

# **PEOPLES PRODDER**

**October 2024 Newsletter** 

# Minister's Message

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Dear Members of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ,

As we welcome the beautiful autumn season, I greet you with warmth and love, hoping this message finds you well. Amid the changing colors of the leaves and the cooler breeze that sweeps through the air, I am reminded of the importance of staying encouraged in all seasons of life, including the autumn season we find ourselves in.

With its vibrant hues and falling leaves, autumn often symbolizes a time of transition and change. Just as the trees shed their leaves to prepare for the new growth that will come in the spring, we, too, must embrace the changes in our lives with hope and resilience. It is easy to feel weary as we navigate the uncertainties and challenges that come our way, but I want to encourage you to stand firm in your faith and perseverance.

Remember Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Let this be our guiding light as we move through autumn, the election season, the transition of pastoral leadership and beyond. Our good works, our prayers, our dedication to the community—they all plant seeds that will eventually bloom into a beautiful harvest. You can trust this!

Let us continue to unite and support each other, lifting each other in prayer and encouragement. May our collective faith, unwavering trust, and the knowledge that God walks with us through every season of life sustain and guide us.

May the colors of autumn remind us of the beauty in change, the importance of letting go of what no longer serves us, and the promise of new beginnings. Do not grow weary, dear members, but instead, be encouraged by the strength and grace surrounding us.

Loving you into God's next, Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds INTERIM MINISTER

# 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 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.

### **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!

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

**Bible Trivia** 



- 1) How many books are in the Old Testament? A) 4
  - B) 20
  - C) 7 D) 39
- 2) On what day did God create man? A) First B) Second C) Third D) sixth
- 3) How many sons did Jacob have? A) 5 B) 10 C) 11 D) 12
- 4) This man wrote the first five books of the Old Testament? A) Moses B) Paul C) Noah D) Daniel

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

# **Fire Drill Sunday**











Financial Summary Preliminary Results August 2024



#### **General Operating Results**

Operating Income Expenses Net Operating Income \$42,058.59 \$57,621.80 \$15,563.21

Deacons Food Pantry Scholarship Capital Campaign Mortgage Elimination

#### Restricted Income

#### **Restricted Fund Results**

\$51.00	PCUCC Endowment	\$24.023
\$305,00	Butler- Music	\$30,216
\$200.00	Food Pantry Endowment	\$50,134
\$819.00	Butler-Scholarship	\$86,721
\$50.00	Dowdell Cannon	\$26,383
	Scholarship-Other	\$374,664

\*\* Accrual adjustments may be pending for the expenses. The most recent information available is shown above. Expenses include a reimbursable grant for which Peoples Church will be reimbursed \$18,907.88

### Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

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We are on the Web! www.peopleschurchucc.org

# **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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# Contact Information

#### Interim Minister

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#### Administrative Staff

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<b>CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION</b>							
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



Scan the QR Code: Peoples Realm Sign-Up, Sign-in or Make a Donation The Diaconate of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ invites you and the community to

Family &Friendship Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, October 20, 2024 Ten o'clock in the Morning

Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ 4704 – 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20011 202.829.5511 www.peopleschurchucc.org 

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 A "Bag-Lunch" Reception will

 immediately follow the service

 in the Atrium sponsored by the

**Board of Deacons** 



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