

Minister's Message

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

"From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."

– Ephesians 4:16

In the midst of summer's fade and early fall's arrival, I have been thinking a lot about this Sunday, September 3rd. This is partly because so many of our fall programs begin on this day. Moreover, since the new Church Officers will be installed during worship, the choir will don robes, we will gather for Holy Communion, a renewed sense of energy and joy awaits us as we begin the new program year, return from summer, and approach our commitments and celebrate all that God is doing for us.

Sunday's renewal is also meant to inspire us. As the Body of Christ, we need that encouragement as we work together and grow together! Joining is so easy because there are so many ways to do so. In service, fellowship, discipleship, and outreach—we join together.

Sometimes we might feel overwhelmed with all this energized activity. But don't worry, it's okay. The Ephesians text reminds us that there's never one person alone in this life of Christ. We are all of us joined and knit together. And each doing our part, each of us building and being built up in love.

So even for me, as I look over the busy season ahead, I find myself renewed and filled with joy. God is doing so much through us. And we are working together to share God's love with each other and with the world around us.

Let us return to worship, fellowship, and our ministries with gracious hearts for God is carrying us through the storms of life. Guiding our wisdom and quieting our fears. Yes, be cautious and careful if you feel you need to be but know, that we are held in God's Loving hands – now and always.

My prayer is, that God's healing love continues to bless and care for each one of us as we return to worship God together through our faith, ministries, and worship.

Remember, I am here to serve and support you and your relationship with God wherever you are on the journey. My mobile number is 312-208-0319; and my email interimminister@peopleschurchucc.org, if you need anything or simply want to talk.

Wishing for you God's best and loving you into God's next!

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

SUNDAY

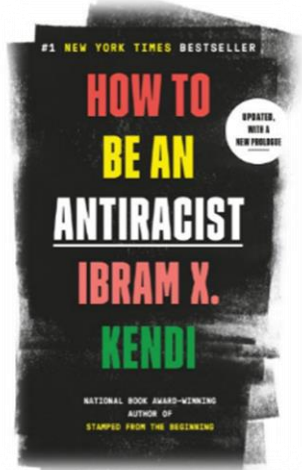
- 7:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Praise and Worship Teleconference
Call-in-Number: 720-740-9739 Access Code: 4684874
The Line Opens at 6:55 a.m. - Call in and invite others.
- 8:00-9:45 a.m. Virtual Adult Church School
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBIRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>
Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640
- 10:00 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service and Virtual Service
- Church School meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel (September-June).
- 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: 518-992-1039, Access Code: 659959#

THURSDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study (Classes suspended July and August)
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNlUXBXczJkMWVxZlVZclU5UT09>
Dial-in Number: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 - Password: 784420



United Church of Christ ALL-CHURCH READ

How to be an AntiRacist

By Ibram X. Kendi

Thanks to all who joined the Peoples Board of Christian Social Action and First Congregational UCC book reading group that began on May 22nd.

If you were not able to join the group, but still want to engage in the UCC ALL-CHURCH READ, please go to the UCC website for video resources, zoom opportunities, and discussion boards for exploration of the implications of this book within the faith community. Go to <https://jointhemovementucc.org/jtm-news/all-church-read-how-to-be-an-antiracist/> For more information contact Vivian Jackson at info@peopleschurchucc.org.

SOUND IMPROVEMENTS FOR SANCTUARY

The officers of the Peoples Jazz Society (Patricia Ellis, President; Davey Yarborough, VP and Artistic Director. James Butts, Treasurer; Carolyn Veiga, Secretary and Webmaster) announce with pride and gratitude the sound improvements recently completed in the Sanctuary. This was accomplished with generous support from the Voices of Peoples, the Fellowship Choir, the Pink Champions, and several individual donors. We are blessed to complete this project to enhance all worship experiences for our Church family and community.

The Washington Jazz Arts Institute (WJAI)

The WJAI is celebrating its 25th Anniversary! We are excited to announce our **25th Anniversary Gala and alumni performance at Peoples Church on September 9th at 6 pm.** Our summer jazz camp was a great success, ending in annual performances by our youth, both here at Peoples Church and at Emmanuel Baptist in Southeast DC. **We thank you for your attendance and your ongoing support for our youth and our programs.** Tickets for the gala will go on sale the first week in August at Eventbrite.com, or you can reach out to Esther Williams, Davey Yarborough, or Patricia Ellis for ticket information and to purchase yours if unable to access it online. This concert is a once in a lifetime, amazing gathering of alumni who are now professional musicians and are playing and working around the world. Please help us celebrate our 25th year by attending this stellar performance and reception. Our programs are free, and we appreciate your help. We thank you, Peoples Church! Visit WJAI.org for further information.



Diaconate Retreat 2023

. Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The retreat will include the following:

- A review and emphasis regarding our duties and responsibilities as deacons.
- A review of Diaconate procedures as they relate to scripture reading and visitation.
- Procedures for opening of the doors and Christening.
- A review of Diaconate attire.
- The development of a Diaconate calendar.
- The development and organization of a Youth Initiative
- An opportunity for fellowship.

Light refreshments will be provided. The Diaconate participation is very important. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

The August-September Birth Month Club is getting fired up again!

If your birthday is in August or September, please join us in celebrating our birth months and revitalizing the August-September Birth Month Club. If you're interested in joining this group for fun and service, please contact Diane Miller, Monique Boddie Neal, or Esther Williams Yarborough. We will be planning a virtual meeting to get acquainted to recruit others and discuss our focus sometime in September. Let us know if you're interested and help us to make this the best birthday club ever!



Trip to Israel, Jerusalem, Holy Land 2023 by Geneva Hudson

I had a wonderful opportunity to visit the Holy Land in July of this year. It was an awesome experience to be able to visit the places we read about in the Bible, to walk where Jesus and his disciples walked, and to see firsthand where so many important events took place as told in the Old and New Testaments. For me, sailing on the Sea of Galilee was one of the most memorable parts of the tour. Around the Sea of Galilee is where much of Jesus' ministry took place, calling the disciples, teaching, and healing, performing miracles, and feeding the multitudes. It was on the Sea of Galilee that Jesus walked on water and calmed the storm.

VBS 2023



Sunday Jazz Worship Service



Sunday Worship Service



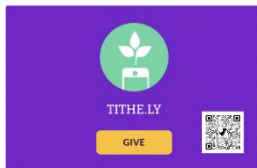
Capital Campaign



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

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

“Direct Link to Online Giving for Donations.”



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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Love God & Love Neighbor

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 20th of the prior month.

Announcements and flyers can be emailed to 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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 <i>In Memoriam</i> 	
Jacqueline Adkins Passed on January 14, 2023	Robert Hill Passed on April 9, 2023
Elizabeth Scott Passed on January 23, 2023	Arthur Stewart Passed on May 22, 2023
Virginia Spencer Passed on February 16, 2023	Dr. Robert Baird Passed on June 8, 2023
Erica Taylor Minor Passed on March 4, 2023	Ethel E. Kum Passed on July 30, 2023
Marian Miller Passed on June 29, 2023	Gloria Dutch Passed on August 10, 2023
Joann Pegues Passed on March 23, 2023	Anthony Diggs Passed on August 24, 2023



This image shows a blank sheet of white paper designed as a notebook page. It features horizontal ruling lines spaced evenly down the page. A thick, dark blue border runs along all four edges, with a decorative, wavy pattern on the left and right sides. At the top center, the word "Notes" is printed in a large, light blue serif typeface. The overall appearance is clean and professional.