



# PEOPLES PRODDER

Newsletter  
Volume December 2021

**Peoples Congregational United Church of Church**

## **Mark your Calendars**

- Friday, December 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers Service in the Sanctuary followed by Candlelight Communion Service in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 26, 2021 in-person Kwanzaa Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, December 26 10:00 a.m. Worship service is virtual
- Friday, December 31, 2021 Virtual Watchnight Service at 6:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Please note Peoples Church will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas

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Board of Christian Social Action and Peoples GS troops donated meals to Mary's Center to support families in need for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



# Join Us Weekly

## SUNDAY

- 7:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Praise and Worship Teleconference  
Call-in-Number: 720-740-9739 Access Code: 4684874  
The Line Opens at 6:55 a.m. - Call in and invite others
- 8:00-9:45 a.m. Virtual Adult Church School  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBIRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>  
Meeting ID: 883 9085 7788 Passcode: 438381
- 7:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Praise and Worship Teleconference  
Call-in-Number: 720-740-9739 Access Code: 4684874  
The Line Opens at 6:55 a.m. - Call in and invite others
- 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Virtual Church School  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://peoples-church-school.eventbrite.com>
- 12:00 p.m. Sermon by Phone – Sermons available every Sunday  
Telephone Dial-in #: 1-202-318-5405  
Listen to weekly church sermons and messages.

## WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 a.m. Wednesday Word – A Devotional Conference Call  
Dial-In Number: 605-475-5950, Passcode: 8964544# Second and Fourth Wednesday  
This is not a toll-free number. Charges may apply
- 12:00 Noon Prayer Meeting Dial-In – Prayer Service is every Wednesday  
Dial-In Number: 518 99 21039, Access Code: 659959#

## THURSDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNiUXBXczJkMWWxZlVZclU5UT09>  
Dial-in Number: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 - Password: 784420

“Direct Link to Online Giving for Donations.”



## The Board of Christian Social Action

The Board of Christian Social Action wishes to make members aware of an opportunity to support Mary's Center Toy Drive which provides over one thousand kids with a toy during the Holiday season! Boxes are located at the church for unwrapped toy donations. Physical donations of items are needed before December 17, 2021, please see flyer for suggested gift ideas.

[Mary's Center Toy Drive](#)

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## Capital Campaign Community of Faith: Peoples Church Membership Engagement

The Capital Campaign Membership Engagement Team has completed its first ambitious goal to contact each member with a personal telephone call. The purpose of this goal is to seek participation in our *Capital Campaign Reimagined March 2021 - March 2023 2-year Donation Commitment*. Your donations will allow us to reach financial freedom by eliminating our mortgage. If you did not receive a personal call, the Membership Engagement Team has committed to continue the personal telephone calls through the end of Year 2021. The Robo-Call Telephone Roster was used to reach our membership. If we do not have a correct telephone number for you, you can update your information on [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org) or call the Church office on 202-829-5511. We look forward to engaging you on our Faith-raising Journey with an Attitude of Gratitude!



## The Wellness Ministry

Please click the link below to access the article.

[Cardiovascular Diseases Health](#)

# Women's Fellowship

" The Peoples Church Women's Fellowship extends gratitude for the church's support of its continuing ministry. Over the past year, we have responded to the needs of this church and the community. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to serve God's people and to the organizations and members who have partnered with us.

"...inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brothers (and sisters) you have done it unto me". Matthew 25:40.

- In the spring of 2020, we led the church in two services - Easter Sunrise Service and Women's Day.
- We ended the program year with a virtual "Just a Sistah" spiritual retreat "Still I Rise: Overcoming Racial Trauma" in June 2020
- We gathered periodically to walk through various public trails to ensure physical and mental wellbeing. We begin each walk with prayer.
- We made donations to the church food distribution in June.
- Haitian relief outreach. We started the church year with a concern about events in Haiti and a desire to reach out to our brothers and sisters. Michele Bonhomme and Nadine Kearns were instrumental in identifying Fleur de Vie as a possible recipient. Through the generosity of Women's Fellowship members and friends, we are able to send a check for \$3000 to Fleur de Vie.

[Read More Here](#)



## Scholarship Committee

The Peoples United Church of Christ (UCC) Scholarship Committee (SC) extends its best wishes to you this school term. The SC would also like to announce the availability of the 2021 Peoples UCC Book Grant. The Book Grant Application is available for download [here](#). The preferred method is to complete the application by downloading it from <https://peopleschurchucc.org/> completing it, scanning it, and sending via email to [scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org).

Please note that submissions must be received **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021, AT 11:59 PM EST!**

If you have graduated, please send us a short note. If you have any questions, please feel free to reply to this e-mail or send questions to the SC at [scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org). Again, best wishes this term and the SC looks forward to hearing from you soon.

**\*Note: You must be registered for the Spring 2022 semester.**

Peoples Church Scholarship Committee

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Remember, these financial gifts are above and beyond your usual tithing and offering donation for our Beloved Church! Make a Commitment to our 2-Year Monthly Donation 2021-2023

[Click here](#) to Complete 2-Year Donation Commitment Form



Of course, if you are unable to commit to the 2-year Monthly Donations, any and all donations to the Capital Campaign Community of Faith are greatly needed and appreciated!



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## Prodder Guidelines

The Peoples Prodder is our Monthly Newsletter to inform 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 [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org).

Please do not mail information; electronic submissions are required. Announcements should be between 50-200 words maximum and should be 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.

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*In Memoriam* 

**Daisy Jackson Cox**  
*Passed on January 8, 2021*

**Edward Carter**  
*Passed on January 8, 2021*

**Joe L. Greene**  
*Passed on January 10, 2021*

**Wilson Hull**  
*Passed on January 21, 2021*

**Martha Bradley**  
*Passed on March 30, 2021*

**Dr. Theodore Hudson**  
*Passed on April 27, 2021*

**Lydia Whitted**  
*Passed on May 20, 2021*

**Dorine Caves**  
*Passed on July 3, 2021*

**Harold Broome**  
*Passed on July 6, 2021*

**Keneth Reeder**  
*Passed on August 15, 2021*

**Leslie Jackson**  
*Passed On September 1, 2021*

**Dr. Julius King**  
*Passed On September 12, 2021*

**Rev. Robert Gessert**  
*Passed On November 21, 2021*