



# PEOPLES PRODDER

May Newsletter

Dear Beloved Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ,

As we step into May, I greet you in the loving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have just celebrated the miraculous season of Easter, when we rejoice in the victory of life over death and the profound hope offered through the resurrection. As we look forward to celebrating Pentecost, let us also reflect on the significance of these holy occasions in our lives and our community.

In this vibrant city of Washington, D.C., we face a complex tapestry of political dialogue and social change. While the echoes of controversy resonate around us, we are reminded of our call to be the hands and feet of Christ, advocating for justice, love, and unity. **We must remain grounded in our faith as we navigate these challenges, remembering that our mission transcends political divides.**

As we prepare our hearts for Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, empowering them to proclaim the gospel boldly, I encourage you to meditate on Acts 1:8: **"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."** These verses remind us that the Spirit equips us to witness God's love and truth wherever we are called to serve. In a city where voices often clash, let us be a voice of peace and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news through our actions and words.

Additionally, let us hold close to the wisdom of 2 Timothy 1:7, which states, **"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind."** In times of political unrest, succumbing to fear or division can be easy. However, as followers of Christ, we are empowered to reflect His love and engage thoughtfully and compassionately with one another and our community. We can be catalysts for positive change, leading with a spirit of understanding and a commitment to mutual respect.

This month, I encourage you to pray and reflect, asking God to guide us as a faith community. Let us find ways to exemplify His love in the streets of our city. Whether through community service, dialogues about justice, or simply being present for one another, we can each contribute to the Kin-dom of God here on earth.

In our worship, we will explore themes of empowerment and community. I invite you to join us for our Sunday services, where we will delve deeper into the scriptures and celebrate the movements of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we prepare for Pentecost, may you feel the Spirit's presence igniting a passion for outreach, healing, and sharing God's Word.

Let us pray for our nation, community, and one another. May the Spirit embolden us to stand together in love and truth, navigate our differences with grace, and extend the hope of Jesus Christ to those around us.

With all my love and blessings,

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

### Dear Peoples Church Members,

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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto:PeoplesUCCMusicMinistry@gmail.com). The program will be on **Saturday, June 21, 2025**

### Dear Peoples UCC Community of Faith:

I cannot express in words the overwhelming support my family received from Rev. Bragg-Reynolds and his ministerial team during my older brother's final illness and death. It was heart-warming to see the collaboration between Plymouth UCC and Peoples UCC, the presence of members of both congregations at my brother's service, and the coordination among Rev. Tendai, Rev. Bragg-Reynolds, and Monique Boddie Neal who serves both congregations.

I am deeply grateful.  
Inez Smith Reid.





MAY	JUNE	AUGUST
5/3 <b>Women's Fellowship Tea</b> 2:00 pm	6/8 <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m.	8/24 <b>Jazz Worship Service</b> 10:00 a.m.
5/11 <b>Mother's Day Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m.	6/15 <b>Father's Day/Men's Day</b> 10:00 a.m.	
	6/22 <b>Student Recognition Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m.	
	6/29 <b>Caribbean Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m.	

### **PEOPLES CHURCH STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS JUNE 22, 2025**

The Board of Christian Education and the Scholarship Committee will celebrate graduates on Student Recognition Sunday. The service will recognize all Peoples Church graduates from prek/K, elementary, middle, high school, college and graduate/professional schools.

Register your graduate for inclusion in the service. *You can find the [PEOPLES CHURCH 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION GRADUATE FORM](#) in the Weekly Update email or pick up a copy in the church office.*

*Please complete and submit the form electronically by Sunday, May 25th.  
Thank you and see you all on June 22nd at the 10am Service.*

<b>In Memoriam</b>	
 Thomas Pinder Passed on January 10, 2025	 Mary Elizabeth Rowe Passed on January 26, 2025
Jacqueline Jackson Passed on February 23, 2025	

## 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.

## Greetings Peoples Church Friends!

The Balcony Circle invites you to a brief in-person meeting after service on Sunday, May 4, 2025, in the balcony. We are excited to reconnect in person for the first time since COVID and look forward to seeing long-time members as well as new faces! If you are looking to connect with others and support the church through a smaller, intentional community, we would love to have you join us. We'll share the history of the Balcony Circle and our vision moving forward. No need to sit in the balcony to join, just come and learn how you can be part of this special group! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 4th.

**\$28 TICKETS** with promo code **TRIBUTE**



*Wise Reagon Arts &  
Strathmore Present*

### Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air

A Celebration of the  
Life and Legacy of  
Bernice Johnson Reagon

*Fri, May 16, 2025 | 8pm*

**MUSIC CENTER**

Singers, scholars, poets, and creatives across the spectrum  
of life come together to celebrate the journey and work of  
Bernice Johnson Reagon. Curated by Toshi Reagon.

Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, Courtesy of Smithsonian Folkways Records

**STRATHMORE**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT **STRATHMORE.ORG**



## **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.

UCC offerings such as Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, and the Christmas Fund will remain managed through church systems.

### **Music Ministry Announcements**

If you have been thinking about joining the music ministry team at Peoples, now is the time! 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 Congregational Choir. Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There are also opportunities to sing with Peoples Praise, our praise & worship team. Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Instrumentalists are also welcome.

Did you know that the choir is a reflection of the congregation? Choir membership is based on the active attendance of the membership. The choir makes up 3-5% (some say up to 10%) of the active church attendance. You can help grow the choir by bringing or inviting a friend or family member to church.

You don't sing or play a musical instrument? We are also looking for a few people with the desire to help by providing administrative support. If you are interested, please reach out to: Min. Diedre Gray, Assistant Director of Worship or LeAta Jackson at: [music@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:music@peopleschurchucc.org). Stay tuned for upcoming announcements regarding the music ministry at Peoples!

Join the choir in a MUSIC PIZZA FEST on Saturday, May 3rd from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM. We need your assistance as we relocate music from downstairs and reshelve the music back upstairs to the music office. FREE PIZZA! We need your assistance. All are welcome!

## Highlights from Our Church Council

### Notes from the Moderator:

- **Parking Spaces -**

Effective March 1, WMATA has been occupying 17 parking spaces in the parking lot on weekdays only. Eleven WMATA vehicles will occupy spaces on the fence that abuts Iowa Street. The other six will be by the garden and the house along the fence. The “reserved parking” signs do NOT apply on weekends, and members are free to park anywhere in the parking lot except in spaces reserved for the minister and first-time visitors.

- **New Synagogue Project –**

The New Synagogue Project, a community of the Jewish faith, has been utilizing our facilities for a fee, to nurture their children during the Saturday Sabbath. Their membership is very diverse, and we are pleased to embrace the clatter of more little feet in the building on Saturdays. The sharing of our space has been most enlightening to both our members and theirs and they look forward to continuing the relationship through the next few months.

- **Feasibility Study to Evaluate PCUCC Space-**

Clear Real Estate Services has commenced the evaluation of the church property. The officials of Clear Real Estate will be meeting with key groups in the church to discuss the use of PCUCC space and how best to leverage our space to meet the growing needs of the church. The Feasibility Working Group (Laura Minor, Bill Wills, Hampton Cross, Dr. Jenel Wyatt, Officer Ike Jackson and James Gittens) will coordinate with church members and groups to be interviewed by Clear Real Estate Services.

Questions? Contact Laura Minor on 202 391 2298.

- **Organ Repair-**

The repairs to the Organ commenced in February 2025. The organ chests have been removed by the officials at Daffer Organs and sent to Pennsylvania for repair. The repairs to the roof covering that area were completed in early February. The wall and ceiling damaged by leaks from the roof is being repaired. Repairs of the organ may take several weeks. The organ will still be in use during this time.

- **Use of Church Space by Community Groups-**

The church has signed a contract with Pedal-Heads, Inc. for the fourth consecutive year to use the parking lots to host bicycle camps and safety workshops this summer. The Church will also host the Washington Jazz and Arts Institute Camp for youths during the summer months, culminating in a youth concert in the summer. Finally, the church has signed a commitment letter to host a five-week summer camp for youth ages 4-13 this summer in partnership with the Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative.

While we engage with our community groups, our church-sponsored activities, such as VBS, remain our priority.

- **Restoration of the Driskell-Faceted Glass Windows-**

The contract to clean and place protective covering on the Driskell Faceted Glass windows has been signed, and work to restore the windows will begin this spring. The Hospitality Circle (which is providing funding for the project) will oversee the project in coordination with the Board of Trustees Facilities Committee. This project will take several months to complete, as the vendor is in high demand and one of the few vendors specializing in restoring sacred faceted glass windows. Look for scaffolding along the sides of the church where the windows are located as work begins in earnest this spring.

### Men's Fellowship:

The Men's Fellowship recently completed A Coat Drive – delivering 30 coats to resupply the free coat closet at Roosevelt High School.

The committee is planning to have an off-site planning retreat in June or July and they are looking forward to drawing everyone to the table.

They are:

- Preparing for the *Father's Day* Program on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- They are looking for volunteers to help plan a Retirement Discussion Group and seminar and

In the meantime, they –

- Hosted the coffee hour on *Mother's Day*
- Participated in the 2025 Petworth Porch Festival, on April 27- featuring The Washington Jazz Arts Institute (WJAI).

### Women's Fellowship:

Hosted--A delightful Women's Day Service with Next Gen Women in March.

March 23.

**The Easter Sunrise Service** and packing and distribution of **Easter Bags** were again the April highlights.

Now, for the merriment of May

--Women's Fellowship **Spring Tea**, scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2025

--Mothers' Day - Sunday, May 11, 2025 - *ENJOY!*

--Strathmore Tickets - Friday, May 16, 2025

**Tribute to Bernice Johnson** Reagon, *Over My Head*

-The Women's Fellowship Theatre Party is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 2025, 2:00 pm - "Blues for an Alabama Sky" by Pearl Cleage - Silver Spring Stage, Colesville Rd at 4 corners. **Purchase tickets directly from the theatre.**

### Board of Christian Education

Church School for children 5-12 years old and the Peoples' Youth Ministry (PYM) for youth 13-18 meet on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

Everyone is encouraged to attend family worship on the 1st. Sunday. The children delight in their sermon brought to them by our Interim Minister. The Board has exciting lessons for the spring session of Church School for youth 5-12 years old. They are currently learning about the Fruit of the Spirit.

An Earth Day project is being planned. Date to be determined.

The BOCE is promoting a service project trip to West Virginia, sponsored by First Congregational UCC.

Interested parents are encouraged to speak directly with the First Congregational. Space is being reserved for 1 parent and 4 youths from Peoples Congregational.

Attention Graduates: Student Recognition Sunday will be held June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Look for upcoming requests for information.

Adult Bible Study continues in a hybrid meeting format. All are invited to participate.



## ***The Wellness Corner***

### ORAL-SYSTEMIC HEALTH

Innumerable studies and research have revealed oral health's connection to systemic health and vice versa, with evidence suggesting that the relationship goes both ways. Most of the research studies have addressed the direct and indirect effect of periodontal disease on systemic health.

#### What is Periodontal Disease?

Periodontal Disease, also known as gum disease, is an infection and inflammation of the gums (gingivitis) and the bone that supports the teeth (periodontitis). The disease is often caused by plaque buildup resulting from poor oral hygiene but can be caused by genetic factors or other health conditions. Dental plaque is a sticky film of bacteria that grows on surfaces in the mouth, especially the teeth. According to CDC, periodontal disease affects 42% of the adult population age 30 and over. Risk factors include a family history of periodontal disease, poor oral hygiene, smoking or chewing tobacco, pregnancy, diabetes, crooked teeth that are hard to clean.

#### How Does Periodontal Disease Affect Systemic Health?

According to the National Institutes of Health over 700 species of bacteria reside in the mouth consisting of good bacteria and bad bacteria. Bad bacteria (pathogenic) can colonize and cause diseases. Two possible mechanisms have been hypothesized to explain how pathogenic bacteria in the oral cavity can be associated with systemic diseases. First, chronic inflammation in the oral cavity can increase the inflammatory markers in the blood stream affecting the bodies' immune response i.e. the bodies' ability to fight diseases. Second, the oral cavity acts as a reservoir for pathogenic bacteria that enter the blood stream and affect the body at a distant site.

#### What Systemic Conditions Are Impacted by Oral Health?

The studies connecting periodontal disease with overall health have included atherosclerosis, cardiovascular disease, stroke, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis, diabetes mellitus, pancreatic cancer, pregnancy and low birth weight, pulmonary disease, kidney disease and Alzheimer's Disease. If you have been diagnosed with any of these conditions or are taking medications, PLEASE ask your medical practitioner or dental provider how these conditions or medications are impacting your oral health. Some medications that might affect oral health include hypertension, diabetes, antidepressants, osteoporosis, blood thinners, cancer, antihistamines, and oral steroids.

#### How Is Your Oral Health Impacted?

Common symptoms of periodontal disease include bleeding gums when you brush and floss, swollen gums, loose and/or missing teeth, bad breath, red or white lesions that do not go away or heal in seven to ten days, and teeth that are separating.

#### Prevention Measures

Practice good oral hygiene and schedule regular dental examinations. Be proactive about your health. Provide your dentist with a comprehensive medical history to include prescribed and over the counter medications. Give your physicians your dental history to include any oral complications that you have experienced after a medical procedure or after taking prescribed medications.

## GREETINGS FOR 2025 FROM THE PEOPLES JAZZ SOCIETY

Dear Members and Supporters,

The Peoples Jazz Society is thankful for your support in this seventeenth year of Jazz in Liturgy at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ. We would like to share updates and the 2025 Calendar.

Firstly, after 16 years of devoted support to the Jazz Society, Jim Butts has decided to resign from the position as Treasurer. Jim assured us that he will continue to support the Jazz Society in all its endeavors. He remains a dear friend, ardent jazz lover and sustainer.

Carolyn Veiga has graciously agreed to serve as Treasurer; and Nina Faulk-Knight has volunteered to serve as Secretary/Webmaster. We are pleased to announce that our own Esther Williams Yarborough will serve as the Youth in Jazz Liaison in support of our mission to promote and preserve Jazz Music. These appointments are effective as of January 2025. Secondly, our exciting **2025 Calendar** is as follows:

**Jazz for the Holy Week Journey**  
**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. - Sanctuary - Reception to Follow**

**"In Their Own Words"**  
**Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary**  
**Jazz Brunch and Film Showing**

**Annual Jazz Worship Service**  
**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary - Reception to Follow**

**Christmas Eve Jazz Vespers**  
**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. - Sanctuary - Reception to Follow**

Membership in Peoples Church is not a prerequisite to supporting, and belonging to, the Peoples Jazz Society. We are not funded by the Church, but by the membership of supporters like you. Supporting Membership Dues are \$50.00 per year; and Sustaining Membership Dues are \$100.00 per year, payable to Peoples Jazz Society. Dues may be mailed to the Church office or presented to the Treasurer after Church Service. There is always a Love Offering collection at every event; and this collection is devoted to the General Fund of the Church.

The Jazz Society was pleased to provide more than 50 percent of the funding for the recent upgrade of the sound system for the Sanctuary. This gift was made possible through a bequest by one of our original members.

Your support makes it possible to continue our vibrant and renowned Jazz in Liturgy at Peoples Congregational Church. We love you all and thank you for your continuing support.

Our Scripture Guidance is **Psalm 150**. Our favorite quote is from an unknown author and reads:

***"Jazz is the Sound when God is Laughing"***

God Bless You All in 2025 and Forward,

**Peoples Jazz Society**

**Peoples Jazz Society Executive Committee**

**Patricia J. Ellis, President**

**Carolyn Veiga, Treasurer**

**Davey S. Yarborough, Vice President & Artistic Director**

**Nina Faulk-Knight, Secretary & Website**

**Esther Williams, Youth in Jazz Liaison**



**...Happy Birthday to:**

<i>Troy Hawkins</i>	<i>05-02</i>	<i>Isaac Campbell</i>	<i>05-13</i>
<i>Wanda Hughey</i>	<i>05-02</i>	<i>Michael Wooden</i>	<i>05-14</i>
<i>Earlene Jenkins</i>	<i>05-02</i>	<i>Karen Hammonds</i>	<i>05-17</i>
<i>Christine Reed</i>	<i>05-03</i>	<i>Brandon Hunter</i>	<i>05-17</i>
<i>Jeron Rhodes</i>	<i>05-03</i>	<i>Laura Minor</i>	<i>05-20</i>
<i>Bryon Barlow</i>	<i>05-05</i>	<i>Davey Yarborough</i>	<i>05-21</i>
<i>Karlene Baddy</i>	<i>05-05</i>	<i>Francis Smith</i>	<i>05-23</i>
<i>Carol Hamilton</i>	<i>05-07</i>	<i>Gwendolyn London</i>	<i>05-25</i>
<i>James Mack</i>	<i>05-07</i>	<i>Stacie Banks</i>	<i>05-06</i>
<i>Angela Rice</i>	<i>05-09</i>	<i>Davie Yarborough</i>	<i>05-29</i>

**Bible Trivia**



- 1. How long did the flood rain fall?**
  - a. 80 days and nights
  - b. 12 days and nights
  - c. 40 days and 40 nights
- 2. How long did the flood cover the earth?**
  - a. 19 days
  - b. 150 days
  - c. 50 days
- 3. How old was Joseph when his brethren sold him into slavery?**
  - a. 69
  - b. 23
  - c. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

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*Love God & Love Neighbor*

## Prodder Guidelines



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 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

Announcements and flyers can be emailed to [yhunter@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto: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

### Interim Minister

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds  
[interimminister@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:interimminister@peopleschurchucc.org)

### Church Moderator

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[moderator@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:moderator@peopleschurchucc.org)

### Administrative Staff

Operations Specialist  
Yvette Hunter  
[yhunter@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:yhunter@peopleschurchucc.org)

### Maintenance Staff

Towanda Chew  
Sterling "Stan" Evans



**March 2, 2025**

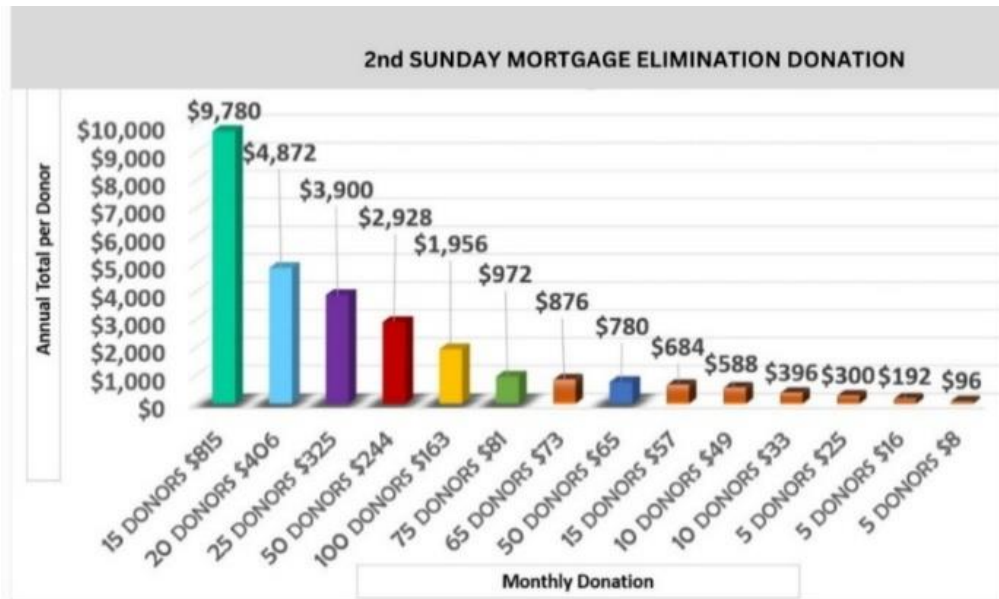


**Porch Festival**



**Women's Fellowship Tea Set-up**





## 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 Peoplechurchucc.org](https://www.peoplechurchucc.org)

[DONATE on REALM](#)

Send questions or comments to [CapitalCampaignPUCC@gmail.com](mailto:CapitalCampaignPUCC@gmail.com)

## REALM REGISTRATION



**Scan the QR Code: Peoples Realm  
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