

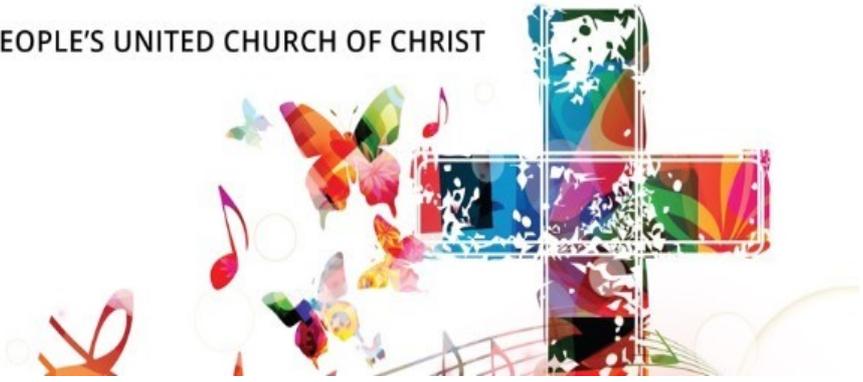
# PEOPLE'S SPEAKS

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**Worship Sundays@ 10a.m.—Studio 6—6 Broadway N, Fargo**

## People's Have Moved Visit Us at Studio 6

"They say the neon lights are bright on Broadway." People's UCC is planning to show the brightness of God's love on Broadway as we worship at Studio 6, located at 6 Broadway N.



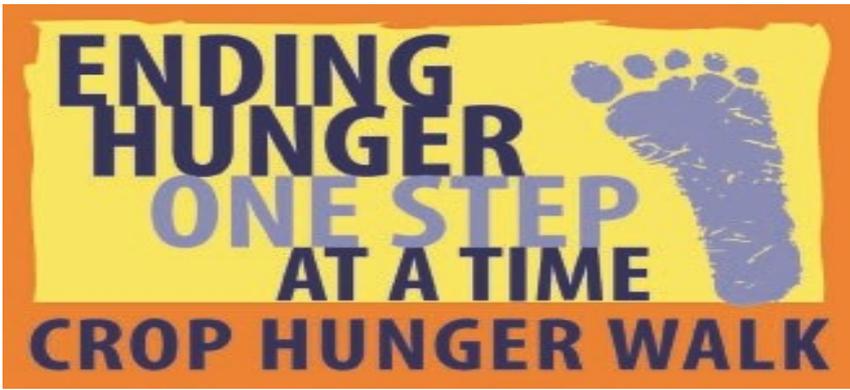
This is FM Community Theater's education space which includes a beautiful stage area with theater seating. We began worshipping there on August 26. We are thrilled to continue to partner with FMCT in this beautiful space.

**On September 30, join us for our Open House during our regular 10a.m. worship time.** Celebrating our love of neighbor, we will offer music, food, and extravagant hospitality.

Want to sing with us? We're putting together a choir for the occasion. We would love to have your voice join with ours! For more information, contact Pastor Grace at 701-630-9776 or [pastor@peoplesucc.com](mailto:pastor@peoplesucc.com).



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October 7 the annual CROP Hunger Walk steps off at 2pm from Fist Congregational UCC, Moorhead. Join Maggi Gadaire, Richard Jensen, and Pastor Grace as they raise money to fight hunger. 20percent of the funds raised in Fargo-Moorhead remain in our community. The rest goes to help people in need throughout the US and the world. To join the People's UCC Steppers or make a contribution go to:

[www.crophungerwalk.org/fargond/Team/View/80911/Peoples-UCC-Steppers](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/fargond/Team/View/80911/Peoples-UCC-Steppers)

### Yeah, People's Got Pride!

People's UCC were out in full force during Pride weekend in August. We joined forces with First Congregational UCC in Fargo at Pride in the Park and during the parade. Members of People's were also part of the Pride Interfaith Service at the Fargo Theatre.

As you can see we represented well throughout the weekend.



## Summer Worship and Potluck

The final summer worship \* Potluck will be hosted by People's UCC @ Lindenwood Park, Shelter 3. We gather at 6p, with a brief time of worship following our meal.

Bring a dish to share and your family and friends.



SUMMER  
WORSHIP

### Workers Needed for Recovery Work in Puerto Rico

The Northern Plains Conference is in the process of organizing a disaster mission trip (or two, if there is enough interest) to assist with Hurricane Maria recovery in Puerto Rico. We currently have 13 interested travelers and can take up to 18. Workers must be at least 17 years of age.

Expenses will include:

**Airfare** - \$747.80 (we have worked out a price with a travel agent)

**Lodging at Camp** - \$100 donation suggested

**Food** - variable, but approximately \$150 (cooking facilities are available at the camp and we will likely take turns preparing meals)

**Rental Van(s)** - \$50 per person

The trip currently being planned is set to leave **February 16, 2019** and return **February 23**, working **February 18-22**. We will be working in the Humacao community of eastern Puerto Rico.

Richard Jensen and Maggie Gadaire from People's UCC are among those committed to doing this critical work for our neighbors. Richard has set up a Go Fund Me page to help with his expenses. You can contribute to him here: <https://www.gofundme.com/puerto-rico-disaster-response> Talk with Maggi at church to find out how you can support her mission.

Thanks to Maggi and Richard for responding to the call to love our neighbors.

### Grace Notes

I just heard a bit of an interview that Studs Terkel did for his classic book "Working." The subject was a piano player at a piano bar. Just like for a bartender, people apparently sit at the piano bar and share their problems with the pianist. The interviewer asked why he thought that happened. "There are a lot of lonely people in the world."

There are. Lonely people are our neighbors. Bearing their burdens is part of what Christ does, and what we as disciples of Christ are called to do as well. I guess the difference is that when we bear each other's burdens, get to know each other, maybe, just maybe, we aren't so lonely anymore.

I don't play piano. And I won't mix you a drink. But when you need to have someone's ear, someone who is ready to build a relationship with you, I'd love to listen.

Oh, we can meet in the piano bar if you like. Or the coffee shop. All you have to do is call me.  
Shalom, Pastor Grace



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