



PEOPLES PRODDER

April Newsletter

My Dear Beloved Peoples Church Family,

As we enter April, we are reminded that this season brings the richness of Holy Week. For us, gathered together amid political turmoil, it offers a time for reflection and a voice of hope reiterating faith's transformative power amid chaos.

This year, as we prepare to reflect on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, we are invited to enter into Christ's passion—acknowledging the full spectrum of His journey from triumph to trial, from joy to sorrow, and ultimately to resurrection. Each moment of Holy Week carries profound meaning for us today, reminding us that Christ is the anchor of our hope regardless of the turmoil surrounding us.

The chaotic yet glorious image in the atmosphere of Jerusalem on that first **Palm Sunday** was marked by an air thick with anticipation as Jesus entered the city. As families gathered for the Passover festival, excitement must have filled the streets. Yet, we must remember that amidst the celebration, the heart of Christ was already preparing for the weight of the week ahead. This is a crucial reminder for us. The celebration of Palm Sunday, while full of energy and anticipation, also calls us to pause and reflect on the purpose behind the journey. Jesus' triumphal entry was not merely a parade but a moment of profound significance in which He willingly embraced the path leading to His ultimate sacrifice.

In these politically charged times, we, too, are invited to find our place in this journey. Just as Jesus approached His mission with intention, we are called to engage thoughtfully with the world around us. Let the spirit of play and celebration we experience fuel our commitment to extend God's love and grace into our communities, especially where division and uncertainty reign.

As we move through this Holy Week, let us remember the emotions that surrounded each encounter—from the joyous shouts of the crowd to the somber moments of reflection in the upper room and finally to the heart-wrenching silence of **Good Friday**, which will be transformed into the glorious proclamation of **Easter morning**.

May we trust the powerful reminder from Scripture: ***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*** (Jeremiah 29:11) In the spirit of this verse, may we walk through **Holy Week** with open hearts, nourished by the playfulness and depth of our faith, knowing that we are not merely spectators but participants in God's unfolding story of love and redemption.

With love and blessings as we journey together,

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

“Peoples Church FYI”

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 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the
Elmes Center Classrooms from September- June**

Sermon By Phone

Available every Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Dial 1-202-318-5405



SPECIAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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. Should you have any urgent concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Front Office. Thank you

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who plan to attend college or an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning. The scholarship application with instructions may be completed online (<https://form.jotform.com/250355283920152>) or obtained by emailing a request for application from the Peoples Church Scholarship Committee at scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org. Please note, the due date for applications and all supporting documentation is **Friday, April 18, 2025, at 5:00 pm**.

All high school seniors who are church members are eligible to apply for a Peoples Church Member (PCM) Scholarship. High school seniors who participate in Peoples programs, such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Peoples Youth Ministry, but who are not church members may apply for a Peoples Church Community (PCC) Scholarship.

High school seniors who attend DC Public Schools and are recommended by their high school counselors, may apply for the Peoples Designated High Schools (DHS) Scholarship.

If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org. Thank you.

Maureen Sullivan, PhD


SC Chairperson

The Pastoral Search Committee would like your feedback. Please use the QR code below to access the survey. After completing it, please return it to the Church Office. Your input is valued and appreciated.



Continuing the Celebration of Peoples Church

A **Juneteenth Program** will be sponsored by the Music and Cultural Arts Ministries, under the direction of Dr. Jefferson, Worship Leadership. This is an open call and invitation to all members, neighbors, and friends to participate! This is a historical production featuring songs, dance, and spoken word written by our own Virginia Artist. There are many opportunities to participate, including both **on stage and behind the scenes**. We need **you** to make this a great event: Speakers, singers, dancers, stage manager, prop master, costume manager, marketing/PR team, recruitment, logistics, ushers and greeters, and production assistants. This is an awesome opportunity for fellowship and a tangible contribution to the spiritual life of Peoples Church. Also, we intend to have fun! For more information, please email PeoplesUCCMusicMinistry@gmail.com . The program will be on **Saturday, June 21, 2025**

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	AUGUST
4/12 Easter Jazz Vespers 5:00 p.m.	5/3 Women's p 	6/8 Confirmation Sunday 10:00 a.m.	8/ Jazz Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
4/18 Good Friday Service 12:00 Noon	5/11 Mother's Day Sunday 10:00 a.m.	6/15 Father's Day/Men's Day 10:00 a.m.	
4/20 Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.		6/22 Student Recognition Sunday 10:00 a.m.	
		6/29 Caribbean Sunday 10:00 a.m.	

NOTICE TO CHURCH MINISTRIES, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS

Many ministries within the Peoples Church have become accustomed to receiving donations through the church and later receiving a check for their funds. However, this practice, its associated expenses, and the required processing time have grown, so the church can no longer support it.

You may recall that the Treasurer managed the funds transfer. People's Church has been without a treasurer for over two years, and it is not prudent for the church to pay an accountant to oversee this function. In addition to having no Treasurer to manage the process, the transaction fees for credit cards and other electronic payment transactions are withdrawn from the church bank account monthly.

Starting March 1, 2025, ministries, clubs, circles, and organizations will be asked to manage their funds directly rather than having them deposited into the church account. The drop-down will no longer be an option on the church's financial system.

For credit card transactions, you can investigate Square, Clover, Merchant Services, PayPal, and other options. Peoples Church will no longer manage the following ministry, clubs, and organizations: Balcony Circle, Camelia Circle, Boy Scouts, Deacon Dues, Easter Advent, Girls Scouts, Hospitality Circle, Jazz Society Dues, Lenten, Men's Fellowship, Scrooby Circle, Women's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship Dues, and Xmas Advent.

In Memoriam



Thomas Pinder
Passed on January 10, 2025

Mary Elizabeth Rowe
Passed on January 26, 2025

Jacqueline Jackson
Passed on February 23, 2025

Greetings Peoples Church Friends!

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Yours in Christ,
Camille Mosley

The Washington Jazz Arts Institute (WJAI)

The WJAI is preparing for our 25th annual free Summer Jazz Camp, beginning on June 23rd this year at Peoples Church. We are taking applications for youth ages 12-21 who have had some music - instrumental and/or vocal training. Youth will be auditioned by Director, Davey Yarborough and his staff. Attendees are required to attend all sessions during the four weeks between June 23rd and July 18th, between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm. The WJAI is a site for the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment program (SYEP), allowing DC youth to receive a stipend for attending. We are looking forward to this exciting summer session. Youth should apply at WJAI.org or speak with Davey Yarborough, 202-744-1240 or Esther Williams, 202-744-3184.



We Are Not Alone

An Interfaith Service of Courage & Lament
Sunday, April 6, 4:00 pm

In this time of national crisis, faith communities throughout the DMV are lamenting the loss of federal jobs, necessary programs, and protections for the most vulnerable. We'll come together to grieve these losses and support each other as we seek the moral courage to stand up for our neighbors and ourselves.

Rev. Dr. Sherry Molock and Rev. Dr. Ron Hopson, Clinical Psychologists at George Washington and Howard Universities, will be our speakers, with the Rev. Mia McClain leading music. Chaplains will be available for prayer and support, childcare will be provided, and refreshments and a social gathering will follow.

All are welcome, and we encourage you to come in person! **People's Congregational UCC** is located at 4704 13th St NW. The service will also be livestreamed (see our website).

The Wellness Corner

Eat Well and Live Well with a Healthy Gut

What we eat and the environment around us affect the trillions of microbes that live in our intestine, collectively known as the gut microbiota or gut microbiome. According to the Mayo Clinic, a healthy diet can encourage the presence of good gut bacteria. Also, consuming fermented foods increases the level of fermenting bacteria in the gut. In addition, fruits and vegetables contain fiber and sugar that can boost the health of gut bacteria. A diet high in processed foods and added sugars can decrease the number of good bacteria in the gut. Significant antibiotic use may also have a negative effect on gut bacteria.

Research has found links between the typical Western diet, usually high in animal fat, high in protein and low in fiber, with [increased production of cancer-causing compounds and inflammation](#). The Mediterranean Diet, which is typically high in fiber and low in red meat, has been shown to increase levels of fecal short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs), which have been found to have anti-inflammatory effects and improve the immune system. Research also suggests that those whose diets include more plant-based foods have more microbiome diversity, considered healthy, and is "extremely different" from those who don't.

A Western diet high in sugar and fat promotes the growth of the wrong types of gut bacteria. Exercise, however, may be key to improving gut bacteria diversity, according to a study reported by *MNT* in June 2014. Studies have linked gut bacteria (or microbiome) to [changes in mood and mental health](#), the [tendency to obesity](#), and to [cardiovascular health](#). For people who want to maintain a healthy weight and mental health, the goal would be: to alter their gut bacteria by eating healthy, high fiber, naturally low-fat foods.

A high-protein diet containing red meat is associated with increased production of TMAO, a metabolite associated with heart disease that is produced by gut microbes and absorbed into the body. Some studies have found that people who consume vegan diets have lower levels of TMAO.

The bacteria in the microbiome help digest our food, regulate our immune system, and protect against other bacteria that cause disease. (Univ. of Washington). Diverse gut bacteria help us produce nutrients and essential substances that our cells cannot.

Eight things you can do to make your microbiome healthier:

- 1) Eat more fruit and vegetables
- 2) Add resistant starch – e.g., potatoes and legumes, but all starches become more resistant after cooking and then cooling them in the fridge.
- 3) Eat different types of fiber, such as whole grains, legumes, vegetables and fruits
- 4) Practice a healthy lifestyle – Exercising, getting enough sleep, and managing stress can all have a positive impact on your gut microbes.
- 5) Incorporate prebiotics, which feed healthy bacteria. Good sources of prebiotics include Jerusalem artichokes, chicory root, raw dandelion greens, leeks, onions, garlic, asparagus, whole wheat, spinach, beans, bananas, oats, and soybeans.
- 6) Incorporate probiotic (live bacteria and yeast) found in fermented foods to your diet such as tempeh, kimchi, sauerkraut, and water kefir – that contain microorganisms that have health-promoting benefits
- 7) Limit fats – Avoid fried foods, sauté with cooking spray or broth instead of oil, and use low-fat salad dressings, especially if you have diabetes or prediabetes. Most plant foods are naturally low in fat.
- 8) Avoid unnecessary antibiotics. Overuse of antibiotics can kill off healthy bacteria.

The bottom line...Eat more plant-based foods, eliminate most of the processed foods such as soda, candy, cookies, cakes, chips, processed meats, instant noodles, margarine, frozen dinners, and more.

Eat well and live well.

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Our Members in Need of Prayer

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Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Patricia Faggett
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REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

IN YOUR PRAYERS

**“LET THE BELOVED OF THE LORD REST
SECURE IN HIM FOR HE SHIELDS HIM ALL**

**DAY LONG, AND THE ONE THE LORD
LOVES RESTS BETWEEN HIS SHOULDERS”**

DEUTERONOMY 33:12





...Happy Birthday to:

<i>Jack Dunham</i>	<i>04-04</i>	<i>Conchita Boddie</i>	<i>04-17</i>
<i>Nathaniel Romine</i>	<i>04-05</i>	<i>Jacquelyn Lowery</i>	<i>04-17</i>
<i>Inez Reid</i>	<i>04-07</i>	<i>Meka Laster</i>	<i>04-20</i>
<i>Tanya Jefferson</i>	<i>04-08</i>	<i>Maya Burton-Hall</i>	<i>04-24</i>
<i>Joelle Williams</i>	<i>04-11</i>	<i>Shaki Anthony</i>	<i>04-25</i>
<i>Erwin DuBose</i>	<i>04-11</i>	<i>Calmenta Spencer</i>	<i>04-25</i>
<i>Jasmine Rhondes</i>	<i>04-12</i>	<i>Michelle Gill</i>	<i>04-27</i>
<i>Diallo Brooks</i>	<i>04-12</i>	<i>Jai Evans</i>	<i>04-27</i>
<i>Malcolm Paige</i>	<i>04-13</i>		
<i>Jaelyn Omeara</i>	<i>04-15</i>		
<i>Tabia Gaston</i>	<i>04-15</i>		

Bible Trivia



- How long did the flood rain fall?**
 - 80 days and nights
 - 12 days and nights
 - 40 days and 40 nights
- How long did the flood cover the earth?**
 - 19 days
 - 150 days
 - 50 days
- How old was Joseph when his brethren sold him into slavery?**
 - 69
 - 23
 - 17

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved? Do you have a new e-mail address? Has your contact information changed? If so, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate so that we may update your contact information. Thank-you!

Name(s) _____

Old Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Phone Numbers: Home _____ Business _____ Mobile _____

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE
PEOPLES CHURCH
2025 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION TIMELINE**

**Nominating Committee
Peoples Church 2025 Nominations and Election Timeline**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025
Nomination Period Begins**

**Thursday March 8, 2025
Nomination Forms Available to the Congregation**

**Sunday, April 13, 2025
Recruitment Sunday**

**Thursday, May 1, 2025
Deadline for Nomination Forms**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Present Draft Slate for Approval at Church Council Meeting**

**Friday, May 9, 2025
Slate Distributed to Congregation**

**Thursday, May 22, 2025 (Virtual)
Nominations from the Floor**

**Sunday, June 1, 2025 (Virtual)
Meet and Greet the Candidates**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025
Candidates Brief Bio/ Final Slate**

Friday, June 20th through Sunday June 29th - Electronic Voting!

**Monday July 7, 2025
Church Clerk will Notify Elected Candidates**

**Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Results Posted on Church Website, Emailed to Congregation**

The Camillia Circle

Peoples Congregational Church – 4704 13th St. NW Washington, DC 20011
Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds, Interim Minister

Annual Good Friday

Fish Fry

Homemade Bake Sale – Spring Flowers & Commemorative Lilies Sale



The **Camillia Circle** invites you to join us after the **Good Friday 7 Last Words Worship Service** for a delicious Fish Fry Dinner Fundraiser. The fundraiser will enable us to continue our support of the church's Sunday Services Altar Flower Arrangements and the floral decorations for the beautification of the Church during high Holiday Seasons. The fundraiser will be held at :

Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street NW Washington, DC 20011

on

Friday, April 18, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m.

Located: In the Fellowship Hall

***Stay tuned for additional information**





Come Join Us!

Women's Fellowship Spring Tea!

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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**Tickets Now on Sale After Church Service  
Until April 27th**

**\$25 per Adult & \$15 for Children under 12**

**[Sippin With Peoples Women-Spring Tea 2025  
eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)**

*Fees are charged on each ticket, if purchased through the Eventbrite link.*

**Peoples Congregational**

**United Church of Christ**

**4704 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011**

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Purpose: Fundraiser for the Peoples Church General Fund

Love Offering will be taken at the Tea for the N Street Village Women's Shelter

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Love God & Love Neighbor

Prodder Guidelines

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The Peoples Prodder is our Monthly Newsletter, which informs 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 yhunter@peopleschurchucc.org.

Please do not mail information; electronic submissions are required.

Announcements should be a maximum of 90 words and 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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Towanda Chew
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Financial Summary



**Preliminary Results
February 2025**

General Operating Results

Operating Income	\$72,711.25
Expenses	-\$89,364.81
Net Operating Income	\$16,653.56

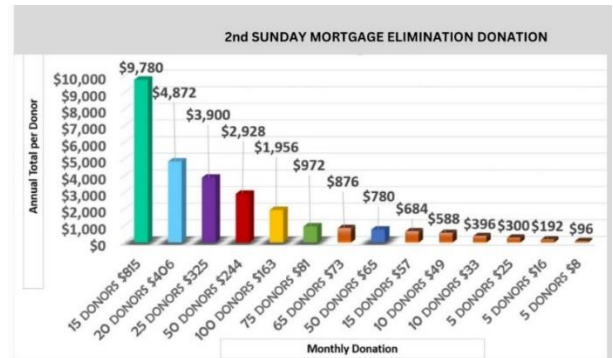
Restricted Income

Deacons	\$791.00
Food Pantry	\$1,457.00
Scholarship	\$315.00
Capital Campaign	\$1,194.00
Mortgage Elimination	\$100.00

Restricted Fund Results

PCUCC Endowment	\$32,608.48
Butler- Music	\$30,543.03
Food Pantry Endowment	\$64,174.77
Butler-Scholarship	\$82,396.77
Dowdell Cannon	\$28,344.32
Scholarship-Other	\$410,092.00

**** Accrual adjustments may be pending for the expenses.
The most recent information available is shown above.**



2nd SUNDAY MORTGAGE ELIMINATION DONATION

Please consider selecting one of the Monthly Donation Categories in the 2nd Sunday Mortgage Elimination Donation Graph above to create your recurring financial gifts either online or by postal mail.

Remember, these financial gifts are above and beyond your usual tithing and offering donations for our Beloved Church.

Of course, if you are unable to commit to the recommended donation amounts on the graph, all donations to the Capital Campaign Community of Faith are greatly needed and appreciated.

Select Peoples Church or REALM for Online Donations

Select Menu Option: Mortgage Elimination

[Complete the 2nd Sunday Mortgage Elimination Donation Form](#)

[DONATE at Peopleschurchucc.org](http://DONATE.at/Peopleschurchucc.org)

[DONATE on REALM](#)

Send questions or comments to CapitalCampaignPUCC@gmail.com

REALM REGISTRATION



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