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Sunday Services—10:45 a.m.

The Zoom link for People's Church services is: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5527667326> or
By phone: 1-646-876-9923, ID: 552 766 7326

February 2: "Imperfect Allies" - Rev. Rachel Lonberg

As we honor Scout Sunday and the new relationship between People's Church and Scouting America Troop 292 (part of the organization formerly known as the Boy Scouts), Rev. Rachel will tell the story of the history between the Unitarian Universalist Association and Boy Scouts of America, two imperfect institutions who are becoming unlikely allies, and how this story might hold lessons for us all as we build coalitions to do the work of justice and inclusion in this moment.



February 9: "Pluralism in Turbulent Times" - Rev. Dr. Liz Candido

What does it mean to live authentically in a diverse community? Pluralism sounds great, but is often very hard work. We'll explore a commitment to radical hospitality, learning about ourselves in the process.



Liz is an ordained Presbyterian (USA) Pastor who has spent her career working in interfaith and multi-faith landscapes. Currently, she serves as the College Chaplain and Director of Religious Life at Kalamazoo College. Liz received her M.Div from Harvard Divinity School and her D.Min from Chicago Theological Seminary. Her doctoral work focused on the spiritual lives of nonreligious young adults. An essayist and fiction writer, her work has appeared in a variety of publications.

February 16: "Wisdom from The Wizard of Oz" - Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Since L. Frank Baum published *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* 125 years ago, this wisdom story about a girl who wants to go home and her unlikely companions has been re-told and reinterpreted many times on the page, stage, and screen. In this joyful service, we will celebrate this story (and the songs it inspired) and reflect on how communities change and retell older stories to meet their changing needs. Before this service, folks are invited to read, watch, or listen to *Wizard of Oz* stories, including but not limited to *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum (1900 book), *The Wizard of Oz* (1939 film), *The Wiz* (1975 stage musical, 1978 film), and *Wicked* (1995 novel, 2003 stage musical, 2024 film). You are not expected to know all these stories – no quizzes, we promise! The service will be more meaningful if you know the basic plot points and characters.



February 23: "The Myth of Individualism" - Rev. Rachel Lonberg

As Unitarian Universalists, one of our core values is interdependence, the truth that we are all connected to one another. Yet, our culture constantly tells us we are individuals, responsible solely for ourselves and maybe those closest to us. In this moment, we will remember the truth of our interdependence and challenge any notion that we are not all in this together.



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Dear People's People,

In early January, People's people submitted questions to me as part of the service. There were more good questions than I could answer that day. Here's a few more. Some of your questions have inspired upcoming

services as well.

I've read recently about the benefits of some emotions we think of as bad or negative – like anxiety helping us to be safe. What other “benefits” may there be with anger etc.?

Emotions are a signal, often wisdom coming from some non-rational part of us. Anger can be a reaction to unfairness and injustice. It might give us the energy we need to take action. (There is a lot of great feminist and womanist thinking along these lines.) In this moment, it is so important feel our strong emotions, even the negative ones, notice what might be causing them, find ways to manage them, and take action. Since the inauguration, I, like many of us, have been feeling angry, overwhelmed, scared, and sad. I have been making an effort to move my body to move through the intensity of the emotion (walks, dancing, stretching, and a stationary bike do this for me) and then do something that helps, even a little. Watch upcoming church communications for more ways to take action together in support of our values.

How does mysticism fit into Unitarian Universalism?

As Unitarian Universalists, we value use many sources to find the truth – including science, religion and wisdom traditions, reason, art and literature, and personal experience. Mysticism and mystical experiences can be among these sources. In our recent church survey, we defined a mystic faith as one that ‘knows about the natural world but also knows that there is a presence, force or power which is within, or beyond, or unifies all things. The role of science is inadequate to explain all.’ Just over half of the People's people who an-

swered this question said that mysticism aligns with their belief system. Almost every religious tradition has a mystical tradition within it. Our UU mystics are in good company within and beyond Unitarian Universalism.

What's your greatest joy in being a minister?

I love the moments when I can witness us show up to bring help, hope, and healing in people's lives on behalf of our community. This takes many forms, including supporting people through grief and in planning memorial services for their beloved dead, spending money from the minister's discretionary fund to keep people in housing or pay necessary bills, creating and services that bring joy and help us all deal with life a little better. There are stories that are not mine to tell about how we show up for each other. It is holy and precious to witness.

And a final question that I want to make sure everyone sees:

What are there so many cool people here at People's Church?

If you submitted a question that wasn't answered that you'd like to talk about – or if a new question has arisen for you – please reach out. I'd love to talk with you.

See you soon,
Rev. Rachel

Options for Bodies after Death

Tuesday February 18, 1:30-3pm

Zoom link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5527667326>

Join Rev. Rachel and other People's people to talk through making plans for



one's body after death. We will explore possibilities including cremation, medical donation, traditional burial, and green

burial. Come to learn together – and to share the choices you are making for what will happen to your body after death. All are welcome to join this Zoom gathering.

MARK YOUR FEBRUARY CALENDAR

"Let It Be A Dance" Join us for an evening of celebration, dancing, and community fun for all ages as we honor and show our love for Rev. Rachel's 10 incredible years at People's Church!

When*: February 15th, 2025, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Where: People's Church

How You Can Help:

- Musical Requests: Let us know your favorite songs to add to the playlist!
 - Color THEME IS RED AND PURPLE
- Set-Up Volunteers NEEDED:
 - o Friday, February 14th, starting at 3 PM.
- Clean-Up Volunteers:
 - o Another 2–3 volunteers to help reset the church for Sunday service.

If you're able to assist, please contact Brian Lewis at brianlewis@bhhsmi.com or 541-870-6658.

Let's make this a memorable event!
Thank you for your help and support!



*Backup Date: February 22nd, 2025 (same time planning - in case of severe weather)

Practices for Self-Care and Community Care

At our day after the inauguration Zoom check-in, participants shared how they are practicing self-care and community care in this challenging moment. This is a moment to be purposeful about how we care for ourselves and each other. I was inspired by this list and will likely try a few new practices from it. Perhaps you will too. – Rev. Rachel



Reaching out to folks we love, reading wisdom literature, partisan political organizing, sending money to organizations doing good work, volunteering, building coalitions, being involved at People's Church, art, visible mending, finding common ground with others, supporting other people's activism, planting a garden, meditation, not doing everything and knowing my limits, practicing nonviolence, caring for children, being gentle with myself and others, caring for neighbors, creating music, dancing, and taking naps.

Inquirers Series

Begins Sunday October 20, 12:30-1:30pm, with sessions held every other week until March (with breaks at Thanksgiving and the end of the year). The first session is in Room 6/7. The remainder will be in Room 19.

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

A light lunch will be provided and childcare is available with one week's notice. The Inquirers series is nine conversations that provide an 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.

- **February 2: Social Justice, Green Sanctuary, and Dismantling Racism**
- **February 16: People's Church History and Governance**
- **March 2: Membership 101**

For more information about this class, or to request childcare, please contact Rev. Rachel at 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/508054BA9AC22A13-51739622-inquirers> or by contacting Rev. Rachel.



Its Time for Our Annual Silent Auction – Jump in Now, Don't Miss It!

- **Don't be left out – submit your items online now at this link <https://forms.gle/bEMEKy5kFyANNLbb9>**
- **Want to view the ever-growing item catalog & get ready for bidding to go live? <https://virtualauction.bid/peoplesauction>**

Each year we hold a fast and fun auction of services and items from Peoples people to Peoples people in a silent bid auction. It only lasts a couple of weeks, but results in great experiences, helpful services, beautiful items, delectable foods, and new relationships! All while raising a bit of money to support our church program.

Kickoff will take place after the service on February 9th, when auction bidding opens with lots of homemade cookies on hand for snacking. All

bidding will be done online this year, with tech-friendly helpers to assist you.

Need some ideas for things to offer? Here are some popular items from last year's offerings: Home repair; frozen entrees; family-friendly activity experiences; fruit pies, pastel paintings, a day at Lake Michigan, home energy audit, a meal and movie, picnics, tea parties, cookouts, jewelry, brewery outing with beer, fancy breads, genealogy research, dog walking, childcare, felted and woven items, and more!

The online catalogue of items is live now but being regularly updated as new items are being submitted. Want to take a look at what will be available? Check it out here: <https://virtualauction.bid/peoplesauction> As a

note, this is the site where the bidding will be taking place as well!

Get creative and offer up what you love to make or do. Please submit your items as soon as possible and before kickoff. Can you help provide cookies for the kickoff? Please let Eli know

at office@peopleschurch.net. Thanks!



Legacy Giving Seminar: Build a Lasting Future for Peoples Church

We invite you to join us for an informative seminar on legacy giving and learn how you can help ensure the long-term stability and growth of Peoples Church. This session will explore estate-planning strategies and show you simple ways to include Peoples Church in your legacy plans.

What to Expect:

- Insights into the importance of legacy giving
- Introduction to including Peoples Church in your estate planning
- Basics of legacy giving
- A look at the history of Peoples Church's existing legacy funds
- Q&A session to answer any questions



Your generosity today will help secure the future of our church for generations to come. Attend the seminar to discover how you can make a meaningful and lasting impact. To arrange a one-on-one presentation (in-person or via Zoom), please contact: office@peopleschurch.net

Date & Time: February 23rd – 15 minutes after the church service (approximately 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM) in Room LI

Support Needed for Seven Newly Arrived Refugee Families

Because of a recent executive order, seven newly arrived refugee families in our community have been cut off from casework and financial support. In partnership with many organizations in town, including the Kalamazoo Refugee Resource Collaborative and other congregations, we are working to make up this gap. If you are able to contribute money to replace the money these families would have gotten from our government and meet their basic needs for their first three months in the US, please donate to the refugee support fund this link or <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8YK/home> or send a

check to People's Church and indicate it is for refugee support. If you have the time and skill to support these families as they adjust to life here, please reach out to Rev. Rachel (minister@peopleschurch.net, 269-389-9721) so she can connect you to the leaders of this effort.

There will be other opportunities to help people in our community hurt by the actions of the federal government coming soon. Please pay attention to future congregational communications.



Special Collection: Black Lives Matter Mutual Aid

February 16

The BLM Mutual Aid Train is a sustained practice in collaborative community care and a step toward the accessible, equitable, and liberated world we want to realize. Established in 2020 during the Summer of Uprisings, this mutual aid effort provides diapers, baby wipes, menstrual supplies, and other requested care items for pregnancy to 30 Black families in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. The Diaper and Menstrual Supplies Trains are organized by five community members, including previous and current Diaper Train recipients, and we collaborate with Care Collective of Southwest Michigan and Helping Women Period to source supplies. We work to reduce economic barriers placed upon Black families by delivering these supplies to families' homes. Feedback we've received from families include: "It is such a relief not to have to purchase diapers. I can put that money toward other needs! We welcome funds from People's Church and other local community members interested in operating in solidarity. Resourcing the Diaper Train with monetary donations helps us to assure that we can respond to requests from families, purchase high quality baby wipes, and support emergency resource needs in our communities."



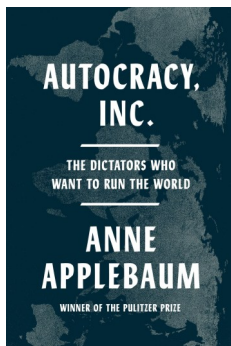
After Service Discussion

David Isaacson will host a discussion/conversation of Sunday's sermon beginning at 12:15 in Room 9 (Buddha room). If enough people are interested this will be a usual practice after most Sunday services. Other people who would like to be discussion leaders are most welcome, as David won't be available some Sundays. These discussions are for the regular Church year, not Summer services.



Study Group

The Study Group will be meeting on Monday March 31 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, to discuss: "Autocracy, Inc.: The Dictators Who Want to Run the World" by Pulitzer-prize winning journalist and historian Anne Applebaum. The book explores how we can organize to oppose autocracies around the world that are working together to undermine democracy. The Study Group meets monthly to discuss a wide variety of books dealing with issues in philosophy, religion, science, history, and current affairs. New members are welcome! For more information, or to get the Zoom address for the meeting, contact Tim Bartik at tim.bartik@gmail.com.



Film Discussion

"Julies & Jim", Truffaut's 1962 film will be the topic of our 2/19 discussion.

Note: Our regular meeting time starting this month will be 4-5:30 p.m.

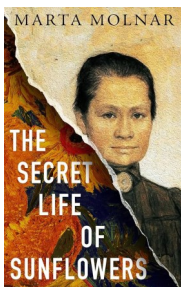
Newcomers are welcome. We choose films on a month-to-month basis, welcoming suggestions which don't require subscription, and preferably are available from the library. We watch the films on our own, and gather for the discussion on Zoom. If you would like to get on the email list for a Zoom invitation, and any updates and/or reminders, contact Pat Nelson (patnelson348@gmail.com; 269-716-3623).



Afternoon Book Club

"The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by Marta Molnar will be reviewed by Shari Harris at the 2/10 discussion at the home of Martha Beverly Beverly, 4124 Persianwood Drive Kalamazoo MI 49006 (269) 382-4288.

As of this date this group is full. Call Martha if you would like to get on a waiting list.

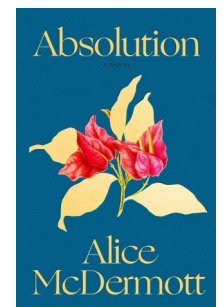


Evening Book Club—Newcomers Welcome!

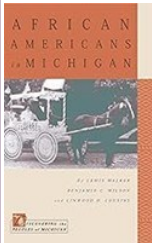
Absolution: A Novel by Alice McDermott will be reviewed by Marijo Steenstra at the 2/13 discussion at the home of Lois Loeffler, (269) 372-0038.

This group could welcome up to 2 newcomers.

To get on the email list for any updates and/or reminders, or for general questions, contact Pat Nelson, patnelson348@gmail.com, 269-716-3623.



Library Corner

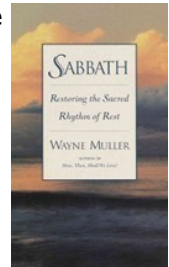


African Americans in Michigan, by Lewis Walker & Benjamin Wilson

African Americans, as free laborers and as slaves, were among the earliest permanent residents of Michigan, settling among the French, British, and Native people with whom they worked and farmed. The authors recount the long history of African American communities in Michigan, delineating their change over time, as migrants from the South, East, and overseas made their homes in the state. Moreover, they show how Michigan's development is inextricably joined with the vitality and strength of its African American residents. 977.4Wa

Sabbath: Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest, by Wayne Muller

Our relentless emphasis on success and productivity has become a form of violence, Muller says. We have lost the necessary rhythm of life, the balance between effort and rest, doing and not doing. Constantly striving, we feel exhausted and deprived in the midst of great abundance, longing for time with friends and family, longing for a moment to ourselves.



We need not even schedule an entire day each week. Sabbath time can be a sabbath afternoon, a sabbath hour, a sabbath walk. Sabbath time is time off the wheel, time when we take our hand from the plow and allow the essential goodness of creation to nourish our souls.

With wonderful stories, poems, and suggestions for practice, Muller teaches us how we can use this time of sacred rest to refresh our bodies and minds, restore our creativity, and regain our birthright of inner happiness. 291.3 Mu

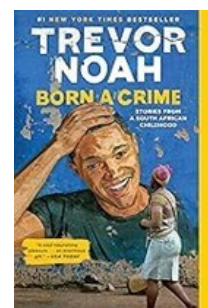


Skin Like Mine, by Latasha M. Perry

Skin Like Mine is a fun, easy-to-read for beginners as well as advanced readers. It's an entertaining yet creative way to address and celebrate diversity among young children. Guaranteed to make you smile. J Pe

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood, by Trevor Noah

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle.



The stories collected here are by turns hilarious, dramatic, and deeply affecting. Whether subsisting on caterpillars for dinner during hard times, being thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping, or just trying to survive the life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Trevor illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit and unflinching honesty. 921 No

Questions/ comments are welcomed. Please contact Lois Loeffler, chair of the Library Committee, at loisloeffler@gmail.com.

Community as Resistance

#LoveResists

With fascism rising, more people are seeking ways to resist the unjust actions of the current administration. I invite you to check out uua.org/lovesresists for a plethora of resources.

I especially recommend this article to assist folks with discernment and preparation to take effective action. <https://www.uua.org/lovesresists/spiritual-centering/risk-courage-discernment>

These are very difficult times. We need to stick together to best get through them. To best survive, it is imperative that we take exquisite care of ourselves and one another. We must pace ourselves for the long haul of needed justice work.

Instead of reacting out of fear, panic or overwhelm, it is important that we ground ourselves with regular spiritual practices to help move the fear through our bodies and hearts. This way our actions emerge from a grounded place of Love as a foundation to work toward justice and liberation. Together we can make a difference. Together we will persevere through the dark times.

Blessed Be, Diane Melvin Religious Education Director

2nd Sunday Room for Rest - 10:00-

10:30 AM

Feb. 9, Mar 8, April 12, & May 10

Craving time for stillness to rest? All are invited to head to room 9 on the 2nd Sunday of each month to rest. Sit on a chair, a meditation cushion, yoga mat or back jack. Grab a cup of tea from the kitchen. Drop the kids off with the childcare providers. Relax and take time to do whatever you most need. Rest resources provided in the room. Including resources to help us dismantle systems of white supremacy and grind culture.



Sunday Childcare offered 9:45-12:30

RE late pick up location change
In order to give parents the opportunity to enjoy coffee hour in the foyer, we are providing childcare until 12:30pm on Sundays after church. After 12:10, kids can be picked up in the Kid's Room (room 12). Please pick children up before our childcare providers leave at 12:30.

Game Night, Potluck & Sleep Over

March 23, 2025 6:00pm

Save the date for this all ages event designed to enjoy fellowship and fun. Bring a potluck dish to share and your favorite game to play. Everyone is invited to bring a sleeping bag and stay overnight at the church. Keep your eye out for more information.

Kindergarten/1st Grade OWL

Our Kindergarten/1st Grade **Our Whole Lives** Sexuality Education class will happen during our regular religious education time in Room L-2 in Feb. & March. Our youngest children will be learning about body autonomy, safe touches, different kinds of families and consent.



Save the Date!
High School Conference

March 21-23

@First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor
4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

You can build skills and take on leadership roles in a variety of ways:

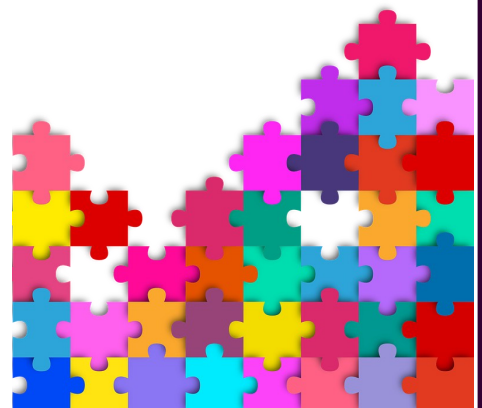
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- **CONband Leaders:** facilitating small groups throughout the weekend
- **Pastoral Care:** providing community care to attendees (training provided)
- **Worship:** planning worship experiences
- **Workshops & Activities:** leading different kinds of activities—the possibilities are truly endless!
- **Meal Planning & Preparation:** helping to feed our con community
- **And more!**

For more information, contact Stella Gorlin (stellauuaa@gmail.com), Eva Leventer (eva.leventer@northwestuu.org), or Shannon Snideman (Shannon.snideman@bucmi.org)



Puzzle Exchange Now Ongoing

By popular demand, the puzzle exchange is now ongoing! Space has been made on the shelves in the church library. Puzzles can be taken, returned, added & enjoyed at any time!



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With Respect to the Land

During our November 10, 2024 service, *An Honest Thanksgiving*, Rev. Rachel told a truer story about Native American history than what is traditionally portrayed in our culture. As the service description noted, "An honest history invites us all to begin moving toward right relationship with Native communities." The Reckoning Team is a newly formed group exploring what this might mean for People's Church in general and in the context of the land on which our building sits - the land we steward - as a way to live into the truer story. This may develop into a land acknowledgement statement and will take other forms as well.



The Green Sanctuary Committee is pleased to participate in this initiative by offering three events to help guide our understanding of the indigenous connection to land as a living entity. Mark your calendar and join us in Room 19 at 12:15 for these moderated programs, discussion and a light lunch.

February 23, 2025 - 12:15-2:00

Women Rule (PBS)

Native women are leading, innovating, and inspiring in the arts, politics, and protecting the planet. Native America explores the diverse ways they carry forward deep traditions to better their communities, their lands, and the world.

Moderator: Leeanne Seaver

March 30, 2025 - 12:15-1:30

DeLano Farms (Kalamazoo Nature Center)

Join farm manager, Kirsten Clemente and volunteers for this panel discussion about regenerative agriculture and related activities at the homestead founded by the DeLano family in the mid-1800s. This working farm features many offerings, including vegetable shares through its community supported agriculture (CSA) program, re-skilling workshops and programs for children.

Moderator: Steve Bertman

April 27, 2025 - 12:15 - 1:30

Gifts of the Land: A Walking Tour with Robin Wall Kimmerer

Kimmerer is a Potawatomi botanist, author (*Braiding Sweetgrass*, etc.), and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. In this short video, Kimmerer invites us to view the Earth as providing us with everything we need to live - gifts that come with a responsibility to care for and respect the natural world in reciprocal relationship.

Hope for Creation invites you to:



**Faith.
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AN INTERFAITH GATHERING TO BUILD
RESILIENCE AND WORK TOWARDS A
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SATURDAY, FEB. 8, 2025

1-4 PM WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSION
MUSIC AND REFLECTION

4-5 PM SOCIAL HOUR

Portage United Church of Christ (2731 Milham Ave)
Learn more and RSVP at hopeforcreation.net

Hope for Creation invites you to:

Faith. Climate. Action.

An interfaith gathering to build resilience and work towards a sustainable future.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025

- 1-4pm: Workshops and discussion, music and reflection
- 4-5pm: Social Hour

Portage United Church of Christ (2731 Milham Ave)

Learn more and RSVP at hopeforcreation.net

Art Wall:WORKS ON PAPER

Artist: Glenda Demissianos

Art Wall Exhibit: February 16th

You'll find no deep introspection here... just my love of color and flowers. I prefer to experiment with various water media, gouache, ink, acrylic and watercolor to add life and color to any space.

Art was one of my majors at Western Michigan University and I have been a painter for many years. I've had work in a number of shows, including in Massachusetts and the Area Show at the KIA.

I've traveled a lot, and base many of my paintings on photographs I've taken in various parts of the world. And I find ideas everywhere – in those different locations and in the quietest flower gardens.



Call for Art Entries (coming soon for March and April)

for People's Church artists, crafters, and makers

Theme: The Land, Nature, and Stewardship

Statement of purpose: In celebration of World Earth Day (April 22, 2025) and our UU core value of Interdependence, People's People are invited to participate through visual art/imagery in an exhibit honoring the great web of life and our place in it. What do you want to portray or say about the environment, relationship to it and stewardship of our precious land?

- **When:** Mid March through April 2025
- **Where:** People's Church Art Wall Gallery
- **Who:** People connected with People's Church, members, attendees, former Art Wall exhibitors.

We will accept art from all ages, including children's work. If you know someone who does not regularly get church news, but might have work to contribute, please let them know.

Submit: each participant is invited to provide 1-3 submissions for the exhibit

Criteria: Media includes: paintings, photography, mixed media, collage, textiles, felted garments, wall hangings, pastels, etc. Must be framed (if appropriate) and/or able to be hung by wire or other hanging device. Pieces should be at least 11" x 14" or larger.

Participant Deadlines: Deliver work to People's Church by March 4, between 5 and 7. And Eli will accept work the week before during regular church hours. Each participant will fill out an agreement form.

Labels: Participants will send label information: media used, price or NFS, short description of work to Gay Walker through email (gay.walker@ewmich.edu); using a Word document by March 1. (Do not format)

Questions: Please contact Gay Walker, 269-720-2144 or email if you have questions.

Artist Reception: TBA



Board Updates and Upcoming Events

Amid the winter months, People's Church board remains focused on hope and planning for the future. At a festive December board meeting, we met with the Religious Education (RE) Committee to learn about changes in religious education since the COVID pandemic and explore how we can support the committee in meeting the evolving needs of church families. A task force was formed to continue this important collaboration. We also celebrated some exciting news—the most successful Holiday Bazaar to date!

In January, following a thorough review of the budget, the board turned its attention to the church building. Tom Hackley shared insights and projections about future building needs, sparking continued conversations on how to ensure our church remains healthy and sustainable in the years to come.



Additionally, the board has established a subcommittee on wage equity within the church. In January, this group continued its work by interviewing church employees.

Rev. Rachel shared with the board the results of the Congregational Survey, offering reflections on how our congregation has changed—and remained constant—over the years. These results were shared with the congregation during the January 12 service, which is available online for those who missed it.

Looking ahead, the board has set the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting: **Sunday, May 18, 2025**, following the church service. Please mark your calendars—we hope to see you there!

We also invite you to join us in celebrating Rev. Rachel's 10-year anniversary on **Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 6:00–8:30 PM**. Let it be a dance!

Sunday Morning Coffee Helpers

Coffee on Sunday mornings after service is a beloved tradition here at People's Church but it doesn't happen by magic. We're looking for additional volunteers to help make this happen every week! Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BA9AC22A13-45217221-coffee>

if you're interested in learning the ropes and joining the rotation of folks who make the coffee & clean up afterwards!



Sunday Morning Greeters

One of the key pieces of hospitality on Sunday mornings is greeting people as they come in the front door, making sure they feel welcome! Feel free to sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ba9ac22a13-health#/>

Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
Sunday	February 2	Sunday Service: "Imperfect Allies"	10:45am	Commons & Zoom
		After Service Discussion	12:15pm	Room 9
		K/I OWL Parent Orientation	12:15pm	Room 19
		Inquirer's Series	12:30pm	Room LI
Tuesday	February 4	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		RE Committee Meeting	6:30pm	Rm 8
		Board Meeting	6:30pm	Rm 19
Thursday	February 6	Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm	Commons
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Sunday	February 9	Room for Rest	9:45am	Room 9
		Silent Auction Kickoff	10:00am	At Church & Online
		Sunday Service: "Pluralism in Turbulent Times"	10:45am	Commons & Zoom
		After Service Discussion	12:15pm	Room 9
Tuesday	February 11	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		Sermon Seminar	6:30pm	LI
Thursday	February 13	Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm	Commons
		Evening Book Club	6:00pm	Home of Lois L.
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Saturday	February 15	Rachel's 10 Year Dance Party	6:00pm	Commons
Sunday	February 16	Sunday Service: "Wisdom from The Wizard of Oz"	10:45am	Commons & Zoom
		After Service Discussion	12:15pm	Room 9
		Art Wall Reception	12:15pm	Commons
		Inquirer's Series	12:30pm	Room 19
Monday	February 17	Green Sanctuary	4:00pm	Zoom
Tuesday	February 18	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		Library Committee	10:00pm	At Church
		Options for Bodies after Death	1:30pm	Zoom
Wednesday	February 19	Film Discussion Group	4:00pm	Zoom
Thursday	February 20	Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm	Commons
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Sunday	February 23	Sunday Service: "The Myth of Individualism"	10:45am	Commons & Zoom
		After Service Discussion	12:15pm	Room 9
		Green Sanctuary: Women Rule	12:15pm	Room 19
Monday	February 24	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		
Tuesday	February 25	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At Church
Wednesday	February 26	Finance Committee	2:30pm	Zoom
Thursday	February 27	Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm	Commons
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons

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People's Church Mission Statement

**"People's Church: A beloved community
embracing and serving our diverse world."**