



Marquette
Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation

April 2017

CHRONICLE

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Sundays in April	
2	11am Service: "Our Immigrant Families: Sharing our Histories"* Service Leader: Kathy Klos 12:30pm Forum: UUWorld Further Discussion
9	11am Service: "Radical Hospitality"*** Service Leader: Rev. Chris Rothbaur KUUF
16	11am Service: "Climate. It's real. It's bad. There's hope" John Forslin*** Service Leader: Kathryn Klos
23	11am Service: "The Power of Myth, Magic, and Fantasy in Folk Tales and Songs"**** Service Leader: February Sky
30	11am Service: "Thomas Starr King." Service Leader: gg gordon

FROM: Dea Kowalczyk, MqtUU President



Spring is here!

When I am out and about I hear many people discussing the weather, or even complaining about the weather. I think I hear more complaints during the Spring time. We've had many months of winter, then with Spring being a transitional season, we get a teaser of warm weather, then a snow storm, which

Seems to spark frustration and impatience in people. It would seem that people forget this is a normal season of transition, a promise of what's to come, and a reminder of we've been through.

If you haven't already figured this out, I identify as a Pagan, and more specifically a Witch. I find that the natural rhythms and patterns of Nature are abundant with reasons for gratitude, meditation, reflection, and wisdom. In springtime I find an instinctive tendency to reflect on what I have accomplished, to celebrate those accomplishments, and reflect on the strength I've gained from overcoming obstacles from the near past. Hundreds of years ago, it was no small feat to make it through a winter. It is logical to follow reflection with looking toward the next goal, project, or transformation. Nothing is stagnant, change is a given. Spring is a wonderful manifestation of this lesson provided by our Mother Earth. How will we embrace the coming growing season in our lives, and within our congregation? How do we want to grow and strengthen as individuals, within our families, within our community, and within our circle of influence? We've emerged from the darkness of winter and introspection, and are moving into the season of abundant light where all things are seen and the time is ripe for action. Let us each take time to personally reflect and mediate on how we can utilize this transitional time and prepare for the near future. ~ Merry Spring, Dea



I pledge allegiance to the earth and all life: the fields and streams, the mountains and seas, the forests and deserts, the air and soil, all species and reserves, habitats and environments; one world, one creation, one home, indivisible for all, affected by pollution anywhere, depleted by any waste, endangered by greedy consumption, degradation by faithlessness; preserved by recycling, conservation, and reverence, the great gift renewed for all generations to come, protected, preserved by reducing, reusing, recycling. With conservation and reverence, the great gift renewed for all generations to come.

*a service honoring immigrants-- one where all who are present could talk about their own family roots and the people in their family who first came to this country, and whether they follow any traditions of the countries their ancestors came from or feel "extra connected" to another part of the world. Please bring pictures to share, and maybe some favorite foods from their family's heritage.

**Why have Unitarian Universalists long been allied with justice causes and interfaith groups? What would it look like if we saw such solidarity as an expression of radical hospitality, a practice of opening our whole lives to the stranger and afflicted? Rev. Chris Rothbauer will examine what it would look like if we were open to letting others into our lives in deep and meaningful ways?

***John Forslin is a long time DNR employee who is devoting his retirement to educating people on the climate issue. He is a member of the leadership corps of the Climate Reality Project, now numbering over 10,000 strong, which makes climate presentations and assists with civic projects around the world. John has been giving talks in the UP region for three years now and is eager to share current reports and insights with us.

**** Since before the dawn of recorded history, human beings have shared and passed on stories and songs containing elements of myth, magic and fantasy. There seems to be a deeply ingrained human need for these stories, as witness the continuing popularity of the Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter stories with children and adults alike. We will explore the power of this type of tale in folk tales and songs, both ancient and modern.
-Susan Urban, February Sky

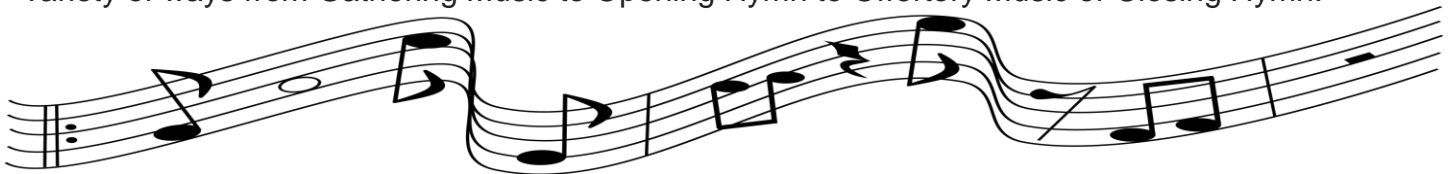


Dea Kowalczyk - April 9



From the Music Committee: A short survey has gone out to those who have sung in a choral group with Marquette UU's. If you have not been part of our UU singers but would like to offer input, please see Barb Michael for a survey. These forms are to be submitted to Jeanne Trost, Music Committee Chair.

Our hymn/song for the month of April is "**All Creatures of the Earth and Sky.**" It will be used in a variety of ways from Gathering Music to Opening Hymn to Offertory Music or Closing Hymn.



We need to develop a sense of gratitude so deep that we are willing to consider our every action—large or small—every day—and make critical positive decisions for the health of our planet. We need to understand our direct dependence on Earth. If we continue on our current path, Descartes' words, "The unexamined life is not worth living," take on profound implications for our continued presence as a species on earth. — Judy Moors
Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis (California)



Just a Note to Say...

Simone Chiodini sends warm thoughts and love to the congregation from Berkeley, CA where spring is in full bloom. Simone is a student at Starr King School for the Ministry there. Simone's guide dog, Pawling, has been accepted by her roommates and others in the community. Simone will be speaking at the Meeting House on Sun., June 25th. For more info on Starr King, go to: <https://www.sksm.edu/>



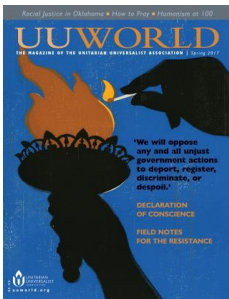
FROM: Religious Exploration



In Religious Exploration, we've been working on our "Watch Us Grow" wall—come back into our R.E. Unity Space and check it out! Older kids, we need you represented on our wall too, so please see Jamie. Here's what the R.E calendar looks like for the month April:

- 4/2/17- The Baha'i Faith: "Ridvan"
- 4/9/17- The Baha'i Faith: "What Baha'i's Believe"
- 4/16/17- The Baha'i Faith: "The Báb and Baha'u'llah"
- 4/23/17- Buddhism: "The Dharma Wheel" & EARTH DAY!!!
- 4/30/17- Buddhism: "The Wisdom within Bodhi and Maitri"

In addition to doing some Earth Day cleanup, we kick off April with a bowling party at Superior Lanes, from 4:30-6:30 pm on April 7th. We've reserved a couple of lanes, so come join us for some fun! You need only pay the \$3 fee for shoe rental. ~Jamie



First Sunday Forum

Join us at 12:30pm Sunday, April 2 for continued discussion on The Spring Edition of UUWorld. Specifically, a more indepth look at racial justice and transgender issues.

Hosted by Barb Michael.

FROM: Faith in Action

Faith in Action will gather at the round table of the Meeting House at 12:30 pm on Sunday, **April 23**. Issues to be discussed will include the new Racial Equity Hub of the Upper Peninsula supported by the 75-yr-old Michigan Roundtable organization. Other hubs are in Detroit, Flint, and Benton Harbor. Political prisoner, Rev. Pinkney, and his wife are a part of the Benton Harbor Hub. If you can, please remember to send Rev. Pinkney several sheets of lined paper, so that he can write while in prison in Muskegon, to:

Rev. Edward Pinkney #294671
Brooks/Fremont Correctional Facility
2500 S. Sheridan Dr.
Muskegon Hts., MI 49444





www.superiorwatersheds.org

April "Share the Plate" Recipient: Superior Watershed Partnership

Mission: "...to protect and improve the natural resources of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on a watershed basis; by promoting responsible individual and community actions that ensure a sustainable environment, encourage a sustainable economy and help improve quality of life."

Upcoming United By Light events:

April Full Moon: Tuesday, April 11th, 6:00 pm, at the Meeting House.
For the full moon activity this month, people are welcome to meditate to Shaman drumming to meet your spirit animal or guide. Meditation will be 15 to 20 minutes with the option for a second meditation. Please bring a snack to share and a small monetary love donation. Coffee and tea will be provided.



Beltane: Sunday, April 30th, 3:00 pm, at the Meeting House.
Michelle Nichols graciously offered to lead our Beltane gathering this year, as Dea will be unavailable. There will be opportunity for those gathered to reflect on what you'd like to remove from yourself or your life, and then using fire (outdoor campfire) participants will be guided to purge those. Reflection on what to bring in instead will follow.

RSVP REQUIRED - if no one commits to attending, Michelle will not host this event.
RSVP to: rev.dea@minster.com, or see our Facebook event:
www.facebook.com/events/692509167595187/

Outdoor, fire side event, please dress accordingly. Please bring a dish to share and a monetary love donation for the event.

Dear Service Leaders: When planning a service, keep the following questions in mind...1) How is this spiritual? How does this transcend you? 2) Tell a story (we connect through stories). 3) Keep the message of the morning to 15-20 minutes. 4) How does it relate to the 7 principles or UUism? 5) How can people feel engaged or personally invested? How can I feel connected to this topic? For more information on how to create and/or lead a service, please contact Heidi via email: mqtuadassist@gmail.com Thank you!



"All around us lies what we neither understand nor use. Our capacities, our instincts for this our present sphere are but half developed. Let us confine ourselves to that till the lesson be learned; let us be completely natural; before we trouble ourselves with the supernatural. I never see any of these things but I long to get away and lie under a green tree and let the wind blow on me. There is marvel and charm enough in that for me."
~ By Margaret Fuller

Source: "Good Sense," in a dialogue between Free Hope, Old Church, Good Sense, and Self-Poise, p. 127.

FROM: Stewardship

Our pledge drive is now 5 weeks old. We currently have 25 pledges for next year. Last year we had 37 pledges totaling \$49,000 for our current fiscal year. So we have 12 pledges yet to come in. You have gotten my mailing last month with your pledge form. Please take the time today to make your commitment to our congregation.

We cannot build community and encourage your spiritual development without your support. Your pledges make possible:



1. Our religious education program lead by Jamie Kuehnl;
2. The biannual Our Whole Lives program;
3. Our annual hosting of the Room at the Inn program for the homeless;
4. The work of our Faith in Action Committee whether it be for Justice in the Middle East for Palestinians, supporting the Reverend Edward Pinkney during his incarceration, or coordinating our monthly "Share the Plate" donation program;
5. The UU Women's Winter to Spring retreat;
6. The support we give to our local LGBTQ folks with our participation in Pride Fest;
7. The support we gave for the Dakota Access Pipeline protestors;
8. The presence we had at the Women's March in Washington, D.C;

We are a small congregation, but we accomplish a lot. Please send in your pledge form today.
Mike White, Stewardship Chairperson



MqtUU April Calendar

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

April 7 @ 4:30 – 6:30pm Friday	RE Bowling Party at Superior Lanes
April 9 @ 12:30pm Sunday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting
April 11 @ Tuesday	United By Light: April Full Moon Gathering
April 23 @ 12:30pm Sunday	Faith in Action Meeting
April 30 @ 3pm Sunday	United By Light: Beltane Gathering

Our Mission Statement:

We, the members of the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation, are:
Brought Together by a Core Belief in the Power of Love
and are Committed to Building Beloved Community.

We Care for, Nurture and Support the Spiritual Growth of One Another:

We Share Reverence for our Natural Environment and are dedicated to the
Respectful Stewardship of the Earth: and We Work Together to Bend the Moral Arc of the
Universe Toward Justice, Fairness and Compassion.

“Bumper Sticker” Version:

MqtUU...Building Beloved Community for ourselves and all beings.



Regional Assembly
Chicago Oak Brook Marriott, April 28-30

In spite of our small numbers in the national religious scene, Unitarian Universalists have been at the forefront of every significant social change in our nation's history. Now, more than ever, we need to work with partners to have an impact in our cities, states and country.

Our Keynote Speaker on Saturday morning will be **Rev. Dr. Lee Barker**, President and Professor of Ministry at Meadville-Lombard Theological School! Rev. Dr. Barker's topic will be:

To Multi-faith: A Verb

As our congregations are experiencing greater attendance and members' activism in our communities, it is more important than ever before that we work with other faith communities to bring our values to the forefront. When we partner, our impact grows exponentially.

www.midamericauua.org/events/regional-assembly/2604-regional-assembly-2017



MqtUU offers a \$750 scholarship for members interested and wanting to attend GA, which covers registration and possible travel and/or accommodations! Ask a Board member for consideration!

Registration and housing reservations open March 1 at 9:00 a.m. CST (10:00 a.m. EST) for the 2017 General Assembly, June 21-25 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

General Assembly in New Orleans will awaken and deepen the commitment of Unitarian Universalists to the power and possibility of working in solidarity with those on the margins.

There are resources to help you prepare to enter fully into that experience. Complete some of the suggested activities and receive a ribbon at GA!

Get Ready to Resist and Rejoice!



UNDOING RACISM
The People's Institute
For Survival and Beyond

Pre-General Assembly Training for
Racial Justice and Community Organizing

New Orleans June 20-21, 2017

uua.org/getready



CELEBRATING EASTER

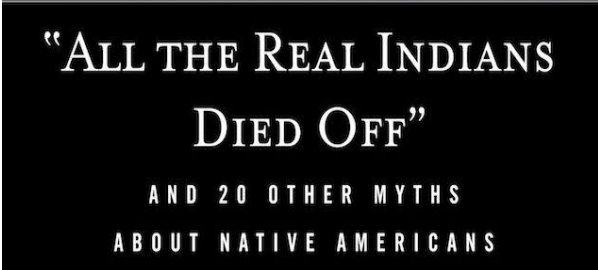
Happy Easter!



2017: Sunday, April 16
2018: Sunday, April 1 (yes, you read that correctly!)
For many Unitarian Universalists, the resurrection narrative is often more metaphorical than literal. Many kinds of resurrection can be emphasized: rebirth of nature; resurrecting dreams and hopes; resurrecting dead relationships. In a general sense, the ultimate triumph of life over death. Hallelujah!

MqtUU Winter to Spring Women's Retreat was a wonderful experience!

About a dozen of us showed up throughout the day! Jamie Kuehnl led the discussion on "*All the Real Indians Died Off and 20 Other Myths about Native Americans*" by Dina Gilio-Whitaker and Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. The food, the glorious food...the company was wonderful! The crafts were a fun and creative way to relax ☺ The walk in the woods was uplifting and fun! The evening ended with drumming, a new experience for some of us ☺



2017
UU Women's
Winter to Spring
Retreat

Saturday
March 18

Good times were
had by all and
we're looking
forward to doing
it again!



"One final paragraph of advice: do not burn yourselves out. Be as I am - a reluctant enthusiast...a part-time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic. Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure. It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it's still here. So get out there and hunt and fish and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, the lovely, mysterious, and awesome space. Enjoy yourselves, keep your brain in your head and your head firmly attached to the body, the body active and alive, and I promise you this much; I promise you this one sweet victory over our enemies, over those desk-bound men and women with their hearts in a safe deposit box, and their eyes hypnotized by desk calculators. I promise you this; You will outlive the bastards." —Edward Abbey





The next First Friday meeting of the MIF will be on April 7 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Shiras Room of the Peter White Public Library. We will continue our discussion of March 3 on **Prayer &/or Action** and our facilitator will again be David Arnold. We will also devote 15 minutes to our **Charter for Compassion** project.



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Look for more info on possible events in Marquette...

Scientists March on April 22

The March for Science is a celebration of our passion for science and a call to support and safeguard the scientific community. Recent policy changes have caused heightened worry among scientists, and the incredible and immediate outpouring of support has made clear that these concerns are also shared by hundreds of thousands of people around the world. The mischaracterization of science as a partisan issue, which has given policymakers permission to reject overwhelming evidence, is a critical and urgent matter. It is time for people who support scientific research and evidence-based policies to take a public stand and be counted.

People's Climate March on April 29

This new administration is attacking the hard-won protections of our climate, health, and communities, and the rights of people of color, workers, indigenous people, immigrants, women, LGBTQIA, young people, the struggles for justice and peace, and more. If the policies he proposed on the campaign trail are implemented, they will destroy our climate, decimate our jobs and livelihoods, and undermine the civil rights and liberties won in many hard fought battles.

Meet at the Marquette City Commons at 9:45AM. We will start the march at 10:00 sharp! The 1.4 mile march will start along the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, then at 7th Street we will march on Washington Street. This goal is to walk as a community demonstrating local support for more ambitious global climate change policy and to celebrate what is being done locally. The walk will end at the Commons, with informational booths, food and music. The walk and festival will take place rain or shine, so please come prepared.

There will be a keynote speaker at noon, followed by an open-mic opportunity and music. Please join as we come together as a community to raise awareness about the impacts of global climate change and the numerous solutions available.

From: Transition Marquette County



Thursday, April 20, 2017 @ 6:00pm-9:00pm

Marquette Cinemas (Thomas Theater) - 1525 Commerce Drive, Marquette

"What the Health?" **FREE** tickets online at <https://www.tugg.com/events/what-the-health-movie-screening-0nve> or locally at City Green Market in the Old Bank Building (Negaunee), Marquette [Food Co-op](#) (Marquette), and Marquette Cinemas (Thomas Theater) in Marquette while supplies last. Or \$10.00 admission at the door.

Additional donations welcome and appreciated the evening of the event.

Please join Northern Vegans for an exclusive one night only screening of the film:

"What the Health: The Health Film That Health Organizations Don't Want You To See."

This is the second film from the creators of the award winning documentary "Cowspiracy." The film exposes the collusion and corruption in government and big business that is costing us trillions of healthcare dollars and keeping us sick. Be sure to arrive early to enjoy

complimentary vegan finger foods and plan to stay after the film for a lively question and answer session facilitated by Northern Vegans. **Pre-screening open house starts at 6 pm with the screening to follow at 7 pm.** For more information, call [906-236-1279](tel:906-236-1279), find us on Facebook at Northern Vegans, or visit www.northernvegans.com.

Food and refreshments graciously donated by BabycakesMuffin Company, Border Grill, City Green Market, and Marquette Food Co-op.

