

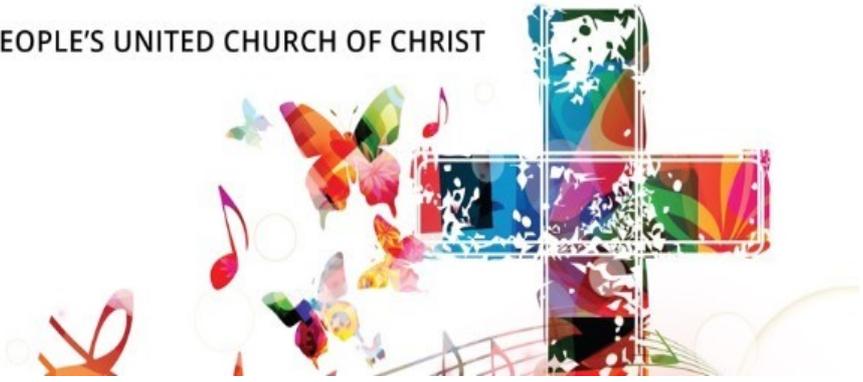
PEOPLE'S SPEAKS

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PEOPLE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Worship Sundays @ 10a.m.—The Stage @ Island Park—333 4th St., S, Fargo

Welcoming Covenant

Following worship On Sunday, we will vote on our Welcoming Covenant which is printed below. Upon a positive vote, we will inform the ONA Coalition of the UCC so that we may be listed officially as an Open & Affirming Congregation.



We, People's United Church of Christ, embrace diversity, affirm the dignity and worth of every person, to celebrate and live in openness, promote social justice, healing, and wholeness

of life. We commit ourselves to being an open and affirming community. We welcome persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, age, race, ethnicity, culture, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, and family structure, to share in the life of this church, its worship, rights and sacraments. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this United Church of Christ.

*Vyla & Rachel's
Vow Renewal*

Monday, May 7

*7pm—Trollwood
Park*

Newsletter Publication Change

It's been apparent that getting a weekly newsletter is a bit cumbersome. Beginning with this issue, we will have a monthly newsletter. We will still send out e-mail blasts with information for the coming week. Please make the newsletter an important part of our outreach. Share with friends and family who might be interested in the ministry of People's United Church of Christ. We also need your content, from announcements about our church and community events that are in keeping with the vision and mission of People, to your own faith ponderings or quotes or poems of interest. And pictures! We love pictures of our faith community. Deadline for submission will be the 25th of each month. Thank you!



Native American Christian Ministry

Pastor Grace is on the board of the Native American Christian Ministry. This ministry brings together the Native Spiritual tradition and the Gospel of Jesus.

We've been invited to help support the ministry by providing paper goods for the meals the participants share as part of worship. Needed are cups, plates, napkins, and utensils. Bring them any Sunday to

worship. Thanks for your support.

Grace Notes

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues [] as the Spirit enabled them." - Acts 2:1+4



Pentecost, sometimes called the birthday of the Christian church. It is the commemoration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. One of my favorite days in the church year. It is especially poignant this year because the first gathering of People's United Church of Christ was on Pentecost.

Of course, it is not exactly our anniversary. Like Easter, the date of Pentecost moves around. Our first gathering was on June 4, 2017. this year we celebrate May 20.

But this movable feast is a fitting time to celebrate our little wandering church start. We are, after all, a church without a permanent building. We have had to be very flexible in where and how we worship, where we have Bible study, and how we celebrate special events.

We are extravagant in our welcome, seeking to meet people where they are. Let's may this Pentecost a real celebration. Invite friends and family. Wear bright red—the color of the Holy Spirit. Let's sing, dance and speak with the Spirit!

Shalom,

Pastor Grace

An Evening @ Silver Follies with People's

Invite your friends for a night out as the Silver Follies put on their annual show at the Stage @ Island Park. We are getting a group together for the show on Monday, May 21 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10. If you have a friend you'd like to bring and need help with their ticket, contact Richard Jensen. Other shows are Saturday, May 19 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, May 20 at 2pm.

Look for Grace and Paul Murray in the cast.



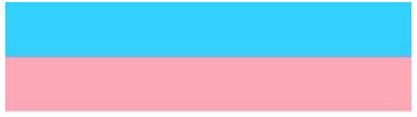
**Church Council
Wed, May 23 at 6pm
Main Library
Dawson Room**

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Transgender Youth: How to be a good ally.



Saturday, May 12th 10:00am-Noon

First Congregational UCC Moorhead
406 8th St. S, Moorhead
Speaker: Faye Seidler



Transgender youth need adult and peer allies! Over 80% of LGBTQ+ youth have been assaulted or threatened, and every instance of victimization in an LGBTQ+ person's life more than doubles the likelihood of self-harming. We are encouraged to come and learn how we can be good allies for transgender youth. Let's remember that Jesus walked along side of and spoke up for those who were cast aside. He called them to him, loved them, and helped them realize their true worth. We can, too.

Clean-up day at the Stage @ Island Park—
Tuesday, May 8, 6:30-8:30pm. Bring yard work tools and gloves. Make the grounds of the Theater (and our church space) beautiful!



Fargo-Moorhead Gay Men's Chorus
Spring Concert—May 20—2pm—
Bethesda Lutheran Church
401 40th Ave S, Moorhead

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



Materials available at <http://www.ucc.org/stc>

The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” — Ephesians 4: 11 – 12

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. We'll receive this offering on Pentecost, May 20.