



PEOPLES
CONGREGATIONAL
United Church of Christ

PEOPLES PRODDER

July 2024 Newsletter



Interim Senior
Minister

Minister's Message

Importance of staying the course during the interim period

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

As your interim pastor, I write to you today with a message of encouragement and exhortation.

As a congregation, we have embarked on a journey together during this interim period, seeking God's guidance and direction for our church as we transition to a new chapter. While the search committee will soon begin its work in finding a permanent pastor, ***I urge each of you to stay the course of the interim process that has already started.***

We, as a congregation, play a significant role in the interim work during this transitional period. Our active engagement is not just an opportunity for reflection, healing, and growth but also crucial in discerning God's will for our church. Abandoning this process prematurely would not only hinder our progress but also diminish the value of your contributions, creating challenges that may be difficult to overcome.

In **1 Corinthians 15:58**, the apostle Paul reminds us, "**Therefore, my beloved sisters and brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.**" As a congregation, let us remain steadfast and committed to the work that God has set before us during this interim period. Your commitment is crucial to our collective journey.

Just as the Israelites wandered in the wilderness before reaching the promised land, we, too, are on a journey of faith and transformation. Let us continue to trust in God's timing and guidance, knowing that God is with us every step of the way. **Psalm 32:8** declares, "**I will instruct you and teach you how you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**" This trust should reassure us that we are not alone in this journey.

Please continue participating in the interim activities, engaging in discussions, and supporting one another during this transition. As a united congregation, let us remain steadfast in prayer, seeking God's wisdom and direction for our church as we prepare for the future, God has in store for us.

May we be reminded of **Philippians 1:6**: "**And I am sure of this, that God who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**" Let us trust in God's faithfulness and provision as we journey together during this interim period.

I hold each of you in my heart and care deeply for your well-being. I look forward to witnessing God's next steps for you!

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

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*

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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 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Join Zoom Meeting**

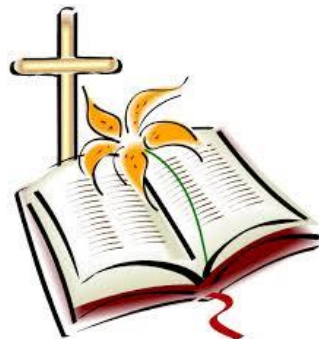
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBIRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 having your image displayed.

Members of the Church Community, we want to ensure that you have the best possible communication with our Interim Minister to address any needs, concerns, or messages you may have. His email address is interimminister@peopleschurchucc.org. Please note that the Pastor's Sabbath is on Monday, a time dedicated to rest and reflection. If you need to contact the Pastor via email, we kindly ask that you keep in mind the following schedule: if you send an email on Sunday or Monday, please understand that the Pastor is not likely to respond until Tuesday, as these are his days of rest. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in respecting the Pastor's need for Sabbath rest. Your patience and consideration are highly valued as we seek to support our Pastor's well-being and continued service to the congregation. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any urgent concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out

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.

SAVE THE DATE! The 2024 Vacation Bible School Day Camp is scheduled for August 5-9!

Do you know any children between 5 and 13 years old looking for a fun-filled week of faith, friends, and adventure? Peoples' VBS is here for you! Sign up using the QR code and your name will be added to our mailing list for updates and priority access to Early-Bird Registration. You may also return to this space for updates.



"POSSE Scholarship nomination period is now open. The POSSE Foundation provides full four-year leadership scholarships to DC, MD, and VA youth. Peoples Church, as a community partner, can nominate up to 10 youth. Applicants must be in their junior year of high school. Several Peoples Church members have received this scholarship in the past. Nominations close in August, 2024. For more information, please visit possefoundation.org. Contact Yvonne Hinkson at yehinkson@gmail.com to submit a nomination or for more information."

 <i>In Memoriam</i> 	
Bezelle Thomas Passed on January 23, 2024	Sam Ewing Passed on April 5, 2024
Yvonne Grasty Passed on January 28, 2024	Maureen Butts Passed on May 6, 2024
Gwendolyn Jenifer Passed on February 23, 2024	Florida Ella Greene Passed on May 19, 2024
Norma Kelley Passed on February 27, 2024	Terry Thomas Passed on May 27, 2024
Bernice Johnson Reagon Passed on 16, 2024	

Bible Trivia



- 1) According to the Bible, how many pearly gates are there?
A) 7 B) 10 C) 12 D) 14
- 2) Which couple lied to the Holy Spirit by keeping back a portion of their sold possessions?
A) Adam and Eve B) Ananias and Sapphira C) Boaz and Ruth
- 3) Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in ____ place ?
A) two places B) three places C) one place D) many places
- 4) After receiving the Holy Spirit, they began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance. The Jews heard them speaking in their own language, and were marveled because they knew they were Galileans. Not able to believe it, the Jews said, "they were ____"?
A) Not Galileans B) Reading from a book C) Playing D) Drunk

Ans. 1) C 2) B 3) C 4) D

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

Campers 4-12 years: Our 2024 VBS, Love God, Love Your Neighbor, is a week-long day camp full of bible stories, music, art, exercise, field trips, gardening, service projects, and more. Campers will discover God's love and practice sharing that love with others in our community, city, nation, and the world. Use the QR code to register.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS: Youth counselors support VBS while earning service hours and work experience. Use the registration site to apply as a youth counselor.

VBS Volunteers | Adults 18+ years. We are always looking for adults to help our VBS program. Volunteer tasks include preparing materials, leading an activity, chaperoning, or teaching a class. We welcome help for a couple of hours, a day or all week. Anyone interacting with the campers must complete a background clearance. Use the registration site to register as a VBS volunteer.



Register using the QR code or visit the Peoples web page for details. If you have any questions, email vbscamp@peopleschurchucc.org

Student Recognition Sunday



Caribbean Sunday



CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved? Do you have a new e-mail address? Has your contact information changed? If so, please complete the form below and return it into the office. So that we may update your contact information. Thank you!

Name(s) _____

Old Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Email _____

REALM REGISTRATION



**Scan the QR Code: Peoples Realm
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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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WHAT'S UP DIGITAL MINISTRY

We Need You to Serve & Teach

The Multi-Media/Tech Team is currently recruiting members to serve as **Digital Ambassador Tutors** to provide basic computer assistance to our church members who are not comfortable with our ever changing world of technology and social media platforms.

Openings for Tutors: Basic Realm or Group Leader, iPhone, Android or laptop Literacy, Zoom Host or User, Basic Gmail, Google Suite or Outlook, Microsoft Suites, social media use, (AI) or whatever you are willing to share. Each one, Teach one!

Qualifications: Must have lots of love, compassion and patience for those who want or need to learn new technology. They may be able to in-turn help you succeed at something tomorrow! Must be willing to volunteer for 15 minutes on a Sunday, maybe an hour + a month.

Experience: No applications or resumes; just bring your God given Gifts or the experience you have acquired.

Wages: For Lent **"I am a Church Member" Pg 5**, states "God placed us in churches to serve, to care for others, to pray for leaders, to learn, **to teach**, to give, and in some cases, to die for the sake of the Gospel!"

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

Sessions: On Sundays after church, once a week, by appointment in-person or on zoom

Apply: Complete form below:



   I am on the tech team, but no one notices what I do until I don't do it!

✂ Return to Nina Faulk-Knight at Front Office ✂

Ambassador's Full Name: _____

Primary Phone: Cell ()-()-() or Home ()-()-()

Preferred Tutoring Subject(s) :1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Skills/Interests/Hobbies: _____

Comments or Suggestions: _____