



Marquette
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COMING UP...

July 3

9:45am Forum: NO FORUM

11am Service:

"I'm Gonna Wear Red Today:
The Spirituality and Aesthetics of
Clothing"

Presenters: February Sky

July 10

9:45am Forum: "Waking Up—
The Buddha and His Teachings"
(video). Host: Tom Sullivan

11am Service:

"The Tremendous Power of Love"
Presenter: Tret Fure

July 17

9:45am Forum: "Congregational
Conversations about our Future"
Host: MqtUU Board of Trustees

11am Service: "UU Humor"

Service Leader: Anne Stark

July 24

9:45am Forum: UUWorld
Discussion of the First "Seeker"
Edition. Hosted by Barb Michael.

11am Service:

"Confessions of a UU Muslim."
Guest: Dr. Mohey Mowafy

July 31

9:45am Forum:

11am Service: "Freedom of
Speech vs. Freedom of Thought"
Service Leader: Tom Spencer

A NOTE FROM MqtUU PRESIDENT:



As I write this, I am still decompressing from my first UU General Assembly experience (located in Columbus, OH, 2016). I haven't been away from my little family for that long before, and my children really missed me. I took away a lot of good information, thoughts, and reflections from GA. I can't wait to share my "Take Away from GA" with you! I have a draft written that I started while still at GA when everything was fresh on my mind. I plan on sharing my write up in the near future, after I present it to you in person. I was asked if I'd be willing to share my notes from my notebook – the short answer is, yes. However, one of the things I learned and observed at GA was the importance of authenticity and allowing for safe honesty, while still honoring the inherent worth and dignity of those you are communicating with. One way of being, that was suggested (by Rev. Dawn Cooley), was to allow yourself to be vulnerable. In this way you are trusting those you are with to be in right relationship with you and to work better together. So in this spirit of vulnerability and safe honesty, when I type up all of my GA notes, I will be transcribing ALL of my GA notes. This includes any random thoughts I had and wrote down, possible hard truths uncensored, reflections, and of course all the great information I came home with. It will be available sometime this month. My hope is that we can come to terms with many things within our MqtUU, and work together to make it a bigger, better, stronger Mqt UU! Let us all join hands "so that we can do together, what I cannot do alone" (Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, Starr King) and "Then our heart song will confirm: We are better together" (Rev. Wayne Arnason).

Dea Kowalczyk



"I'm Gonna Wear Red Today: The Spirituality and Aesthetics of Clothing" Sunday, July 3



The clothing we choose to wear is more than just a way to cover our bodies, it is a statement to the world of who we are. This will not be a service on being “fashionable,” but on developing one’s own unique style that is independent of fleeting fashion trends. Everyone who attends this service is invited to wear something that expresses who they are and that makes them feel good to be seen by others!

This service will be held at the Pavilion at Presque Isle Park, with a potluck to follow. Please bring a dish to share.



"The Tremendous Power of Love" Sunday, July 10

Tret Fure has released 15 albums over the course of her 45 year career. Her latest, “*Rembrandt Afternoons*” (2015) proves to be her best work yet. It has already been chosen by the acclaimed folk music show *Midnight Special* as their album of the week and has been in heavy rotation on several of the folk shows around the country. Her song “Riverbank” was #2 on the Acoustic Outpost charts for the week of February 15 and the song “Freedom” is #1 on Outvoice.net for the month of June 2016!

Tret tours relentlessly across the country, bringing her own brand of story and song to audiences wherever she travels. A long time UU, Tret enjoys performing for UU services all across the country while on tour. She markets her own line of clothing, and while not on the road, teaches guitar and songwriting individually and in workshop settings. She also paints pet portraits on commission.

Along with bridging the marketing, production, art and music worlds, Tret serves as President of Local 1000, The Traveling Musicians Union--a union geared toward helping traveling musicians find security and longevity.



Tret is truly a Renaissance Woman!

7 Principles of UU
Children

We believe:

that each and every
person is important;
that all people should
be treated fairly and
kindly;

that we should accept
one another and keep
on learning together;

that each person must
be free to search for
what is true and right in
life;

that all persons should
have a vote about the
things that concern
them;

in working for a
peaceful, fair, and free
world;

in caring for our planet
Earth, the home we
share with all living
things

FROM: Religious Exploration Coordinator

Hello everyone!

The summer is off to a great start. Thank you so much to those of you who have already volunteered or signed up to volunteer for RE. This last week Mike brought in some trifoldts to play with and the kids seemed to enjoy them.

Though this coming weekend there will not be RE as we are meeting at Presque Isle, there are still quite a few openings in July and August. Please check your calendar for a Sunday that you are available to help out. You can bring an activity along or use materials in the RE room. Your time is greatly appreciated!

Thank you,
Becca Spitzer



FROM: Social Action Committee

Curious about what happens at a **Social Action Committee** meeting? Join us to observe or participate, as we talk and prepare to put our personal faith and our UU Principles into action at local, state, national, and/or international levels through collaboration with others!

July “Share the Plate” Recipient:



Willow Farm Therapeutic Riding (WFTR) was established in 2000 and is based in Marquette, MI at Willow Farm Boarding Stable. The first year started with a very small pilot group of 10 students from Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay, MI. Since then the program has grown to serve as many as 125 students in a season.

wftriding.org

“There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.”

-Winston Churchill

United By Light invites you...

*Full Moon Gathering
Tuesday, July 19 @ 6pm @ Lakenenland*



We will be mindfully gathering plantain leaves for salve making later this month, and also learning about edible plant foraging. Please bring bug protection if desired, bring an entree or dessert, beverage, a love donation if possible, a friend and of course yourself!



*Lammas Celebration
Sunday, July 31 @ 3pm @ MqtUU Meeting House*

We will be finishing our plantain salve making and learning a bit about this holiday. This will be a fireside event (weather permitting), please bring a camp chair (or other outdoor seat), a dish to pass, and a small event donation.

MqtUU July Calendar

Sunday Services are listed on the front page and all other events scheduled are at the MqtUU Meeting House unless otherwise noted.

July 3 @ 11am Sunday	Service @ Presque Isle Pavilion w/ February Sky Potluck to follow!
July 4 @ 12pm Monday	Voter Registration Drive Meet at to Register Voters
July 10 @ 11am Sunday	Service w/Tret Fure
July 10 @ 12:30pm Sunday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting
July 19 @ 6pm Tuesday	United By Light, Full Moon Gathering @ Lakenenland!
July 30 @ 9am Saturday	Congregational Workday
July 31 @ 3pm Sunday	United By Light, Lammas Celebration

"When you reap the crop from the field, you must select some of the healthiest, most hardy seed to set aside for the spring; you must consider the past in light of the present in order to ensure a healthy future. Let us be grateful for all that we have inherited, and be intentional in what we set aside for our posterity."

~ Thomas Earthman



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MqtUU Makes Memories...



Gg, Dea, Heidi, Gary, Anne & Barb @ UUA GA 2016 @ Columbus, OH



Delilah & Vinny @ MqtUU



Heidi & Barb @ MidAmerica RA



Surprise Performance
for
Farewell Service
Tom & Kim Spencer

“Afterall”

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout

god is no noun.
and certainly not an adjective.
god is at least a verb,
and even that shrinks her.

god is not so much a woman
as she resides in the improbable
hope of brown mothers.
god is not so much a man
as he is at work in the memory
of my grandfather's laugh.
god is not trans.
god swims in the tears
of the one who sees
her real self,
at long last,
in the bathroom mirror.

god is not black; neither is he white.
god is wading in the contradiction of songs from slave
shacks.
and I have seen god in the alabaster smiles
of children at play.

we're getting michelangelo all wrong.
god is not the bearded one surrounded by angels,
floating over the sistine.
he is not adam with his muscled back pressing the earth.
no.

god is the closing inch of space
between their reaching fingers.

don't believe for a moment that god is catholic.
for god's sake, he isn't even human.
have you heard the wood thrush
when the sun glistens the huron?

can you see the flowers,
how they speak to bees without a word?

still, god is no spring blossom, no wood thrush.
god is neither the sun nor the bee.
god is what you *see* in the blossom.
god is when you hear the river
and suddenly discover how
much of it is part of you.

to be clear,
god is not *you*.

god is somewhere in the 14 billion years
which have come to mean that you *are*.
god is, after all, at least a verb.
she is neither pharaoh's rod nor mooses' staff.
we must be the ones to cease our slavery.
she is not interested in blame, neither does she offer
praise. truth, gratitude are ours to breathe.
she will not have your answers.
she is too large for answers.
she dances too wildly to be fastened to them,
and answers are nouns anyway.

god is at least a verb,
twirling in the radiant reds of spring blossoms,
singing in the rare silences between rapid opinions,
attending the tears of dark-skinned deaths, learning in
tiny, alabaster smiles.

god is waiting in the space between fingers
that might connect.

he is waiting for us
to stop naming her.
she is waiting for us to
see all of him.

god is waiting
to be un-shrunk

