9-3 (with Katie)

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Jackie Wedeking

Digital Media Specialist

Judy Mitschelen

Pianist

Walter Robidoux

Custodian



*Click here to be a GREETER
at Sunday worship!*

Faith Formation News

June

JUNE 14

lake mcbride - 9:30am to 3:30pm - \$20

JUNE 21

mini pines - 6:30 to 7:30pm - \$6

JUNE 28

feed iowa first service project - 6 to 7:30pm

July

JULY 12

scavenger hunt @ newbo - 6:30 to 8pm

JULY 19

movie marathon @ st. pauls umc - 4 to 9pm

JULY 26

feed iowa first service project - 6:30 to 7:30pm

August

AUGUST 11

iowa state fair - 7:30am to 9pm - \$20

Faith Formation might be done for the school year, but that doesn't mean we don't have stuff planned for the summer!

All Faith Formation families are invited to participate in the PRIDE PARADE ON JUNE 10!

We will meet at **12:30 pm in the Newbo District** to get set up for our **banned books theme**. The church has the signs, but if you want to make your own, you are more than welcome to bring one. We will also have some snacks for the kids as they wait for the parade to begin.

We could use some adult volunteers to help, as Ryan will be on a trip to Minneapolis with the middle schoolers. but David will be there. Please reach out to Ryan at faithformation@peoplesuu.org or text him at (940) 390-7437 if you'd like to volunteer.



Reception for Ryan!

There will be a reception Sunday, June 25 after worship. We'll gather to say thank you and wish our Interim Director for Faith Formation and his family the best in their new adventure.

Community Action

Join in the Fun this Summer!

Plan to attend as many events as you can – if you have a Peoples T-shirt, wear it so everyone knows Peoples Church cares!

JUNE 10 - Pride Parade/Celebrating Banned Books, 12:30 at NewBo Join us at the **Pride Parade on June 10 at 1:00 pm. at NewBo City Market.** We will again be promoting our banned book library. It is very simple: you just need to walk a few blocks and carry a sign or wear a sign (provided). Someone will also be handing out candy! Contact Ryan at faithformation@peoplesuu.org or David at minister@peoplesuu.org.

JUNE 17: JUNETEENTH Commemoration, 11 – 3 at NewBo. Juneteenth marks the end of slavery in the US. It is a reminder of the continued fight for freedom and justice and celebrates African-American culture, strength, and resilience. Entertainment will include spoken word poetry, and Gospel, Hip-Hop, and R & B music. Bring your friends and family in recognition and respect for our Black neighbors

JUNE 24: Worship Service at the Cedar Rapids Public Library downtown - a new event for Cedar Rapids and for CR Pride. Clergy and laity from churches that are welcoming and affirming will share readings and stories. Plan to attend and if you have a Peoples T-shirt, wear it so everyone knows Peoples is supportive!

JULY 8: CR PRIDEFEST – Peoples will have a booth, banner and posters. Help is needed for the Pride Parade on June 10 at 1:00pm. We will again be promoting our banned book library. It is very simple—you just need to walk a few blocks and carry a sign or wear a sign. Someone will also be needed to hand out candy! Contact Ryan at faithformation@peoplesuu.org or David at minister@peoplesuu.org

CONDOLENCES to Chris (C.J.) Flynn on the death of his mother, Suellen K. Flynn, 69, of Hiawatha, on May 4, 2023. The Celebration of Life was held May 17. C.J.'s phone number is 319 849-8842, if you'd like to reach out to him.



*Click the mug
to help with Coffee Hour
before/after Sunday worship*



*Click the apple
if you can bring
Sunday morning snacks*

Peoples Church Mission Statement:

Leading compassionate lives through spiritual growth and just action

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FLOWER POWER

If you would like to help beautify the front of the sanctuary, we invite folx to bring flowers!

- If you would like to have them noted in the Order of Service please let the office know.
- If you plan to bring flowers but don't want it mentioned in the Order of Service, also let the office know – so we don't end up with too many flowers!



Read more at: <https://marionpubliclibrary.libnet.info/event/8547223>

Cedar Rapids' Juneteenth Commemoration

Saturday, June 17, 2023 11 - 3 pm New Bo City Market

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Peoples Notes

2024 Peoples Church Pledge Campaign



Next month you will receive your 2024 pledge campaign form in the mail asking for you to continue your financial commitment to Peoples. If you can give more than last year, please do!

Soon we will have a settled minister and will be ready to "BLAST OFF" into our future; the more money we raise the more "fuel" we have in being to fulfill our mission statement of leading compassionate lives through spiritual growth and just action. Thank you for your support!



Here is the
Lea Connection
song for June
Watch Lea rock out on her song,
[Every Day](#),
while she opened for Mavis Staples!



The Folk Choir performing this spring

PARAMINISTERS

Here is the schedule for phone calls for the next few months:

- May 22 - June 4 - [Jan Federer](#)
- June 5 - 18 - [Dorothy Hershner](#)
- June 19 - July 2 - [Paulette Montague](#)
- July 3 - 16 - [Rosie Rimrodt](#)
- July 17 - 30 - [Rose Gabe](#)
- July 31 - August 13 - [Deborah Booth](#)
- August 14 - 27 - [Jan Federer](#)
- August 28 - Sept 10 - [Rose Gabe](#)

Our next Paraminister meeting will be Wednesday, August 30 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom link.

Finance Team Update

The Finance Team met on 5/23/23 to review bookkeeper reports and related items. Cash flow for April was positive due to pre-payment of pledges and scheduled endowment disbursements:

- April income \$32,312
- April expenses \$28,226

We are grateful for the growth in endowment giving to the church. Increased endowment giving is helping the church grow its programs and live its mission.

Peoples Notes

HELP MAP OUR UU FUTURE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

Have you ever considered participating in a GA? Being a delegate? Attending some workshops?

The UU [General Assembly](#) will be held June 21-25 in Pittsburgh. There is also a virtual option that is very convenient. The Finance Committee and the Board have two very important issues that are going to be discussed and voted on at the 2023 GA:

1. **The first deals with the Principles and a total re-write of the Principles as we know them today.** Every voice needs to be heard in this crucial debate. Info has been in the Voice and Weekly for some time. For more information on this issue please contact [Marcia Swift](#)
2. **The second issue is one which our Finance Team and Board of Trustees strongly opposes.** It could decimate the Endowment Fund of the UUA, which is called the Common Fund. The resolution states that the Common Fund must provide a 'Complete Divestment from the Fossil Fuel Industry and Subsequent Reparations,' which was submitted by petition, because it would undermine the UUCEF's current values-based work on climate action and other human rights issues, close off the conversations we need to have about UU values and investments, pre-empt the work the UUA Board of Trustees has begun around reparations, and directly cut the UU budgets. The concept is good, but the sudden action and impact of that action on small churches is significant and very concerning.

For more information on this resolution speak with [Gary McGraw](#).

If you would like to be one of three delegates for Peoples Church, funds are available to help pay for registration. If you are interested, and ready to study the issues and be prepared to vote, please reach out to [Pastor David](#)!

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.

Van Vechten Guild Memory Garden

The Van Vechtens got busy this week and have partly cleared and cleaned an area for a Memorial garden located at the NE corner of the church. We are visualizing a sitting area, garden with a dividing screen/ fence to give some separation of spaces. At this point we would like to re-home the 3 rhubarb plants growing there and if there are some folks willing to donate hosta, sedum and smaller perennials take a photo of what you have and send an attachment photo to Sdavisod@southslope.net so the Guild can choose what might look the best together. The next Guild meeting will be a potluck and discussion on the garden, June 12 at noon. All are welcome to attend.

Peoples Calendar

- Saturday, June 10** Pride Parade & Banned Book Celebration, 1 pm, New Bo City Market
- Monday, June 12** Van Vechten Guild potluck and Memorial Garden discussion, Noon
- Wednesday, June 14** Social Justice Meeting, 1 pm
- Saturday, June 17** Juneteenth Commemoration 11-3 pm, NewBo City Market
- Thursday, June 22** Board of Trustees Regular meeting, 7 pm, Ely Room
- Sunday, June 25:** Reception for Ryan Roth-Klinck, Interim Director for Faith Formation, 12 pm, Andre Room
- Sunday, July 2:** Scott Mansfield Memorial Picnic, Daniels Park
- Saturday, July 8:** PRIDEFEST, 1 pm at New Bo City Market

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 that an account belongs to Peoples Church, please check with us.

Deadlines to remember:

eWeekly:

The deadline for submissions is NOON each Wednesday unless notice is given otherwise (e.g.: in the event of holidays.) The eWeekly is distributed on Thursdays, except the week when *The Voice* is published.

NEW: If you are submitting information for the eWeekly, please indicate so in the subject line of your email so we can find it easily.

NEXT VOICE Issue:

The next *Voice* will be published the first week of June. The deadline for submissions for the July *Voice* is June 18, 2023.

NEW: If you are submitting an article for The Voice, please indicate so in the subject line of your email so we can find it easily.

Please refer to our [Publication Guidelines](#) for useful information and guidelines, or contact the [office](#).