



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ  
4704 Thirteenth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds  
Interim Minister

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."  
Psalm 118: 24 (NRSV)*

*Love God and Love Neighbor*

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word  
First Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
The Liturgical Color is Violet

### **CENTERING THOUGHT**

“There on the mountain they saw him, really saw him, saw his light. We all know that if we really see him we die. But isn’t that what is required of us? Then, perhaps, we will see each other, too. “

—Madeleine L’Engle

### **PRELUDE**

### **OPENING HYMN \*\***

No. 540 AAHH Rosamund Johnson

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

### **CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

Minister Francis Smith

Leader: Some say God is unchanging

People: but we say God Unfolds like a Flower.

Leader: Some say God is distant, unmoved by our suffering,

People: but we say God is the Most Moved Mover.

Leader: Some say God is set in Their ways

People: but is not the Cosmos expanding, out and out and out?

Leader: God of Great Compassion

People: God of Kind Becoming God,

Leader: Woven onto the fabric of our bodies,  
part & parcel of the Universe—

People: Unfurl with us, change with us,  
expand your Heart with us today.

### **INVOCATION**

Minister Francis Smith

Transforming Spirit, unravel the frameworks within us that limit liberation. Move us beyond our comfort and routine, that we might co-create worlds of freedom. We long to move our bodies with delight. We long to be in communion with the earth. We long to organize our way out of systems of harm. Move obstacles within and without that we might live out our longings, and we make this prayer in the way we’ve been taught by saying, Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 50: 1-6

Mark 9: 2-9

Deacon Esther Pinder

Constance Harris

**GLORIA PATRI\*\***

Saint Hilary of Poitiers

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen, Amen*

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

**SERMON**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**“Choosing Our Memories”**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Minister Francis Smith

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**OFFERING**

Minister Francis Smith

*Fix Me, Jesus  
Rev. D. Regina Boyd and Toni Robinson*

**DOXOLOGY\*\***

*We give Thee but Thine own,  
What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen*

**CLOSING HYMN\*\***

No 393 AAHH Nolan Williams

*Is Your All on the Altar*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship & Peoples Adult Choir

\*All who are able, please stand

\*\*African American Composer/Arranger

... DEPART TO SERVE

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEOPLES CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For weekly “What's Happening” submissions and monthly Prodder submissions, please send all newsletter articles to email: [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org). The deadline for “What's Happening” is Wednesday at noon. Prodder submissions must be submitted by 12:00 Noon on the 20th of the prior month.
- A confirmation email reply will be sent upon completion of all requests.

### Direct Links to Online Giving for Donations

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Scan the QR Code and **Click on {Give Online} below.**  
You can TEXT to Give-Please text **GIVE2PEOPLES** to 73256, followed by the gift amount, to give.

### 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 at 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**

## *Weekly Announcements*

### **2023 GIVING STATEMENTS**

Giving Statements, for members and nonmembers, may be picked up from the Church office. If you are unable to pick up or are in need of a statement, please call the office at 202-829-5511.

**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 have your image displayed.**



### **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 is now recruiting new members**

**Open:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass.

**Qualifications:** Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the church. Must have sufficient vision to see the director twenty feet away.

**Experience:** No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the shower.

**Wages:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

**Hours:** Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at above mentioned wages).

**Rehearsals:** Once a week except in the summer.

**Apply:** By attending the next rehearsal. Saturdays from 10:30 am - 12 noon.

*The Girl Scouts of Peoples Church would like to invite you to the Girl Scout Sunday Service on March 10, 2024 at the 10:00 am Service. Yasmine Arrington Brooks, Founder and CEO of ScholarCHIPS, CNN's Top 10 Heroes 2023, and former Peoples Church Girl Scout (Gold Awardee), will deliver the message to celebrate the 112th Birthday of Girl Scouts and 55 years of Girl Scouting at Peoples Church. All are invited to help celebrate this wonderful occasion.*

Dear Church Family and Friends,

The Food Pantry wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generous donations of money, non-perishable food items, and your time. Your donations enabled us to service over 800 families in 2022 and over 1100 in 2023. The food collected for our Fall Festival and Color Party Food Drive provided food for over 300 families this past Thanksgiving. It is because of your love, support, prayers, and donations that we have been able to service the community for over 40 years. The Food Pantry relies on kind donors like you. Thank you for your continued support.

*“Lord when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee...  
Or naked and clothe Thee.”*

*“Truly I say to you , as you did it to one of the least  
Of these, my children, you did it to me.”*

*Matthew 25:37*

**CAMELLIA CIRCLE: OUR MINISTRY THROUGH CARING**

Order a designer floral arrangement to remember your loved ones or recognize a special day. The gift of your flowers and the occasion for which they are given will be 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, 4704-13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20011. Enclosed is a check or money order (minimum \$75.00) made payable to Camellia Circle. For further information, contact the Church office at 202-829-5511.

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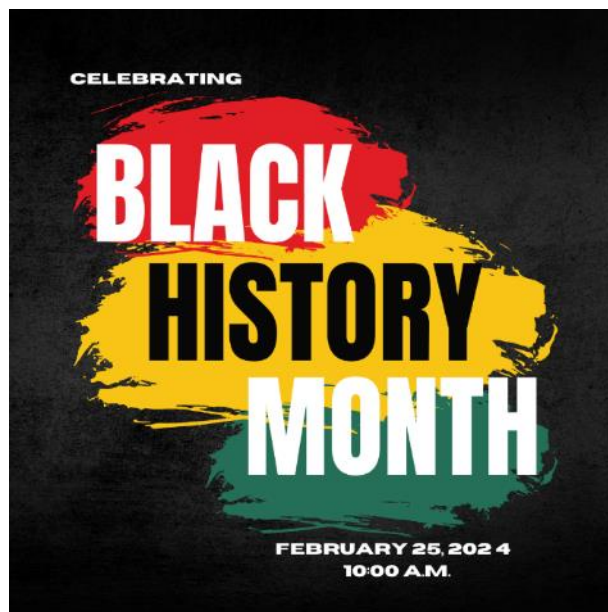
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Happy Birthday to...



# PEOPLES CHURCH SCHOOL/YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

## January through March 2024

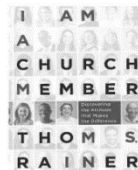
DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
18	<b>SANDWICH BRIGADE (GRADES 6-12)</b> 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Meet in the Kitchen</b>
25	<b>CHURCH SCHOOL/PYM</b> 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Gather in Corbin Lounge</b>
<b>MARCH</b>		
10	<b>CHURCH SCHOOL/PYM</b> 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Gather in Corbin Lounge</b>
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	<h2 style="font-style: italic;">In Memoriam</h2>	
<p>Bezelle Thomas</p> <p>Passed on January 23, 2024</p>	<p>Yvonne Grasty</p> <p>Passed on January 28, 2024</p>	

Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

### Lenten Institute 2024

sponsored by the Diaconate and the Board of  
Christian Education



Fridays, February 16, 2024 – March 22, 2024  
Light meal followed by book discussion.

Option 1: Afternoon Session: Noon – 1:30pm  
Option 2: Evening Session: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Books for sale **\$10.00**. Reserve your copy and/or pay online via Realm at  
Giving/BOCE. For more information contact BOCE at  
[dftwboce2020@gmail.com](mailto:dftwboce2020@gmail.com)

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## What is REALM, and How do you access it?

Peoples Church Website: [www.peopleschurchucc.org](http://www.peopleschurchucc.org)

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

Church Giving and Donations: [www.onrealm.org/PeoplesCongrega32550/-/form/give/now](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.