

Minister's Message

Dear Beloved Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, our hearts are filled with gratitude and anticipation. It is a time not only to reflect on the past but also to look forward to the blessings and challenges that lie ahead. As your shepherd, I am humbled and honored to address you with a message of hope and encouragement, as we embark on this journey together as a faith-filled community.

The year 2023 was undoubtedly filled with great triumphs and unforeseen challenges. We witnessed God's hand at work in our lives, guiding us through the ups and downs while strengthening our resolve as a united body of believers. Through it all, we found solace and strength in each other and in our unwavering faith. Let us take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to the Lord for His faithfulness and for His everlasting love that continues to sustain us!

Now, as we embrace the promising days of the year 2024, let us be reminded of the importance of making God the center of all our endeavors. Paul's letter to the Philippians encourages us, saying, **"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"** (Philippians 4:13). This verse should serve as a guiding principle as we embark on this new chapter together.

As individuals, families, and a church community, let us resolve to seek God's wisdom, direction, and strength. May we purposefully set aside time for prayer, personal devotion, and corporate worship, allowing God to shape and mold us into His vessels of love, grace, and compassion. Let us strive to deepen our personal relationship with our Creator, immersing ourselves in the study of God's Word, allowing it to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

Additionally, let us commit ourselves to strengthening the bonds of fellowship within our church family. The past year has reminded us of the significance of togetherness, even when physically apart. In the face of adversity, we displayed resilience and unity, offering comfort and support to one another. As we step into the new year, let us continue to foster an environment of love, inclusivity, and acceptance, allowing everyone to experience the warmth and love of Christ through our actions.

Moreover, may we remain vigilant in serving others, extending a helping hand to those in need within our community? The call to love our neighbors has never been more essential as we continue to navigate the challenges of this ever-changing world. By demonstrating kindness, generosity, and compassion, we become beacons of hope, shining the light of Christ into the lives of others.

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=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.

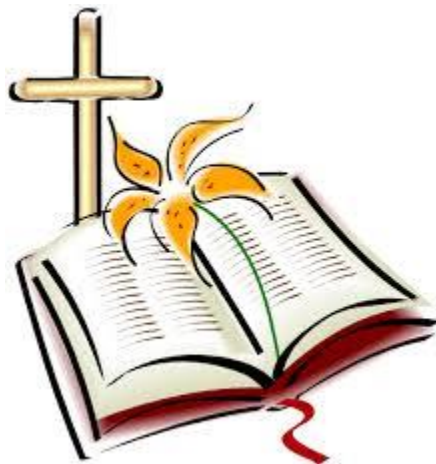
Dial-In Number: 518-992-1039, Access Code: 659959#

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study (Classes suspended July and August)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNlUXBXczJkMWVxZlVZclU5UT09>

Dial-in Number: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 - Password: 784420



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church will be closed for the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, January 15, 2024.

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. The Adult Choir will be recruiting new members beginning the first weekend of January. If you have a desire to serve God through the ministry of music, come out during our recruitment drive in January.

During the month of January, Dr. Jefferson will offer ear-training lessons for those who have had limited experience learning songs by ear. He will also offer music reading techniques for those who have limited music reading skills. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

The Peoples Adult Choir rehearses on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Contact Dr. Jefferson or any member of our Music Ministry team at info@peopleschurchucc.org about being part of the music ministry at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ!

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.

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Telephone# _____ Date I am requesting _____

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Happy Birthday to...

Realm for Peoples

Subject: Peoples Realm Merger

Dear Peoples Online & Tithely Users,

Thank you for your financial support using our **online credit card**, **e-giving** and **text-to-give** systems for your church donations during the last 3 years. Our current Church Management System "REALM" has proven to be the most productive, efficient and cost-effective methodology to make church donations online. For those of you who pay by personal or bank check and cash, nothing has changed. The church is moving forward with additional Realm updates that will reduce the number of volunteers and resources needed to manage our systems manually. It has increased member privacy, decreased the chance of erroneous input of member data and expedited the timeliness of your e-donations for financial giving records.

We are asking all credit card donors to consider moving from the Tithely app or the website online giving systems to REALM which will provide the automation capabilities that we need to provide ease of use, quick access, efficiency, timeliness, and privacy for all donor records. We are hoping that current online donors would consider ending your (one-time/recurring) donations via their current e-giving system asap.

Please contact the treasurer@peopleschurchucc.org, if you have any questions, concerns or need assistance in moving forward to our Realm E-Giving Systems.

What is REALM and How do you access it?

Peoples Church Website: www.peopleschurchucc.org

Church REALM Website: <https://onrealm.org/PeoplesCongrega32550>

Church Giving and Donations: www.onrealm.org/PeoplesCongrega32550/-/form/give/now

WHAT IS REALM? It is a Church Database Management System that provides access to our staff, members, groups and leadership in order to build and manage our church community and conduct church business.

HOW DOES REALM HELP THE CHURCH? It provides online access to our administrative and financial database and can be accessed from any computer desktop, laptops, tablets and your mobile phone 24/7.

HOW DO I ACCESS OR SIGN-UP FOR REALM? You can access Realm in several ways:

1. Automatic emails are sent out periodically to invite members to join Realm if we have an active email for you (please look out for future email invites in the next couple of days).
2. Click on the link at the top of the page or Scan the QR Code and Follow the instructions on your app screen to complete your registration.
3. Send an email to info@peopleschurchucc.org to request access to Realm or call 202-829-5511 ext. 25 for assistance.

HOW DO I MAKE A CHURCH DONATION? THERE ARE THREE (3) WAYS TO DONATE:

- You can click on www.onrealm.org/PeoplesCongrega32550/-/form/give/now to donate
- You can scan the QR Code and Click on [Give Online]
- You can by TEXT to Give – Please text **GIVE2PEOPLES TO 73256**, followed by the gift amount, to give online on your **mobile phone** through your text.

Example: **GIVE2PEOPLES \$100**



Scan the QR Code: Peoples Realm Sign-Up, Sign-in or Make a Donation

We are encouraging all members who have not registered into the **REALM** System to take this time to complete their personal records. Please click on the website link or the QR Code above to the links to Register or Sign-up to use the system.

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS ARE COMING AT THE END OF JANUARY 2024

Food Pantry Distribution 2023



Ihsan Gittens - Peoples Church Garden Wall Eagle Scout Project (Nov 2023)

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Photo 1: Panoramic view of Peoples Church Garden before construction



Photo 2: View of existing slope/project area looking west before construction



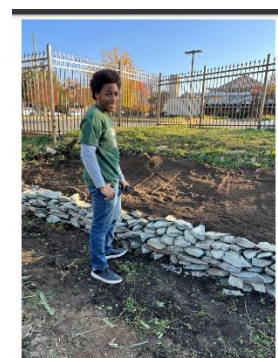
Photo 4: Materials - Pallets of stone and amended soil (donated by Tri-State Stone)



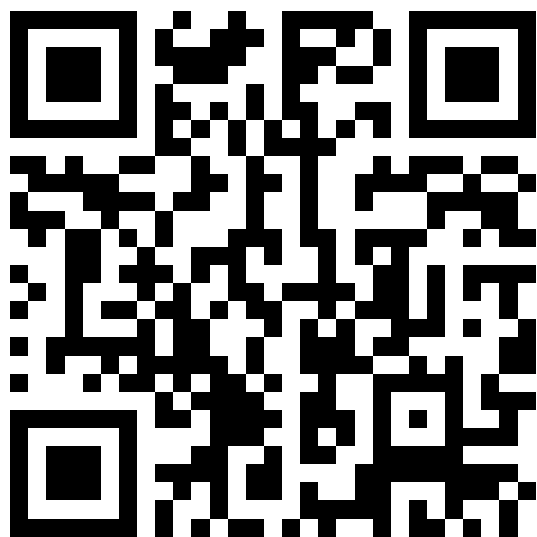
Photo 6: Construction Phase - Layout stone to determine desired location.



Photo 9: Construction Phase - constructing stone wall.



“Direct Link to Online Giving for Donations.”



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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.

Contact Information

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In Memoriam

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



This image shows a blank sheet of white paper designed for taking notes. The paper is framed by a thick, dark purple border with a wavy, scalloped edge. At the top center, the word "Notes" is written in a large, blue, serif font, with a faint reflection effect underneath it. Below the title, the page is filled with horizontal grey lines, providing space for writing. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page.