

PEOPLES PRODDER

December 2023 Newsletter

Minister's Message

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

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."

- John 1:14

During this season, as we celebrate Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy; I pray that these four tenets will fill our lives in every way this Christmas and beyond.

As we gather with family and friends, let us also reach out to those in need, spreading warmth and kindness. May our acts of generosity be a shining example of the true spirit of Christmas.

May your hearts be filled with peace, happiness, and hope as we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. Let us remember His teachings of compassion, forgiveness, and love for one another, and strive to embody these values in our lives.

May the twinkling lights, the sound of carols, and the magic of this season bring joy to your homes and hearts. May the message of Christmas resound within our community, fostering unity and harmony.

Wishing you all a Christmas filled with abundant blessings and a New Year of hope and prosperity. May your faith be strengthened and may the love of Christ fill your lives with endless joy.

Merry Christmas to each one of you! 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=RmZoY2xqeTBlRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09 Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640

10:00 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service and Virtual Service

Church School & Youth Ministry meet 2nd and 4th 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.

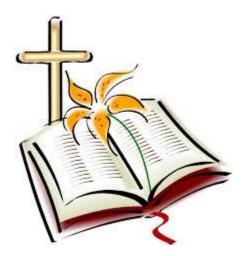
WEDNESDAY

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: <u>https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNlUXBXczJkMWVxZlVZclU5UT09</u> Dial-in Number: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 - Password: 784420



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Ministry Through Caring-Commemorate special days with flowers on the altar.

Order a designer floral arrangement to remember your loved ones or recognize a special day. The gift of your flowers and the occasion from which they are given will be listed in the Prodder and acknowledged during the announcements. To order a floral arrangement, fill out the form and mail it to Camellia Circle, Attn: ALTAR FLOWERS. Peoples Congregational Church, 4704-13th Street, NW Washington, DC 20011. Enclosed is a check or money order (minimum \$75.00), made payable to Camellia Circle. For further information, please contact the Church office at 202-829-5511.

Name_

Address

Telephone#____

Date I am requesting_____

I am giving flowers (in memory of or to honor)_____

Happy Birthday to...

"Peoples Church will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday."

Official Notice

Peoples Church will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting will be hybrid, in-person in the Sanctuary, on Zoom, and by phone.

*The Special Election details will be presented

*The 2024 Budget will be presented

*The Dissolution Clause will be re-presented for a vote

The Scholarship Committee is accepting college book grant applications for church members attending undergraduate school (sophomores, juniors, and seniors) and who will be registered for the Spring 2024 semester. Applications may be submitted directly online (<u>https://form.jotform.com/232885617174162</u>). Please note the due date for applications and any supporting documentation is Friday, December 8, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. Thank you.

Music Ministry Announcements

There are several opportunities for you to participate in the music ministry at Peoples. We invite you to come and be a part of the Adult Choir or the Praise & Worship Team. Instrumentalists are also welcome. Join us in singing the Agnus Dei(Winter's Dream) by Paul Halley. The Peoples Adult Choir rehearses on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Also, join us on Sunday, December 17th, for our Christmas celebration service. Contact Dr. Jefferson or any member of our Music Ministry team at <u>info@peopleschurchucc.org</u> about being part of the music ministry at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ!

Men Are Cooking





Church Service



Honoring Judge Reid







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!

<u>Click here</u> 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!

Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

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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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Jacqueline Adkins	Dr. Robert Baird	
Passed on January 14, 2023	Passed on June 8, 2023	
Elizabeth Scott	Marian Miller	
Passed on January 23, 2023	Passed on June 29, 2023	
Virginia Spencer	Ethel E. Kum	
Passed on February 16, 2023	Passed on July 30, 2023	
Erica Taylor Minor	Gloria Dutch	
Passed on March 4, 2023	Passed on August 10, 2023	
Joann Pegues	Anthony Diggs	
Passed on March 23, 2023	Passed on August 24, 2023	
Robert Hill	Vera J. Banks	
Passed on April 9, 2023	Passed on August 31, 2023	
Arthur Stewart	Harold Logan	
Passed on May 22, 2023	Passed on September 1, 2023	
Jacqueline Copeland Passed on September 20, 2023		





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