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# People's Church

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## Sunday Services—10:45 a.m.

For information on attending in-person services, please see page 4. The Zoom link for People's Church services is: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5527667326>

By phone: 1-646-876-9923, ID: 552 766 7326

## Summer Services

This year, as we emerge from two years of pandemic, our broad theme for summer services is "Reclaiming, Reweaving, Redefining, Recovering, Rebuilding." People's People will speak on this theme in a variety of ways.



Each service will include a ten-minute reflection from a speaker followed by group discussion. This summer, our services will be multiplatform, taking place both over Zoom and in the Commons. We will be experimenting with ways to facilitate discussion in a mixed group.

Summer services began June 19 and are held in the Commons and over Zoom at 10:45am.

Our summer schedule is as follows:

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| • <b>July 3: Rachel Lonberg</b>  | • <b>August 7: Rick Johnson</b>       |
| • <b>July 10: Susan Moerdyk</b>  | • <b>August 14: Gordon Bolar</b>      |
| • <b>July 17: Cory Zann</b>      | • <b>August 21: Rachel Lonberg</b>    |
| • <b>July 24: Gordon Bolar</b>   | • <b>August 28: Donna McClurkan</b>   |
| • <b>July 31: David Isaacson</b> | • <b>September 4: Savannah Ramsey</b> |

## Rev. Rachel on Study Leave and Vacation in July

Rev. Rachel will be on study leave from July 11 to 22. She will then be on vacation from July 23-31. Study leave is work time that she devotes to study, reading, and planning. Her hope is to have themes for Sunday services sketched out for the coming church year. (So please reach out to her if you have ideas!) During this time, Rev. Rachel will largely be out of the office, though she will be attending some meetings. She will be checking her email less frequently. If you need to reach her quickly, please call or text her at 269-389-



Miss a Sunday sermon? Check out the video at: <https://tinyurl.com/Peoplesyoutube>

## From the Minister



Dear ones,

During our service on June 12, we shared the time capsule that was placed in the wall of the church building in 1969. It included photographs and documents from that time – and a message from

Rev. Roger E. Greeley

delivered during a Sunday service in 1969. Here are a some excerpts from that letter. I am fascinated by the continuities and changes in our church over the last 53 years. – Rev. Rachel

‘A Message from the Minister’ from September 14, 1969

‘The most difficult aspect to writing this message is the realization that every dear heart whose sacrifices made this edifice possible is long dead if it is 2069 (But then, the world went on without us 100 years before we were born, it ought to be able to get by 100 years after we’ve gone!) . [note: apparently, we were supposed to open this capsule after 100 years. We had no records of that intention.]

You may be chuckling at the “quaint” attire and the “old fashioned” appearance of those of us pictured in these contents, but know these things:

We loved this church, its past, its present, and its future.

We were honest in what we said and did at People’s during the glorious era that saw this building rise on the firm foundation laid by Edwin C. Palmer (1934-1956).

We loved each other and this experiment in free religious humanism which we sought to cultivate during our time.

If history has tended to support our view of agnosticism, of creative humanism, know that it would have been easier to adopt the prevailing forms of our generation, but no one called for

that. If history has proved us to have been wrong, at least we were honestly wrong for we practiced no deceptions, no pretense, and no opportunism. We cared more for our integrity than our popularity. We did not seek to be all things to all men, a kind of religious catch basin for wandering spirits. We sought to be and become according to our own honest insights, convictions, and love of one another...

We didn’t apologize for looking after our institutional wellbeing for we loved this church. We were not lavish nor ostentatious, and we paid our bills. We shouldered an indebtedness that we could handle (as of this writing 9/14/1969) and we fulfilled our promises to ourselves and our creditors. That was our idea of religious display: ethical living!

“But what did the church do as a church in the community near and far?” I’m glad you asked that... The church did not seek to speak for its members in matters of social, religious, political, or economic concern. The church served as a catalyst stimulating each person to seek involvement at his own level and speak for himself. Individual members were deeply involved in the struggle for equality of opportunity in the searing sixties (and before)...

As I write this, I wonder whether the building we built is being torn down or added to, whether organized religion has died, replaced by an all inclusive government or education system. Hey, has the Pope found a way to sanction birth control and keep the historic faith? Have we mastered space (the space between people’s ears) or have we succeeded only in conquering outer space?...

You all should remember, if People’s has fallen on poor times, that we knew all about those experiences too. The record of the church, 1934-1950, was one of abject poverty illuminated by the light and dedication of one man, Edwin C. Palmer, the minister who rescued People’s from extinction and kept it going until better days arrived following World War II (1939-45). The

### From the Minister, cont.

minister from 1957 to 19\_\_, Roger Greeley, never once cast a vote on any church question for which there was a show of hands. [note: Roger Greeley retired in 1985.] Again and again, he said, "This is People's, apostrophe 's,' church." It was not his job to lead or direct but to work with and if laymen in succeeding generations turned their powers over to the minister, People's had lost its unique quality, an absolutely democratic religion. The minister kept his hands off the church school program; the Religious Education Committee did a fine job with the Sunday School, just as the Board of Trustees actively administered the corporate affairs of the church proper.

When we opened this building we had high hopes for creating more beautiful Sunday services by utilizing audio and visual techniques never before available to us. The records elsewhere should indicate to what extent we were successful.

In conclusion, know that we undertook to insure the physical wellbeing of People's for our time and for years to come... We made sacrifices, each of us. I hope that the philosophy of religion which we worked at is still alive and sustaining an organized program of experience in values and the quest for meaning that is solid enough to sustain the group in periods of darkness and despair. The cult of per-

sonality cannot sustain a church whose philosophical basis, whose reason for being is indistinct or purely a matter of institutional habit. Only a loyal and complete commitment by many individuals to a grand tradition, an honest expression of man's search for decency, humanity, and loving creativity can carry a group on and on.

If when you read this, there are no churches because "God Is Dead," know that something went wrong for we held a publicly advertised "Memorial Service for God" in 1967 and we were alive and kicking as an institution long after that! A church doesn't need a fiction to be a fact. We were and we hope you are a dynamic, loving fellowship of creative, heretical lovers of truth, science, humanity, and, above all, each other and the dream that you hold in common.

Roger E. Greeley, Minister

If you would like to spend some time with the other materials in our time capsule, please let me know. You can make an appointment to come see them at the church or I would be happy to bring them to you.

Take good care, everyone,  
Rev. Rachel

### Board Update

At the end of June, three Board members are completing their terms. Thank you, Susan Moerdyk, Denise Hartsough, and Karen Friedel for your leadership over the past three years! When they agreed to join the board in early 2019, they had no idea what was in store.

The three board members elected by the church membership at last May's annual meeting will officially begin their service on July 1: Brian Lewis, Joe Hampel, and Gordon Bolar.

Additionally, board member Laura MacLellan has resigned from the board. In accordance with the church bylaws, the board has appointed Matt Johnson to fill the remaining two years of Laura's term.

At the June meeting, the board selected officers the 2022-3 church year. Marti Peters-Sparling is our incoming board president, Tom Hackley is incoming vice president, and Donna McClurkan will be board secretary. (For reference, the two continuing board members not listed above are Dan Bair and Rick Johnson.)



## **ISAAC Family Annual Meeting** **Tuesday July 12 7:00-9:00pm**



Tuesday, July 12 from  
7:00-9:00 PM ET

Via Zoom during our LB Meeting Time  
Tune in to hear about & celebrate the  
Beloved Community work of ISAAC!



You are warmly invited to join this celebration on Zoom of all the Beloved Community work that we, the ISAAC Family, were able to do together in 2021!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89667052808>

**Meeting ID: 896 6705 2808**

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### **Special Collection Updates**

**Living Wage Special Collection:** As of Monday June 27th, we have reached our needed goal for the Living Wage Collection fund! Thank you to all of the People's People who generously donated to help us ensure all of our employees are paid a living wage!

In May our Special Collection was for Red Birth Green. Red Birth Green (RBG) provides accessible, full-spectrum reproductive care to the Kalamazoo area. Their Women of Color-founded and led team offers all-embracing community care for the modern age. This special collection raised just over \$627 for Red Birth Green!



In June our Special Collection was for Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center (KDCCC). The Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Center established in 1990, provides free, part-time child care for income eligible families with children ages six weeks through five years old. This special collection raised \$1,034 for KDCCC!



Over the last year, we have been able to raise thousands of dollars in our monthly Special Collections to help out a total of 10 different wonderful organizations! Thank you to everyone's generosity!!

### **Information about Attending Sunday Services in Person**

People's Church is now offering in-person attendance at Sunday services. We are becoming a church that connects on Sundays in multiple ways—and we know some People's people watch services later in the week on YouTube.

#### **What can you expect if you attend services in-person?**

If you are planning to come, but develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please stay home and participate in the service via Zoom. When you enter the church building, you will be greeted by health screeners, who will remind you that we expect people to be masked for their whole time in the church building, be as vaccinated as it is possible to be, have no symptoms consistent with COVID-19, and tell the church if you develop COVID-19 within three days after attending. **(If you would like to volunteer as a health screener/greeter (NO MEDICAL EXPERIENCE NEEDED!), please reach out to Marti Peters-Sparling at [martipeters@yahoo.com](mailto:martipeters@yahoo.com).)**



So far, this process has gone well, with people remaining well-masked for the duration of their time in the building and no known COVID exposures. Thank you to everyone for your care for this community, your flexibility, and patience as we find new ways to be together.



## Green Spot—Michigan's Healthy Climate Plan



The State of Michigan Healthy Climate plan is very ambitious. By using a multi-pronged approach it plans to reduce carbon emissions 28% by 2025, and 52% by 2030 from a baseline of 2005. And it plans

on Michigan being carbon neutral by 2050. By being multi-pronged, various departments and organizations can be specializing and concentrating on their own part of the roadmap without necessarily needing to wait for the completion of steps in other parts.

There are five major components of the roadmap - electric grid, EV vehicles and public transportation, repairing and decarbonizing homes and businesses, clean innovation in industry including increased recycling and decreased food waste, and protecting our land and water - all also using the guidelines of the Federal Justice40 and the Federal America the Beautiful Initiatives. These latter two initiatives are important because they ensure that at least 40% of the state funding is used to support disadvantaged communities and

that 30% of all our land and water will be protected by 2030. All five of the components should be adhering to these Environmental and Social Justice guidelines.

There is not enough room to cover the roadmap components but the Plan itself is less than 60 pages of easy reading. Each component is broken out and discussed so if you're really in a hurry you can just read the part you're interested in or even just the summary. The Plan can be found at <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/climate-and-energy/mi-healthy-climate-plan> for online reading or downloading.

In June we talked about the City of Kalamazoo's plan and this month the State's plan. Kalamazoo and Oshtemo Townships, and the City of Portage have also adopted or are working on climate action plans. Please encourage thru emails, committee attendance, personal discussions with your representatives, etc. that the plans not just be adopted but that they are adhered to in all decisions. The climate is not just changing, it is becoming a crisis.

### **Bike and Build**

**July 3 - 6:30pm**

Bike and Build is a group of young adults biking across the US and helping to build affordable housing along the way.

They will be hosted by the Green Sanctuary



**Bike & Build**

Committee at church the night of July 3. Bike and Build will be giving a 30 minute presentation about their cause, as well as putting together a "Bike Rodeo" and repair workshop for anyone who is interested. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm on July 3, with the rodeo following at 7pm. All ages are welcome. Please bring your bikes and helmets!

### **Items Needed for Resettled Families**

The Interfaith Afghan Resettlement Team is currently helping eight refugee families start a new life here in Kalamazoo.

We are now asking for twin sheet sets to serve as 2nd/ backup sets for the total of 36 twin beds currently being used. The donated items can be brought to church and left on the table at the top of the stairs overlooking the lower entry level.

The Afghan Refugee Resettlement Committee is also requesting adult size donated bikes in good condition. Contact Ann Feldmeier at [annfeldmeier2018@gmail.com](mailto:annfeldmeier2018@gmail.com) or 269-720-1649.



## **Inquirers Series**

**Sundays 12:30-1:30pm, begins June 5 with sessions held every other week through September**



Visitors, newcomers, members, and anyone who wants more information about People's Church are invited to participate in the Inquirers Series.

The Inquirers Series

meets at 12:30pm on Sundays outside, under the manta ray tent on the east side of the church building, weather permitting. (Rain location: Room 19) A light lunch will be provided and childcare is available with one week's notice. The Inquirers series is nine conversations that offer a general introduction to our congregation and Unitarian Universalism. Each session is stand-alone; you are welcome to participate in as many as you're able to attend and interested in. Here are the sessions:

- July 3: UU History, Principles, and Sources
- July 17: Sunday Services
- July 31: Social Justice Programs
- August 14: Tour of Building and Grounds
- August 28: Small Group Connections
- September 14: Pastoral Care and Chalice Circles
- September 28: Membership 101

For more information about this class, or to request childcare, please contact Rev. Rachel at [minister@peopleschurch.net](mailto:minister@peopleschurch.net) or 269-389-9721. It is helpful for our lunch planning if you register for the sessions that you plan to attend here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BA9AC22A13-inquirers> or by contacting Rev. Rachel.

## **Congregational Conversation #2: Exploring the 'Generations' within People's Church**

- **In-person: Sunday, July 10, 12:30pm, gather in The Commons**
  - There will be a lunch following the service. Sandwich fixings will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able. Childcare will be provided.
- **On Zoom: Monday, July 11, 7pm, gather at the same link we use for Sunday services: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5527667326>**

These conversations will have a similar fishbowl-style structure as our last

conversations, in which groups that share a characteristic talk amongst



themselves while another group listens and then the groups switch roles. Instead of dividing by age, however, we will divide by length of time as part of the People's Church community. Church lay leaders, staff, and Rev. Rachel have noticed that there are differences in experience, opinions about the church and its involvement with justice work, and hopes for its future that are tied to how long someone has been part of this church community. This is a fruitful topic for conversation, listening, and understanding at this moment in our life together.

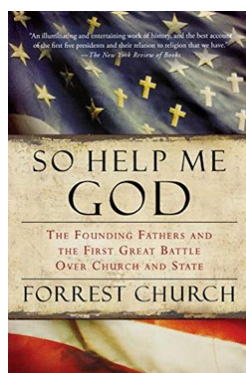
Please sign up to participate here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BA9AC22A13-congregational>

If you have questions about this congregational conversation or ideas for a future one, please be in contact with Rev. Rachel, Tom Hackley, Karen Friedel, or Donna McClurkan.

## Library Corner

### **So Help Me God; the Founding Fathers and the First Great Battle over Church and State, by Forrest Church**

Today's dispute over the line between church and state (or the lack thereof) is neither the first nor the fiercest in our history. In a powerful retelling of the birth of the American body politic, religious historian & UU Minister Forrest



Church describes our first great culture war—a tumultuous yet nearly forgotten conflict that raged from George Washington's presidency to James Monroe's. On one side of the battle, the proponents of order—Federalists, Congregationalists, New

Englanders—believed that the only legitimate ruler of men is God. On the other side, the defenders of liberty—republicans, Baptists, Virginians—cheered the Enlightenment and the French Revolution, and believed that only the separation of church and state would preserve man's freedom. Would we be a nation under God, or with liberty for all? In this vigorous history, Forrest Church offers a new vision of our earliest presidents' beliefs, reshaping assumptions about the debates that still reverberate across our land.

### **Afternoon Book Club**

**Thursday, July 21, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

The Afternoon Book Group will meet on Thursday, July 21 to decide which books to read and discuss during the 2022-23 church year. Come to the meeting with one or two suggestions of books that you would like on the list. Please take a look at their availability at the library to make sure they are in book, e-book, audiobook and possibly large print form. We will also discuss the meeting time, date and place.

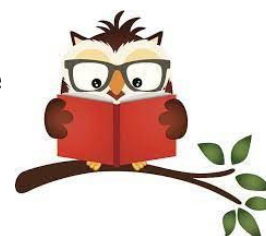
Presently we meet on the third Thursday of the month from 2:30 to 4 at the Friendship Village clubhouse or by Zoom depending on the weather and the virus. If you would like to be on the regular contact list, email Marj Lightner at [marjlightner56@gmail.com](mailto:marjlightner56@gmail.com).

### **How to Search the People's Church Library Catalog from Home**

The instructions below are listed in People's Church website ([peopleschurch.net](http://peopleschurch.net)). Find Engage with Us in the blue strip above the large photo of the church. Choose Church Library Catalog from the drop down menu.



- Go to [www.librarything.com/catalog/peopleschurchofkzoo](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/peopleschurchofkzoo)
- Decide which collection you'd like to search (Main Church Library=adult titles; RE Library=children's titles) and select it from the list in the upper left.
- Near the upper right in the box next to the yellow word 'Search', enter a title or author or simple desired topic.
- Use the book's Dewey call number in the left hand column to locate the book in People's library. People's Library collection is located in the upper foyer to the left of the door into the Commons. The books are divided into Main Church Library (adult) and RE Library (children's).
- The Main Church Library begins to the left of the middle of the back wall and continues (left to right, in ascending Dewey call numbers) across the aisle to the right end of the low bookshelves and then around to the front of the bookcase, ending with B (biographies). The RE Library begins in the middle of the front side of the low bookshelves, ending with RE picture books and fiction (J).



### Restoration for the Spirit

This is the month that I try to step back from the weekly demands of church work and take some time for R&R. Camping trips with family, time to catch up on house projects, time in my hammock to catch up on reading all the books that pile up on my nightstand during the course of the regular church year. I hope that each of you are enjoying some activities this summer that nourish your spirit and feel restorative for you.

Without the flurry of church activities, July also provides me with time for deeper reflection and processing. I frequently contemplate what I am doing in my life and work that is contributing toward dismantling white supremacy culture and building the Beloved Community that includes sustainability for all species on this planet of ours.

One commitment I've made is to provide some meals to this local family in need. As I mentioned in last month's RE Notes, I seek to ally with our local Black Lives Matter chapter and offer support in the ways they have requested. I hope you will join me in clicking on this link to support their meal train this summer. <https://tinyurl.com/mealtrainblm>



I hope you all are able to ways this summer to experience wonder, awe and joy as well as chip away at the oppressive systems under which we live. We need to do the essential work and we also all need time for R&R. May we all succeed in finding some balance in our lives.

Blessed Be, Diane Melvin, Religious Education Director

### Camp Success!

Our People's Church Peace and Nature Camp was a huge success this year.

**Thank you** to our amazing staff who made it happen! Laura Bultman, Director; Dolores Strom, Assistant Director; Teresa Cavanagh and Anna McClurkan, Lead Counselors; and Maggie Marr, Liam Rutherford, Charlie Henderson, Rui Eslick, Fiona Murray and Ian Webster, Jr. Counselors.



### Summer Religious Education: Our UU Principles Sundays @ 10:45AM

#### Nursery care available each week

All ages are invited to participate in our summer RE program which is geared for elementary aged kids. We are learning about our UU principles and how we use them to make the world a better place.

Each week, we gather together to enjoy our UU opening rituals, hear a story, and participate in fun games and crafts. We finish with free play time on our playground complete with ninja line and gaga pit. We look forward to engaging in some UU fun!

**- June 26: Introduction to UU Principles** – story: *Big Words for Little People*. UU Principles symbols craft, All My Friends & Neighbors game.

**- July 3: Each Person is Important** – story: *I'm Gonna Like Me*. Affirmation portraits, Uniqueness game.

**~July 10: Be Kind in All You Do** – story: *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* Bucket-filling craft and bucket re-lays.

**- July 17: We Accept One Another and Learn Together** – story: *I Am Love*. Science experiments, charades, Silent Interviews game.

**- July 24: We Search for What is True** – story: *Really, Really Big Questions*. Zen gardens, yoga, values continuum game.

**- July 31: Each Person has a Voice/Vote** – story: *Little Book of Little Activists*. Design stickers and posters; vote on which games to play.

**- August 7: We Work for a Fair and Peaceful World** – story: *Say Something*. Peaceful words "cootie catchers", cards, role playing.

**- August 14: We Care for the Earth** – story: *Dear Earth*. Recycled items inventions, nature walk/nature scavenger hunt.

**- August 21: We Build the Beloved Community** – story: *I Have the Right to Be a Child*. Wind-socks, In Common game, rhythm games.

**- August 28: Free from Racism and Oppression** – story: *Not My Idea*. Make comic strips or flags, role playing, cooperative games.

**- September 4: Wrap Up!** Story: *Somewhere Today*. UU Principles bead crafts, favorite games from previous weeks.



**Jewel Heart Instructors Present:****Creating a Pure Universe: A Workshop on the Mandala Offering****Saturday, July 30; 10-12****At People's Church**

This hands-on workshop will introduce the mandala offering, visualizing and offering a pure universe. We will talk about the purposes for making this offering, and how to do simpler and more elaborate forms of the practice. Great practitioners like Atisha and Tsongkhapa are famed for having performed huge numbers of mandala offerings. To register, email [westmi@jewelheart.org](mailto:westmi@jewelheart.org) or call 734 – 223-0660



Free of Charge – All Welcome

**Extra drivers needed to and from Summer ESL classes!**

Our recently resettled Afghan families need your help! If you are willing and able to transport Afghan refugees to summer English classes (ESL) in the mornings, regularly, or even on occasion this summer, please contact Vicki Konzen: 269-491-0570; [vwkonzen@gmail.com](mailto:vwkonzen@gmail.com).

**EVENING BOOK CLUB**

We are taking July off to have more time to explore suggestions for next year's calendar. In August (probably continuing 2nd Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.) all interested in leading one monthly meeting should bring 2-3 suggestions for the group to consider. This group tends to focus on quality fiction.

We love to talk about books! We'd love more people to join us!

**Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice**

**Free Film Screening and Director Q&A**  
**July 7 6:30pm Van Buren Conference Center**  
**490 S Paw Paw St. Lawrence, MI 269-674-3200**

**Ages 12 and up**

'Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice' is a one-hour PBS documentary that is particularly timely and relevant given our country's current reckoning with racial inequity and systemic racism.



The program focuses on the stories of Michigan Native American Lawyers, Tribal Judges and their colleagues who work with Native Nations, their citizens and mainstream institutions to achieve Sacred Justice. These unseen role models strive daily to address and resolve unique and complicated historical, governmental, legal, judicial and social welfare issues, which are most often rooted in discrimination, historical trauma and cultural destruction. Come take a journey into past and present day Indian Country to learn of untold stories that shine a light on Native Americans rising up to create a new path for today and for the next Seven Generations.

**In Memoriam: Diane Downing**

We celebrate the life and mourn the death of People's Church member Diane Downing, who died on Sunday June 19. In accordance with her wishes, a celebration of life gathering was held before her death, which she took great joy in attending.



## Invitation to People's Music Groups

Have you ever wanted to sing with our choir or ring bells with us? You can! We are always accepting new members.

Contact Savannah at [music@peopleschurch.net](mailto:music@peopleschurch.net) for more details.



## FILM DISCUSSION

**Monday, 7/18, 3-4:30 on Zoom**

With lots of vacations going on, we're moving the July film discussion for this month. If you would like to participate, feel free to send your votes (preferably #1, #2, and #3) to Pat Nelson ([patnelson348@gmail.com](mailto:patnelson348@gmail.com)) among:

- Wonder Woman (2017)
- Florida Project (2017)
- 400 Blows (1959)



Watch weekly emails for updates on the 'winner' for this month. Anyone is welcome to attend any meeting. Watch the film in advance (always available on Amazon for less than \$7 rental; as well as often in libraries and other streaming services).

## DISCUSSION GROUP ON VACATION

Look for an article in the August newsletter for an announcement of an organizational meeting in



September. The group was formed, and hopes to continue to discuss a wide variety of issues, with divergent views welcome. Meetings will probably continue on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 10:30 - 12. In person? Zoom? TBA. All welcome to any meeting!

## PIANO for sale \$300

We bought this upright brown wood piano from the church about 25 years ago (for \$300). Matching bench. Lesson and music books thrown in. You move from Bloomingdale, 3 steps. Contact Pat Nelson 269-716-3623.



## Meal Train: Help support one of our families during a very challenging time.

Like so many others, Zoe and her family are struggling to keep up with life in general. In addition to parenting young children, Zoe is going through long-term treatment of a large tumor in her right shoulder and back.



It causes a great deal of pain and makes it difficult to take care of everyday tasks, and the medications have side effects that include fatigue, brain fog, and arthritis-like pain in her hands and feet. Knowing that they have one night a week where they don't have to think about and prepare dinner would be a great help.

Please go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1d8qdz> to read more and to help!

## Lincoln School's Kid's Closet Needs

We have received a request from the Communities in Schools Kids Closet for donations of clothing and shoes. They need boys and girls sweaters and shoes. The sizes needed are boys tennis shoes are size 3, 4, & 5 and girls tennis shoes sizes 1, & 5. Also woman sweatshirts or sweaters size L & XL. If you wish to donate any of these needed items, please bring them to church to Rev. Rachel's office.

Alternately, donations of Walmart Gift Cards are very welcome so that Joseph, the CIS Lincoln representative, can purchase the needed clothing items and shoes.

Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 3</b>	Summer Service: Rev. Rachel Lonberg	10:45am	Commons and Zoom
		Inquirer's Series: UU History, Principles & Sources	12:30pm	At Church —TBD
		Bike and Build	6:30pm	Room 19 & Outside
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 4</b>	OFFICE CLOSED		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 10</b>	Summer Service: Susan Moerdyk	10:45am	Commons and Zoom
		Congregational Conversation #2	12:30pm	At Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 11</b>	Congregational Conversation #2	7:00pm	On Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 12</b>	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At church
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 13</b>	Bazaar Planning Meeting	6:30pm	TBD
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 17</b>	Summer Service: Cory Zann	10:45am	Commons and Zoom
		Inquirer's Series: Sunday Services	12:30pm	At Church —TBD
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 19</b>	Building and Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		Library Committee	10:00am	Foyer
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 21</b>	Afternoon Book Club	2:30pm	Friendship Village
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 24</b>	Summer Service: Gordon Bolar	10:45am	Commons and Zoom
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 25</b>	August Newsletter Deadline		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 26</b>	Building and Grounds	10:00am	At Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 27</b>	Finance Committee	3:00pm	Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 30</b>	Jewel Heart: Mandala Offering Workshop	10:00am	Room 9
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 31</b>	Summer Service: David Isaacson	10:45am	Commons and Zoom
		Inquirer's Series: Social Justice Programs	12:30pm	At Church—TBD

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