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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

### May 3: "Music Service"

Come sing a song with us! Join a variety of People's musicians this Sunday for our annual celebration of the aural arts.



**This Sunday at the end of service, there will be a fire drill, evacuating the building.**

### May 10: "Poetry Service"

Well, here we are again for another People's Church Poetry Service. Rumor has it that it is a favorite! For those who are not familiar with the service, you will be treated to a host of church and local community poets reading their original work. Our theme this year is Unity. If you are interested in being included to read your work, our planners are Elizabeth Bullmer and Don Miller. Let us know through Don's email (donbuilds@aol.com) so we can plan for numbers and how much time to allot everyone. Prospective writers - The theme of Unity is general enough and has been chosen in response to a common experience of divisiveness found within one's person and the world. Attendees to the service will be prompted to write a short line or phrase that will be included in a community poem to be read/published at a later date. Please come and enjoy!



### May 17: "Religious Education Service" — Diane Melvin, Rev. Rachel Lonberg and other People's people

As the program year draws to a close, we will celebrate all of the wonderful People's people who gave their time this year to keep the religious education program thriving. We will also reflect on the importance of religious community for children – and people of all ages. For this service, Rev. Rachel wants to hear from you – please send her your answer to this question: 'if you were raised as part of a congregation or other religious community, what did you gain from that experience?' Your answers might appear in the service.



This service will be followed by a potluck and the annual congregational meeting. If you are attending in person, please bring a dish to share. The congregational meeting will begin about 30 minutes after the service ends – and will be livestreamed on Zoom.

### May 24: "Memorial Day Service" — Rev. Rachel Lonberg

In this service we will honor those who have died in war in military service to our country, remember the people we love who have died in the last year, and recognize all of the grief we are holding in our hearts. If you have a photo of someone you love who has died in the last year that you would like to add to the slideshow that will be part of the service, please send it to Rev. Rachel or bring a copy to the church so we can scan it.



### May 31: "We Have Everything We Need" — Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Several months ago, Rev. Rachel led the People's Church board through a process of asset mapping – recognizing all of the resources (human, physical, spiritual, programmatic, and more) that we have here at the church. The process was inspiring and the board suggested that everyone at the church have a chance to take part. This service is that chance.



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Dear People's people,

On April 22, People's Church received the Diether Haenicke Promise of Excellence Award from

Communities in Schools

in honor of our longtime partnership with Lincoln International Studies Elementary School and our work to support immigrant and refugee families in our community more broadly. At the ceremony, I was asked to give a short acceptance speech. I was proud of my ability to distill our values into just a few minutes, so I wanted to include in the newsletter for all to see:

Thank you. It is a high honor to accept this award on behalf of the hundreds of people who are People's Church, to be held in high esteem by people we hold in such high esteem. Thank you.

People's Church has been committed to the children of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Public Schools for over 130 years, stretching from founding the city's first public kindergarten ourselves in the 1890s. Back when that was a newfangled idea, we tested it out and then the schools took it over. And now, our partnership with Lincoln School has now lasted more than 20 years.

At the core of the Unitarian Universalist tradition that we practice at People's Church is a commitment to love.

We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion. We covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain fully accessible and inclusive communities.

We know that we are called to be love's hands and love's feet, and love's voice in the world. And we also know that we do this work in community, in partnership, in relationship.

People who practice all wisdom traditions have

similar ethical commitments to caring for each other, to building a world where all people flourish. Everyone here shares this commitment. You all live this out in the small beautiful actions you are making day after day. The choices of generosity and care and justice, loving the parts of the world we can reach, is how communities are transformed.

I thank Communities in Schools for the honor of this award. I thank them even more for the good and important work they do.

Now, I want us all to pause, take a few smooth breaths and look around this room. This room is full of people who love the children of Kalamazoo and who take action to make that love real in the world.

The next time you feel discouraged or alone in your own piece of the work of love, I want you to remember this full room, full of people across our community who are alongside you in caring for our children with their time, wisdom, attention, and money. We are all cheering each other on as we create a world where all can flourish.

It is an honor to be among you. Thank you.

Take good care,  
Rev. Rachel

### **Congregational meeting Q&A**

**Wednesday, May 13, 7:30pm on Zoom**

Do you have questions about any of the agenda items (including the budget and board and nominat-

ing committee elections) for the annual congregational meeting? Do you have any questions about how the meeting is run or the voting happens? This is your chance to ask representatives from the board and finance committee, as well as Rev. Rachel before the meeting. If you have a question, but can't attend the meeting, please send it to

Rev. Rachel in advance. We plan to record this meeting and share the link to the video in the weekly email that goes out on Friday May 15.





**White Elephant Sale**

**June 2026**

**Details Coming Soon!**

**The Annual White Elephant Sale is returning on June 27! More Details Will Be Available soon.**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday May 17, following the service**

Please mark your calendars to attend the People's Church annual congregational meeting on May 17, following the service. Church members can attend (and vote!) in person and via Zoom on the annual church budget, nominees for the board and nominating committee, and any other church business that arises.

**Congregational Meeting**



To be eligible to vote at this congregational meeting, People's Church members must sign a Bond of Union on or before April 5, 2026.

**New Gaming Group!**

Are you a roleplayer, or interested in trying it out for the first time? Do you enjoy structured creativity, improvisation, and telling stories with your friends? People's Church's own Dave Wurtsmith will be running one-shot gaming sessions immediately after summer services beginning Sunday, May 3, so feel free to drop in to room L1 and try it out.

I have experience with a variety of systems including Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition, Avatar Legends, and Star Wars: Force and Destiny. If the same people show up from week to week we can continue the story where we left off last time; if different people show up we can run a different adventure or just play board games or cards. Come on down!



Any questions, reach out to Dave at [dave.wurtsmith@gmail.com](mailto:dave.wurtsmith@gmail.com)

**Join the Mow Team!**

Interested in helping to mow the church lawn this summer? We'd love to have you join the crew and help whenever you can.

If interested, contact Rick Johnson at 269-598-8317,



## **And Now for This Year's Nominees!**

The nominating committee developed a slate of candi-dates for the People's Church Board of Trustees and for the Nominating Committee for the upcoming church year! Please see below for the photos and bios of each candidate!

### **Board of Trustees Nominees**

**Michelle Nickerson:** I have been a member of the People's Church for 3 years and participated in the people's singers (choir) for most of that time. Our family attends services regularly and our children are active in RE classes, have participated in the OWL program, and are planning to attend their first Peace in Nature camp this summer.

When my wife (Bridget) and I attended our first UU church in college, we felt like we'd found our spiritual home. Unfortunately the timing (early morning services) wasn't quite right. But, when our family arrived for the first time at the People's Church the timing felt perfect and we were welcomed into this blessed community with open arms. We sought out a church originally just to have an additional community outlet for our kids, but in arriving at the People's Church, we found so much more. Not only a space for our kids to have a connection with the community but a community that would love our children for their whole selves, a community that speaks openly and often about social justice, and follows up those words with action in the community.

Having grown up in a strict and often negative religious tradition, attending People's has been such a refreshing, positive change. From all this blessed community has poured into myself and my family, it would be an honor to have an active role in the great work that's done by and for People's people.



**Julie Schneeberger:** I joined People's Church with my husband Brian in 2017. We were searching for a community of caring people committed to justice, truth, kindness and love. I grew up in Three Rivers, Michigan and was raised in the Presbyterian Church. I loved being part of that congregation and was active in Westminster Church in Portage years later. We moved to the Rockford area for many years where I worked as an RN in Spectrum Greenville Hospital.



We decided to return to our roots in Kalamazoo after Brian retired and I finished my 32 year nursing career at Jasper Clinic as a pharmaceutical research RN. Since joining Peoples's I have been very active in Choir, Bell Choir and Membership and Sunday Services committees. I enjoy helping with the Memorial Service lunches, and greeting newcomers and the Bazaar of course. I am a part of a Chalice Circle for the past 8 years which has deepened my relationships with some wonderful people.

I am a mother to 2 sons and have a daughter in law and 3 grandchildren. We love to travel to California and Colorado to visit our families. I also love to play the recorder and am active in Kalamazoo Recorder Players.

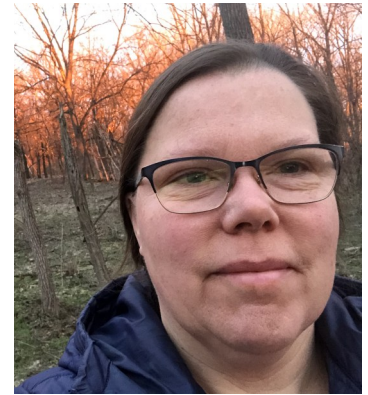
Some of my hobbies are knitting, astrology, Tarot, Zumba, yoga, pilates and other classes at the YMCA. My hopes for People's church are that we continue our mission of service to our diverse community and world as a beloved community. I find hope and comfort and challenges as I learn and grow as a person here at People's. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve on the board of trustees.

**Maggie Wilson:** I have attended People’s Church since 2014; I became a member via zoom during the pandemic. I have taught RE for 6 years, served a term on the RE committee, and helped write curriculum for a couple of years now. Jen Docsa-Koehler and I host a fabulous Bazaar After Party featuring a brigade of vacuums. Why do I want to serve on the Board? I would like to serve the beloved community because I see us facing some big challenges and transformations. I would like to try to help us find our way through. I treasure the opportunity to get to know this special place in a new way.

Why should you want me on the Board? Here are my best endorsements: Bob says “Well, you’re loud.”

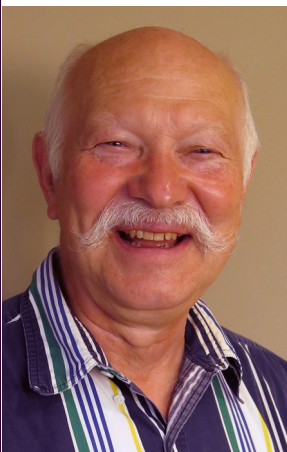
Eli says “Apparently you are not annoying enough.”

The kids in RE say “You’re silly.” and “This is boring”



### **Nominating Committee**

**Gary Heckman:** Before I ever unpacked a box in Kalamazoo, I had already found Peoples Church. The warmth of the Men’s Saturday Discussion Group drew me in, offering a kind of welcome I hadn’t



expected after years of identifying as a non-church person.

I grew up in a Baptist community in Columbia City, Indiana, but my adult life took me on a long journey of independent ethical searching. My career at Manchester University centered on energy efficiency — a quiet, steady mission to make the world better through thoughtful systems and long-term stewardship. Life brought both joy and hardship. My first wife, Terri, lived courageously through years of spinal surgeries and paralysis before passing in 2009. Later, in 2010, I met Libby through the “Green Singles” dating site, beginning a new chapter that expanded my family and my heart.

In retirement, I turned my attention from mechanical systems to human ones, volunteering with Kalamazoo Public Schools Communities in Schools program and continuing part-time work inspecting the safety of mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems for local municipalities.

Moving to Kalamazoo in 2017 — further north than I’d ever lived — became an unexpected adventure. Peoples Church has been a grounding place along the way, offering community, conversation, and connection.

**Sue Salvat:** I was born and raised in Saginaw, and have lived in Michigan most of my life. My parents were liberal Protestants, but never forced religion on me or my brother. I moved to SW Michigan in 1986 for my first teaching job, found People’s Church in the yellow pages, and have attended ever since. During that time, I have been involved in activities including teaching RE, RE Committee, working in the kitchen at the bazaar, and helping with the rain garden. Currently I’m on the Green Sanctuary Committee, and tutor children from one of the Afghan families we assist. I look forward to the new opportunity to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Now happily retired from teaching, I live with my husband, Dave, and our two affectionate kitties. We have two adult sons, Henry (Denver) and George (Washington, D.C.).



## Special Collection: El Concilio



El Concilio has more than 40 years of experience in providing services, programs, advocacy and creating partnerships to support the needs of the Latinx community in the greater Kalamazoo area. El Concilio seeks to meet the needs of a special population often hindered by language barriers, cultural differences, and unfamiliarity with service agencies and institutions. You can learn more about the programs and services offered by El Concilio at <https://elconciliokzoo.org/>

## 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](mailto:office@peopleschurch.net)



## New Art Wall exhibit for May and June

Reception June 14 at noon.

*The Heroine's Journey* by Karen Godfrey

This body of artwork was created after having gone through open heart surgery in April of 2024, to repair my mitral valve which was regurgitating 55% of blood back into my upper chamber. Then 5 months later, after having a successful operation and going through cardiac rehab, I found a lump in my right breast and discovered I had HER 2 positive breast cancer. The standard of care and recommendation for a full cure was 6 rounds of chemotherapy and a mastectomy. I successfully made it through chemo and surgery with the help and support of my husband. Fortunately, with much gratitude, I was officially considered to be cured and cancer free in April of 2025.



As a former Social Worker and facilitator of expressive art support groups for women with cancer, I felt a need to explore and express how I navigated my own Call to Adventure. My belief in the power of art and its healing abilities, has helped me to navigate challenging times in my life.

## Household Climate Action Plans

Personal actions are a meaningful antidote to climate despair. As we make changes to our homes, means of transportation, and food choices, we can see immediate results (instead of waiting for politicians to do the right thing).



Hope for Creation has developed a Climate Action Plan for Households tool to support people's efforts to mitigate the climate crisis. The CAPH provides a checklist of possible actions organized into categories of: Energy Efficiency and Conservation; Electrification and Clean Energy; Food and Waste; Transportation; Land Use; and Education & Advocacy. Each category includes a list of possible actions with columns for assessing ease and cost of implementation and planning an action timeline.

For example, to reduce climate contributions from Food, I could "plan menus and freeze leftovers." These actions would be moderate in difficulty and low-cost (or even save money) and could be implemented within a year. I might decide to try menu planning for one week a month at first then do it more often as I get better at it. For Energy Efficiency, a "professional energy audit" costs about \$100-400, so it might go on my list of things to do after getting a tax refund. Meanwhile, I might get a "basic, no-cost energy audit" from Consumers Energy, which does not provide as much information but does include a free programmable furnace thermostat. For Transportation, I can learn about "electric vehicle options" this summer and then decide if an E-bike or car goes on my plan for this year or 2-5 years.



Developing a Climate Action Plan gives me a roadmap for living my values. Hopefully this tool will help lots of people take action so our individual efforts multiply and the cumulative actions across our community make a real difference.

To learn more about household Climate Action Planning, check out the CAPH tool on the Hope for Creation homepage: <https://www.hopeforcreation.net>

## Rain Garden Work Day—May 9th

Happy Spring to all! Hope we're done with the cold snaps....overall it does seem to be getting warmer.

Are you ready to help bring the rain garden out of its winter slump?

This year our monthly garden time will be on the **second Saturday of each month**. You don't have to show up every month, drop in when you

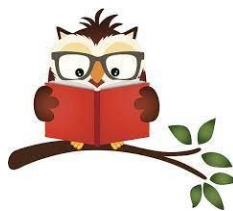
can. **Start time: 9:30am.**

A nice thing about the change of weekends: there is a potluck on the second Saturday at noon! You're welcome to join in even if you forgot a dish to pass, that's just how we roll.

I hope you will be able to **join us on May 9** as there really is a LOT to do. We'll spend some energy taking down the dead stalks, cleaning up the leaves, pine needles and other debris that has accumulated over the past 6 months. Our "rock river" has a spontaneous dam of pine needles, and the whole area needs a good weed.

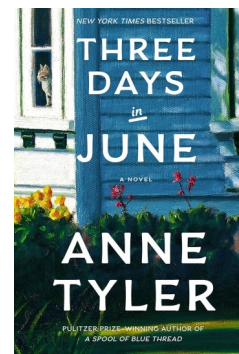
It'll be so nice to work with you in this "garden therapy" environment!





### Evening Book Club—Newcomers Welcome!

"Three Days in June" by Anne Tyler is our topic for May 7 (6-7:45). We continue meeting at Lois Loeffler's home, which is near church, now on the 1st Thursday of the month, through June. June 4 meeting discussion is on "Tell Me Everything" by Elizabeth Strout.



A meeting will be set for late July or August to plan next year's schedule. This group leans toward quality fiction.

The schedule for this church year is on the People's Church website.

### A Mindful Moment

A 2020 clinical study using MRI technology found that humans on average have 6,000 - 7,000 thoughts a day.



"My mind is like a web browser with 100 tabs open ... and I have no idea where the music is coming from." (Unknown author)

We meet the first and third Sundays from 12:30-2:00 in Room 9, the Buddha Room (May 3 and 17).

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### In Later Years: Exploring the Memorial Garden

**Tuesday, May 19, 1:30-3:30pm – in person – meet at the tables by the back parking lot (weather permitting)**

For the first time in over six years, our elders' circle will be meeting in person. We will gather at the tables near the back parking lot and (weather permitting) wander through the memorial garden to explore it as a final resting place.



### Yarn Lover's Unite

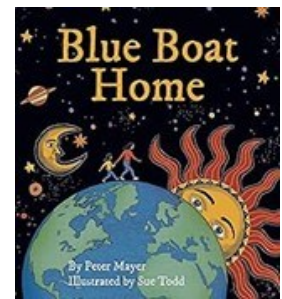
Fiber arts are fun and meditative and have been bringing groups together for centuries. They can include all sorts of activities, like crochet, knitting, weaving, spinning, embroidery, cross-stitch, etc. Do you enjoy any of these activities? Let's get together to celebrate our own creativity while creating a supportive community. **Please join us the fourth Monday of the month in Room LI from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



## Library Corner

### **Blue Boat Home, by Peter Mayer — RE 811.6 Ma**

Blue Boat Home follows an adult and child reverently experiencing a beautiful day together in their community, both appreciating the here and now and looking outward and upward to the vast transcendent glory of the universe.

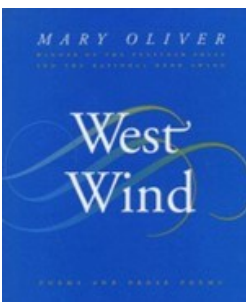


### **Poetry of Presence II; More Mindfulness Poems, edited by Phyllis Cole-Dai and Ruby R. Wilson —808.81 Co**

Many of the poems delve into relational or social mindfulness, exploring "the tough stuff" of living among others with presence. These poems invite us to face relational challenges without turning away from them. They encourage us to seek equanimity, and to address challenges with compassion, hope, courage, and humility.

### **Skipping Stones on the River Styx, by Elizabeth Rae Bullmer — PP811 Bu**

This book by a People's member seeks to define the human experience of loss, grief and death through a deeply personal lens. The poems explore physical loss of loved ones, the energy of objects left behind and the desire to assign meaning to what remains. The speaker in this collection wants to heal and the journey skips from conversations with the dead to contemplation of one's own death, which leads back to gratitude for life, despite the pain that living can bring. Open, honest emotional vulnerability, combined with a playful and fantastic imagining of the afterlife make this collection a unique exploration of what we all must face in our lives: Death. This book is one in our upcoming new section of the library...People's People. All were written by members of our church. The collection of People's People books will debut this summer.



### **West Wind: Poems and Prose Poems, by Mary Oliver — 811.08 OI**

The Pulitzer Prize winning author writes in this stunning collection of forty poems—nineteen previously unpublished—of nature and love, of the way they transform over time. And the way they remain constant.

"From the chaos of the world, her poems distill what it means to be human and what is worthwhile about life." —Library Journal

**Questions/ comments are welcomed. Please contact Lois Loeffler, chair of the Library Committee, at [loisloeffler@gmail.com](mailto:loisloeffler@gmail.com).**

## Blessings & Gratitude

What a blessing it is to have so many children and youth who feel an integral connection with People's Church and love coming to church here!

It is because of the dedication of a cadre of fabulous folks who contribute their time, energy and Love to our religious education program that we are thriving and growing, learning and loving.

There are not adequate words to express the value these folks bring to our children and youth by showing up to regularly guide, lead and accompany our kids in religious exploration and growth.

Cultivating Spiritual Resilience through Mindfulness has been an important and rewarding experience for our children and volunteers alike. Hopefully having more insight and practice in noticing and calming our bodies and minds when becoming dysregulated can serve us all in positive ways. It has also given us practice in being in right relations with ourselves, with one another and with the earth.

I hope these experiences in RE can bring forth a more grounded and loving presence in the world during these challenging times.

We couldn't do any of it without our RE teachers!

*Blessed Be, Diane Melvin, Religious Education Director*



## RE Volunteer Appreciation Recognition

**Sunday May 17, 2026**

Please come and show your gratitude for those who serve our children and families at People's !



### Thank You Awesome RE Volunteers!

**Preschool/K-** Denise Valette, Jen Doca-Koehler, Joe Tourtois, Rachel Harms

**1st/2nd** - Marti Peters-Sparling, Teresa Cavanagh, Diana Rankinen

**3rd/4th** - Mary Kate Webster, Maggie Wilson, Ann Feldmeier

**5/6th** - Rachel Bair, Juli Ginn, Cindy Pietras

**7/8th OWL** - Rowan Jakobah, Ben Jones, Missy Howse-Kurtz, Brenna Dawson, Mike Bultman

**9-12th** - Don Miller, Dakota Jakobah, Lenore Yaeger, Steve Cavanagh

**5/6th OWL** - Laura Bultman, Kelly Henderson, Rachel Bair

**Monthly AWE Lab Guides:** Julie Schneeberger, Tim Kieffer, Chris Measros, David Moore and Becki Moffet-Moore



April Family Game Night and Sleepover - A Great Success!

## People's Church Peace & Nature Camp

We still have room for a few more campers in each of our camp sessions. Sign up your campers today before these spots are filled! Register here: <https://forms.gle/CzZECs47cVZGrdHHA>

Camp runs Monday through Friday (Session 1: June 15-19 & Session 2: August 17-21) from 9am-4pm with before-care and after-care available. Rising 1st to rising 6th graders will enjoy a week of outdoor activities: exploring our church grounds, taking nature walks, building forts in the woods, going on a day trip to the Kalamazoo Nature Center, and splashing on the slip-and-slide, as well as daily music, art, and mindfulness practice. All that AND have fun with friends! The two camp sessions will be nearly identical. Priority will be given in the second session for campers who cannot attend the first session. Campers may attend both sessions if space is available.

### Costs

One Child: \$220 for the week\*, Additional siblings: \$180 each\*

\$25 per week for before-hours care (8-9am)\*

\$35 per week for after-hours care (4-5:30pm)\*

\$50 per week for both before/after hours care\*

\*Scholarships available!

For More Info Email: [PeoplesPNC@gmail.com](mailto:PeoplesPNC@gmail.com)

Our Camp Mission is to inspire and practice peaceful interactions with ourselves, each other, and nature. [Bit.ly/PeoplesPNC](https://bit.ly/PeoplesPNC)



PEOPLE'S CHURCH IS HOSTING

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### Balm for the Soul

**May 9th 10a-3p**

Join the RE Committee and RE Assistant and Herbalist Rowan Jakobah in the kitchen for the Second Saturday Potluck in May and help make a big batch of pine resin salve! We will go through the slow, steady, meditative process of melting pine resin into oils, infusing it with other healing plants, adding beeswax, and pouring and labeling salve tins. This process is spacious and folks are invited to come and go as they please. Helpers present at the end will be invited to take a salve home!

### Drumming in the Dream - May 23 2-4pm - Memorial Garden

Join us Kat VanHammen and Medicine Music with Janice Marsh-Prelesnik for a Family Centered Ceremony and Drumming in the Dream!

Drumming in the Dream is a traveling ceremony where people from all over the country have made banners of their heart's vision and dream for the country and the world. Banners are hung and then a unique ceremony for that time and place is held among the hung banners. At the end we all pick up drums and rattles and empower our dreams through sound. Bring a chair or blanket and a rattle or drum if you have one. We will have plenty to share too.

For more info: [Gatheringofinterbeing.org](https://Gatheringofinterbeing.org)



## Helping on Sunday Mornings

### 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!



### A/V & Zoom



We are calling for more volunteers to be trained on our A/V and Zoom set up! If this is something that you are interested in and willing to learn, please reach out to Elijah at [office@peopleschurch.net](mailto:office@peopleschurch.net) or sign up for a training spot here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CA5AD2EA4FE3-58145378-church/5865393#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CA5AD2EA4FE3-58145378-church/5865393#/)

While running A/V can seem overwhelming, it is all set up to be as user friendly as possible! Our existing AV team will help train you to make sure you feel comfortable! **Curious what it's like? Sign up for a training shift to see what it's like to be 'in the A/V booth' during a service!**

### Sunday Morning Greeters

Do you like to smile at people and say hello? Do you like to meet new people at church? Come join the greeters in making every person's first moment at church a warm one. 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.

Ideally, we would like to have two people available to greet each Sunday. This would give greeters an opportunity to better know their partner for the day and to provide two people to connect with visitors or personally show them where to find orders of service, coat racks, coffee, and help them feel at home at People's. Ideal times for greeting are from 10:10 am to 10:50 am.

Please consider signing up below to help make People's the warm and inclusive community we all know and enjoy. Or talk to the greeter on Sunday to learn what they love about being a greeter. [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ba9ac22a13-health#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ba9ac22a13-health#/)



### Safety & Medical Teams Are Recruiting!

People's Church is seeking volunteers to serve on the 2026 Safety and Medical teams. Each member could sign up for several Sundays (5 to 7) of their choice in 2026. If you are interested, please contact Gordon Bolar at [gordon.bolar@wmich.edu](mailto:gordon.bolar@wmich.edu) for further information. Orientation and training will be provided.



Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
Sunday	May 3	Sunday Service: "Music Service"	10:45am	Commons & Zoom
		Mindfulness Class	12:30pm	Room 9
		Gaming Group	12:30pm	Room LI
Tuesday	May 5	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		Board Meeting	6:30pm	Room 19
Thursday	May 7	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm	Commons
		Evening Book Club	6:00pm	Home of Lois L
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Saturday	May 9	Rain Garden Work Day	9:30am	Church Grounds
		Balm for the Soul	10:00am	Church Kitchen
		2nd Saturday Potluck	12:00pm	At Church
Sunday	May 10	Sunday Service: "Poetry Service"	10:45am	Commons & Zoom
Tuesday	May 12	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At Church
Wednesday	May 13	Congregational meeting Q&A	7:30pm	Zoom
Thursday	May 14	RE Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Room 19
		Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm	Commons
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Sunday	May 17	Sunday Service: "Religious Education Service"	10:45am	Commons & Zoom
		Potluck & Congregational Meeting	12:30pm	Commons
		Mindfulness Class	12:30pm	Room 9
Monday	May 18	Green Sanctuary	4:00pm	Zoom
Tuesday	May 19	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At Church
		Library Committee	10:00pm	At Church
		In Later Years	1:30pm	Church Grounds
Thursday	May 21	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm	Commons
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Commons
Saturday	May 23	Drumming in the Dream	2:00pm	At Church
Sunday	May 24	Sunday Service: "Memorial Day Service"	10:45am	Commons & Zoom
Monday	May 25	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>		
		Yarn Lovers Unite	6:00pm	Room LI
Tuesday	May 26	Building & Grounds	10:00am	At Church
Wednesday	May 27	Finance Committee	2:30pm	Zoom
Thursday	May 28	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm	Room 9
		Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Room 9
Saturday	May 30	RE Potluck & Game Night	5:00pm	Commons
Sunday	May 31	Sunday Service: "We Have Everything We Need"	10:45am	Commons & Zoom

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## **People's Church Mission Statement**

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