

# PEOPLE'S SPEAKS

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## PEOPLE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



### Baptism of Jesus—January 7 @ 10a.m.



This Sunday we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and remember the baptism of Jesus and our own baptisms.

As part of our worship, we will renew our baptismal promises. If you have not been baptized, and wish to be, contact Pastor Grace. We will offer the baptismal sacrament during worship this Sunday.



### Worship Schedule

People's UCC meets at 10a.m. Sunday Mornings  
January 7, 21, & 28—The Stage @ Island park  
January 14—Fine Arts Club  
February—4—The Stage @ Island Park



People's UCC has been invited to host the Interfaith Service for Winter Pride on Sunday, February 11. Planning is still in the works. This is a great opportunity to continue our community outreach.

Let's be ready to show our wider community that People's truly embraces the beautiful diversity of all God's people.

“But he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” - Mark 1:9

### Grace Notes

At the edge of the Jordan River, John the Baptist knew that someone who would change the world was coming. While John could offer the cleansing waters of baptism, he knew that Jesus would fill us with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a great gift to us. She empowers us to engage in ministries of love and justice. She confirms our identity as the children of God.

On Sunday, we have the opportunity to begin this new year by renewing the promises made at our own baptisms. We get to reflect on what it means to be God’s beloved, who brings God joy.

Please join us this Sunday. Come to the waters and be refreshed and renewed.

Shalom,

*Pastor Grace*

### People’s Website Up & Running!

Thanks to Peter Limvere for building a beautiful website for People’s UCC. You can find it at [www.peoplesucc.com](http://www.peoplesucc.com) We are still tweaking our content pages, but you’ll be able to check out information about the church, request prayers, and make a secure on-line donation. Photo galleries are being built. And if you missed worship, there will be copies of that Sunday’s sermon available. We hope to also have recordings of the sermons available.

Other information will include the draft of our constitution and by-laws as available. Links will be added to help you find anything you are looking for.

Share our website and Facebook page, as well as other social media platforms like Twitter and Instagram.



This year’s Still-Speaking Lenten Devotional takes its inspiration from the fact that Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine’s Day and Easter is also April Fools Day. We are reminded we spend our days worshipping a God in love with weakness; following a foolish savior, even to the cross.

Join in the love and the foolishness. Copies are on the way for \$5 each. Let Pastor Grace know if you want your own copy.

#### Prayers for This Week

Paul Leintz

Cindy Saar

#### People in transition

Those without secure housing or resources for heating

Children who need emotional & spiritual support

Those seeking employment



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