



# *PEOPLES PRODDER*

February Newsletter

## Minister's Message

Dear Members and Friends of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

As we come together in the spirit of unity and love this February, I want to take a moment to honor Black History Month—a time dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the rich legacy, struggles, and triumphs of the African American community. This month serves as a powerful reminder of our shared journey, filled with hope, resilience, and the divine call to pursue justice and truth in a world often marked by division.

In our nation's current climate, we face unprecedented challenges, as the civil liberties we cherish are threatened. Tensions are thick in the air, disheartening even the most steadfast among us. However, amid such turmoil, we must remain anchored in our faith and draw strength from the Holy Scriptures, as our spiritual grounding is the foundation upon which we can continue to stand firm.

Romans 12:12 encourages us: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." This scripture invites us to embrace the enduring faith exhibited by our forebearers during times of great hardship. Just as they shaped the course of history through their faith and perseverance, we, too, are called to uphold the ideals of justice and equality while remaining steadfast in our prayers and commitment to one another.

Let us not be swayed by the divisive rhetoric that aims to fracture our community. Instead, let us unite as a vibrant tapestry of faith, love, and shared purpose. Our gatherings—whether in worship or community—should remind us that our strength lies in our unity. Together, we are called to be instruments of peace, working hand in hand to uplift the marginalized and advocate for justice in our society.

As we navigate the complexities of these uncertain times, let's remember the sacrifices of those who came before us and who paved the way for the rights we cherish today. This month, I encourage each of you to reflect on the stories of those who fought valiantly for dignity, freedom, and justice. May their legacies inspire us to take action in our own lives, whether through advocacy, community service, or simply holding space for one another in love and support.

As we immerse ourselves in this month of reflection and action, I urge you all to remain hopeful and continually seek God's guidance in all that we do. Let prayer be your refuge and scripture your guide. Together, we can be the light that shines brightly amid the shadows of division, embracing the eternal promise that, in Christ, we are stronger together. May you find peace, strength, and unity in this season. Remember that I am loving you into God's next step for you, and I am here with you, praying for our congregation and our beloved community.

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

Interim Minister

# ***“Peoples Church FYI”***

## **Prayer Meeting Dial-In**

### **Wednesday Word Devotional Conference Call**

605-475-5950 Access Code: 8964544#  
Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

### **Wednesday Noon Prayer Service**

*Call 518-992-1039, Access Code: 659959#*  
*Prayer Service is every Wednesday at Noon.*

## **Thursday Virtual Bible Study**

*Join Zoom Meeting: Click here to [join](#)*  
*Dial-in# +1 301 715 8592 US*  
*Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 Password: 784420*

## **Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ**

### **Sunday Morning Praise and Worship Teleconference**

Call-in-Number 720-740-9739 Access Code 4684874  
The Line Opens at 6:55 a.m.

## **Virtual Adult Church School**

**Adult Church School Every Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

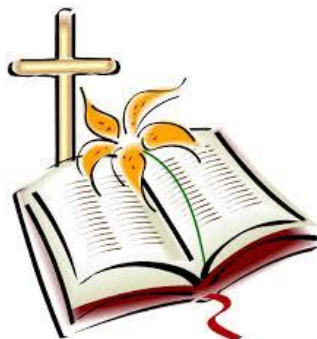
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBIRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640

**Church School meets every second and fourth Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel September- June**

## **Sermon By Phone**

**Available every Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Dial 1-202-318-5405**



## SPECIAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Peoples Church! All individuals who participate in our Worship and Liturgical Services and/or Events may have their images appear on our Social Media Platforms, Live Streaming, or communication documents. By attending these Services and Events, you tacitly agree to having your image displayed.

### Sermon Talk-Back

Rev. Bragg-Reynolds will lead Sermon Talk-Back on the following Sundays after worship in the Corbin Lounge. Sermon talk-back allows you to ask questions, delve deeper into the sermon, and follow up on trauma-informed Bible study.

### Housing Justice: Reimagining Downtown DC - Webinar, March 4, 2025 4-5 pm

The UCC Justice and Witness Action Network, Washington, DC Team is pleased to invite you to attend a virtual informational session describing a proposal to address housing insecurity in Downtown DC. This proposal is a follow-up to the concept paper that was presented to Potomac Association Fall 2022, challenging the plan to convert empty downtown commercial buildings only for the rich while at the same time bulldozing homeless camps in the same area. The concept has evolved to a plan that addresses both the unhoused and housing insecure while also generating funds to support the endeavor. Come, learn about this proposal, raise your questions, offer your expertise, be a part of the change. See flyer for Zoom link and contact information.

### Continuing the celebration of Peoples Church.

A **Juneteenth program** will be presented sponsored by the music and cultural arts ministries, under the direction of Dr Jefferson, Worship Leadership.

This is an open call and invitation to all members, neighbors and friends to participate! This is an historical production featuring song, dance and spoken word, written by our own Virginia Artist. There are many opportunities to participate, including both **on stage and behind the scenes**. We need **you** to make this a great event.

Speakers, singers, dancers, stage manager, prop master, costume manager, marketing/PR team, recruitment, logistics, ushers and greeters, production assistance. This is an awesome opportunity for fellowship, and a tangible contribution to the spiritual life of Peoples Church. Also, we intend to have fun! We will begin to meet for planning and rehearsals in January. For more information, please email [PeoplesUCCMusicMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:PeoplesUCCMusicMinistry@gmail.com) or contact LeAta (Lee Etta) Jackson. The program will be on **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Recently, our Boy Scout Troop 544 participated in the contingent to honor President Jimmy Carter. Please add the link to the Prodder.

<https://weownadventure.com/ncac-scouts-honor-former-president-carter/>



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need of Prayer**

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**REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN  
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**“LET THE BELOVED OF THE LORD  
REST SECURE IN HIM FOR HE  
SHIELDS HIM ALL**

**DAY LONG, AND THE ONE THE  
LORD LOVES RESTS BETWEEN HIS  
SHOULDERS”**

**DEUTERONOMY 33:12**





## *Happy Birthday to:*

<i>Heather Dark</i>	<i>02/01</i>	<i>Sarah-Anne Hodges</i>	<i>02/13</i>
<i>Andria Dodwell</i>	<i>02/01</i>	<i>Agnes Powell</i>	<i>02/15</i>
<i>Del Hines</i>	<i>02/04</i>	<i>Michael Jackson</i>	<i>02/16</i>
<i>Doris Jones</i>	<i>02/04</i>	<i>Cyril-Patrick Enyi</i>	<i>02/18</i>
<i>Marvin Brooks</i>	<i>02/06</i>	<i>George Loines</i>	<i>02/23</i>
<i>Kathy English-Holt</i>	<i>02/07</i>	<i>Shirley Moseley</i>	<i>02/23</i>
<i>Maureen Booker-Stephenson</i>	<i>02/08</i>	<i>Ralph Neal</i>	<i>02/24</i>
<i>Ariana Williams-Michelle</i>	<i>02/09</i>	<i>Thirza Neal</i>	<i>02/24</i>
<i>Gloria Wyche-Moore</i>	<i>02/11</i>	<i>Aja Topps-Harjo</i>	<i>02/26</i>
<i>Alyssa Gill</i>	<i>02/12</i>	<i>Albert Ramey-Speed</i>	<i>02/29</i>

## *Happy Anniversary!*

*Lynne Adrine 02/02*

*Clifton Reynolds 02/09*

### **Bible Trivia**



Through what did God speak to Moses in the desert?

A. Rock   B. Burning Bush   C. Well

2. How many plagues did God send on Egypt?

A. 1   B. 4   C. 8   D. 10

3. How old was Joseph when his brethren sold him into slavery?

A. 69   B. 23   C. 17   D. 90

4. Who restored Paul's sight after the Lord blinded him?

A. Peter   B. Luke   C. Ananias   D. Matthew



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*Sunday, January 5, 2025*

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*Sunday, January 12, 2025*

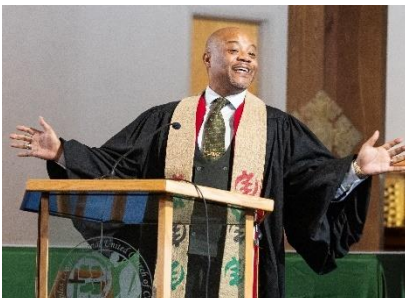
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*Sunday Worship January 19, 2025*

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*Love God & Love Neighbor*

## Prodder Guidelines

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

The Peoples Prodder is our Monthly Newsletter, which informs our community about recent announcements, updates, and information pertaining to the life of our congregation.

All announcements and flyers for the upcoming edition of the Prodder must be submitted by 12:00 Noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

Announcements and flyers can be emailed to [yhunter@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:yhunter@peopleschurchucc.org).

Please do not mail information; electronic submissions are required.

Announcements should be a maximum of 90 words and informational about Peoples Church events or members and their families. All announcements may be edited, and submissions are subject to final approval by the Ministers.

## Contact Information

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## “Sermon Notes”



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### *CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION*

Have you moved? Do you have a new e-mail address? Has your contact information changed? If so, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate so that we may update your contact information. Thank-you!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

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