



PEOPLES PRODDER

September 2024 Newsletter

Minister's Message

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

As we transition from the carefree days of summer to the structured routines of fall, there is a tangible shift in the air that signals a time of new beginnings and opportunities for growth. With the school year starting and our church ministries resuming regular meetings, September is a month marked by a return to familiar schedules and the anticipation of what God has in store for us in the coming season.

This September, we are thrilled to announce the commencement of our new **Bible Study series** on the compelling topic of "**Trauma and Grace.**" Starting on September 5, this study will delve into exploring the intersection of trauma and the boundless grace that God offers us in times of distress. Through the lens of scripture, we will embark on a journey of understanding, healing, and spiritual growth as we navigate the complexities of trauma in our lives and communities.

Throughout this study, we will draw upon various passages from the Bible that shed light on the profound ways in which God's grace and love can bring solace, restoration, and renewal to those who have experienced trauma. From the comforting words of **Psalm 34:18**, which assures us that "**The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit,**" to the transformative power of **Romans 8:28**, which reminds us that "**We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose,**" we will uncover the timeless truths that provide hope and reassurance in times of adversity.

As we come together in fellowship and study, let us open our hearts and minds to the healing messages of scripture and support one another with compassion, understanding, and empathy as we explore the profound connection between trauma and grace. May these Bible Study series be a source of enlightenment, inspiration, and spiritual renewal for all who participate, guiding us toward a deeper understanding of God's unfailing love and the transformative power of His grace in our lives.

In the midst of the changing seasons and the busyness of our daily lives, let us find solace and strength in the comforting words of **Isaiah 41:10**, "**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**" May this promise uplift and sustain us as we embark on this journey of exploration and growth together.

With a heart full of gratitude and anticipation, let us embrace the opportunities that September brings and the blessings that God has in store for us as a community of faith. May this month be a time of spiritual enrichment, renewal, and unity as we gather to learn, grow, and support one another on our individual and collective journeys of faith.

Blessings and peace be with you all as we embark on this transformative season ahead.

I am loving each of you into God's next 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**

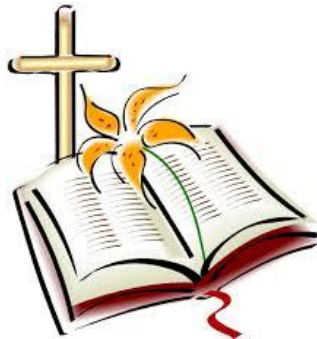
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Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640

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.

Music Ministry Announcements

Join the Music Ministry Team in a churchwide forum on Sunday, September 8th, immediately following church service!

This is your opportunity to chat with the music ministry team and express your vision for the music ministry at Peoples UCC. We want to know your thoughts and concerns. Join us!

There are several opportunities for you to participate in the music ministry at Peoples. We invite you to come and be a part of Peoples Choir! There are also opportunities to sing with the Praise & Worship Team. Instrumentalists are also welcome. Peoples Choir is now accepting new members. Rehearsals are Saturdays from 10:30 AM - 12 noon. Join us as we plan music for the upcoming year. Come sing with us!

 <i>In Memoriam</i> 	
Bezelle Thomas Passed on January 23, 2024	Maureen Butts Passed on May 6, 2024
Yvonne Grasty Passed on January 28, 2024	Florida Ella Greene Passed on May 19, 2024
Gwendolyn Jenifer Passed on February 23, 2024	Terry Thomas Passed on May 27, 2024
Norma Kelley Passed on February 27, 2024	Bernice Johnson Reagon Passed on July 16, 2024
Sam Ewing Passed on April 5, 2024	Marie Lee Passed on August 7, 2024

Bible Trivia



- 1) How long did it take God to create the earth?
A) 4 days B) 20 days
C) 7 days D) 11 days
- 2) Who did God tell to build an ark?
A) Jesus B) Peter C) John the Baptist D) Noah
- 3) What was God's sign to Noah that he would never destroy the earth again?
A) Rainbow B) Clouds C) Rain D) Thunderstorm
- 4) How many days and nights did it rain when Noah was on the ark?
A) 25 days B) 60 days C) 40 days D) 80 days

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

Sunday JazzWorship



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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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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 turn it in to the office so that we may update your t information. Thank you!

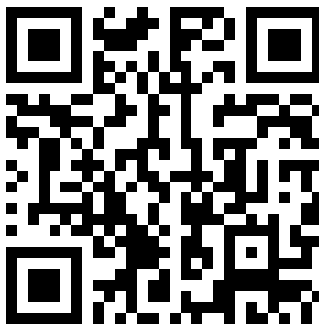
Name(s) _____

Old Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Email _____

REALM REGISTRATION



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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: _____

