



# THE CHRONICLE

Marquette  
Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation



## Services & Forums November 2014



| Date    | Service (11 a.m.)   | Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)   |
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| Nov. 2  | “Yoga and UU Principles.”<br>Service Leader: Dharmini Robertson   | “Congregational Conversations About Top Ten Priorities of MqtUU” Host: MqtUU Board of Trustees |
| Nov. 9  | “Blessing the Animals.”<br>Service Leader: Kathy Klos   | “The Four Agreements & our UU Principles” Host: Heidi Gould                                    |
| Nov. 16 | “Thank You, Help Me” (Thanksgiving Service). Presenters: February Sky (Transgender Day of Remembrance)  | “A Discussion of the Our Whole Lives Program.” Host: gg gordon                                 |
| Nov. 23 | “Intergenerational Thanksgiving Bread Service” (Guest at Your Table). Service Leaders: Michelle Halley and Teri Rockwood, and Religious Exploration | NO FORUM TODAY   |
| Nov. 30 | “Coming of Age Class.” Service Leaders: MqtUU Youth and Teri Rockwood   | MqtUU Mediation Council  |

### *Samhain Gathering*

*Nov.1 @ 6:30pm*

*Outdoor Potluck*

*(Weather Permitting)*

*Celebrate the season, the Wiccan New Year, and our beloved dead at the most sacred of pagan holidays.*

Please bring a camp chair or other outdoor seat, and a dish to pass.

For more information contact

[Rev.Dea@minister.com](mailto:Rev.Dea@minister.com) or

[www.facebook.com/UnitedByLight](http://www.facebook.com/UnitedByLight)

### Reflection & Learning Project on Israel-Palestine

*Steadfast Hope:*

*The Palestinian Quest  
for a Just Peace*

Sundays, Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 23

1:15 – 2:30pm

Refreshments will be served and childcare can be provided. Contact

Barb Michael at

[michael.barbara.102@gmail.com](mailto:michael.barbara.102@gmail.com)

or 249-1173.

## **FROM: MqtUU President, Sarah Redmond**



This past week we've had over 200 people visit Mqt. UU. The Susan Werner concert drew 152 people, raising \$1,971 for the Women's Center. Thanks again to Anne Stark for her quick thinking and ability to leverage a generous offer by Susan into a great evening of entertainment for 152 people and a way to support the Women's Center during Domestic Violence Awareness month. Kudos to Papa Crow, aka Jeff Krebs for performing and helping us with our audio set up.

On Saturday, another 50 individuals attended our "Going Solar in Upper Michigan" presentation by Steve Waller. The primary goal of our solar program was to prepare our members to vote on our solar installation proposal in January. The secondary goal is to bring this action step in reducing CO2 gases from our air by expanding our actions to the broader community. Lastly, we want to introduce ourselves to the broader community as a religion, as a church that walks the talk and lives our values. By engaging the local media, TV 6, TV10 and the Mining Journal, we've further expanded our outreach to the broader community.

All this is part of our implementing our Top 10 Board Goals for 2014-15 as developed at our August retreat. We keep these before us on a monthly basis to gauge our progress.

The goals are:

1. Explore part-time minister options
2. Revitalize Religious Exploration (RE)
3. Tender Loving Care Coordinator and member-wide TLC survey
4. Pastoral Care Team
5. Review progress and have more active conversations with the congregation about the future
6. Mission/Vision Statements
7. Integration of newcomers into congregation
8. Tying actions to our 7 principles
9. Internal and external growth/increase membership
10. Continue structuring policies/procedures of the congregation

The action steps for just two of these goals, 1 and 9, involve connecting with our sister congregations in Escanaba and Houghton and doing media outreach into the community. If we are to grow, we need to let more of the community know we exist, what we believe and how we live that faith. To be able to consider a part-time minister, we may need to partner with a neighboring congregation. For that to happen we need to grow as do they; hence our interconnected web needs to expand.

These goals can't be just that of the Board, they need to have the active support of our members. Our Board Forums are the first Sunday of each month. We'll be talking about the Top Ten Goals at the November 2nd. Join us.

Sarah Redmond  
Mqt.UU Board President 2014-15



# FROM: MqtUU Religious Exploration Coordinator

The curriculum for this month includes:

## Seven principle coloring book toddlers-preschool

This coloring book is a great way to introduce Unitarian Universalist principles.

## Creating Home k-2

This program helps children develop a sense of home that is grounded in faith.

## Toolbox of Faith 3-5

Invites participants to reflect on qualities of our Unitarian Universalist faith, such as integrity, courage and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith.

## Amazing Grace: Exploring Right and Wrong 6-8

This program guides sixth graders through ways to determine right from wrong with a Unitarian Universalist perspective, and act on their new understandings.

## Coming of Age 9-12

This is a Religious Exploration program that helps youth discern for themselves what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, individually and as part of the larger faith community. It involves individual activities, group activities, family participation, and working with a mentor.

The Coming of Age (COA) group will be completing a vision quest this month and preparing for the COA worship service on **November 30th**.

## **We are in need of teachers for the month of November (dates 2-9-16-30)**

On Saturday, **November 22nd** we will be having a “Heifer dinner planning” lock-in. We encourage families to spend the night. We will make invitations, placemats, assign roles and prepare music. The dinner fundraising event will be held on **December 6<sup>th</sup>** at the meeting house.

The RE youth program will be making dough the morning of our intergenerational bread service held on **November 23**.

Our next open RE committee meeting will be held at the Peter White Public Library at noon on Saturday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>**.



We are in the process of finding a new RE coordinator.

I will be stepping down in February and have really enjoyed the past two years. It has been an absolute pleasure serving our congregation and with your help this transition will be smooth. There is a job description posted on [mqtuu.org](http://mqtuu.org) and the MichiganWorks! site. Please submit a resume before November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You!

Laura M. Nagle

## 7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism

We believe that each and every person is important.

We believe that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.

We believe that we should accept one another and keep on learning together.

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

We believe that all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them.

We believe in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world.

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



# ***Update from REC Search Committee:***

## **Religious Exploration Coordinator Job Description**

Part-time position up to 15 hrs/wk

The ideal candidate embraces a liberal, curiosity of religion; has the ability to connect with children, youth, and adults; has excellent communication skills and experience with project planning, volunteer recruitment, and enthusiasm for service learning.

A minimum of a bachelor's degree with emphasis in education or childhood development is preferred.

Understanding of the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism and its current focal points is a quality that could place the candidate above others.

If hired, the RE Coordinator will be expected to:

- Identify and recruit potential volunteers to assist with Sunday RE classes and special events for children and youth.
- Work effectively with children and youth and communicate well with adults.
- On Sunday mornings, ensure the smooth operation of RE classes which are led by volunteer members and will step in if a volunteer is not available.
- Gather materials, schedule speakers, reserve space, and handle other administrative skills to implement RE programs.
- Collaborate with the RE Committee, parents, and other interested members of the Marquette UU congregation to decide on appropriate curricula and class structures from *Tapestry of Faith* or *RE Express*, or to develop original RE programs for preschool children through high school youth. Establish goals and objectives for those RE programs and share the basic info in a brochure.
- With the RE Committee, schedule fundraisers, field trips, and meetings.
- Confer with parents and other congregation members to encourage support of and participation in RE activities.
- Maintain correspondence and communication with families and with committees in the congregation (regarding scheduling, programming, personnel issues, and networking)
- Administer reference/security checks for RE volunteers.
- Email monthly reports to the Mqt. UU Board of Trustees.
- Write and submit an RE column, which lists upcoming curricula and special events, to the Mqt UU Admin for the monthly *Chronicle*.
- Work with other individuals and groups within the congregation to set up child care for special programs.
- Coordinate the intergenerational story/lesson for Sunday services, working with service leaders and/or those who offer the main message for the morning.
- Abide by the Mqt. UU Personnel Guidelines.
- Pass the Michigan background check to work with children and youth.

## **How to Apply**

If interested in the position, please submit a resume so it is received by Nov. 15, 2014 to:

B. Michael, 102 Wintergreen Trl, Marquette, MI 49855

Please include a cover letter and three references

Barb Michael at michael.barbara.102@gmail.com or 273-1174

Kathy Wright at coffeeandredwine@gmail.com

Nancy Sullivan at nance249@gmail.com





## FROM: Tim VanderVeen, Community Development Committee

The Community Development Committee meets every month with the goal of providing material and emotional support for our members, friends, and the community-at-large. We provide a new member orientation and welcoming program for those making the commitment to becoming members of our congregation. The CDC members also enlist greeters and kitchen help on any given Sunday, as well as individual support for those facing difficult times. We support several community programs such as the Women's Shelter, Room at the Inn, End of Life workshop, Adopt-A-Highway, and a variety of groups and organizations which reflect our values of acceptance and compassion.

Our committee is encouraging others to attend our meetings and consider becoming an active member of the CDC. Fresh ideas, energy, and caring hearts are all that is needed to contribute to the well-being of our congregation and our community.

Contact Tim VanderVeen, CDC Chair, at 906-346-2122 for additional information.

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### Search for piano or guitar accompanist

If you know anyone who may be interested in accompanying the congregation and small group of UU singers occasionally, please have them contact Jeanne or Barb. A stipend will be offered.

Jeanne Trost, Music Committee Chair, at [jeannehaven@aol.com](mailto:jeannehaven@aol.com)

Barb Michael, Coordinator of Music, at [michael.barbara.102@gmail.com](mailto:michael.barbara.102@gmail.com)



### Buddhism Exploration and Mindful Meditation

November 5 & 19 @ 7pm  
(1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

New folks are always welcome, so don't feel you need to have read the book; we'll help you catch up.

All are welcome to join!



### FIRST FRIDAY POTLUCK & SOCIAL

November 7 @ 6pm  
MqtUU Meeting House

Bring a dish to share for MqtUU  
monthly potluck.

Come for dinner and stay for the movie!  
"In Whose Honor"

**"Share the Plate"** offers opportunities for our members to develop and deepen connections with these non-profit organizations. Your nominations of non-profit organizations for next year's recipients are welcome!

November "Share the Plate" Recipient:

MARQUETTE  
ENDING  
HUNGER

### Did you know that hunger is a prevalent issue in Marquette?

The goal of Marquette Ending Hunger is to raise awareness about rural poverty, fund raise directly to aid those in need and lessen the impact of poverty in Marquette!

<http://marquetteendinghunger.weebly.com/>

*~In the Spirit of Giving~*

Thanks to an incident with a rogue onion and the generosity of Anne Stark, we had the pleasure of enjoying an evening with Jeff Krebs & Susan Werner! The proceeds from that evening, \$1972, will be added to the November “Share the Plate” amount and a check will be presented to the Marquette Women’s Center/Harbor House in November!

***Interfaith Evening of Thanksgiving***

**7 pm, Tuesday, November 25, 2014**

**Temple Beth Sholom**

**Ishpeming (corner of Elm and Prairie Sts.)**

This annual Interfaith Forum service will move from our UU Meeting House sanctuary, where it was held in past years, to the sanctuary at Temple Beth-Sholom this year, with refreshments and conversation to follow in their social hall. As per tradition, a collection will be taken for the Anishinaabe language center at NMU. For carpooling, contact Barb Michael at 273-1174.



***Thanksgiving Dinner***

***@ The Meeting House***

All are welcome to bring their favorite Thanksgiving dish and beverages to share in a potluck style dinner on **Thanksgiving Day @ 3pm!** The turkey & mashed potatoes will be provided! Please contact Heidi Gould @ [mqtuuadassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuuadassist@gmail.com) with the dish and how many of your family, friends and neighbors you’ll be bringing!

**November Meetings & Events** (See Forums & Services on pg. 1)

(Meetings and events will take place at the Meeting House unless otherwise specified)

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| Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23<br>@ 1:15pm-2:30, Sundays | Reflection & Learning Project on Israel-Palestine<br>“Steadfast Hope: Palestinian Quest for a Just Peace” |
| Wednesdays @ 5:30pm                         | Chair Yoga<br>(This is the first of weekly sessions)  |
| November 5 & 19 @ 7pm<br>Wednesdays         | Buddhist Exploration & Meditation   |
| November 4 @ 7 – 8:30pm<br>Tuesday          | Choir Rehearsal <b>CHANGE!</b> Please note change in day...<br>UU Singers monthly rehearsal               |
| November 7 @ 6pm<br>Friday                  | First Friday! Bring a dish to share, come for a meal, stay for the movie!                                 |
| November 15 @ 12pm<br>Saturday              | Religious Exploration Committee @ Peter White Public Library  |
| November 16 @ 12:15pm<br>Sunday             | Social Action Committee   |
| November 18 @ 7pm<br>Tuesday                | Stewardship Committee   |
| November 21 @ 5:30pm<br>Friday              | Traditional Salon   |
| November 27 @ 3pm<br>Thursday               | Thanksgiving Dinner!  |

Check us out on the web @ [mqtuu.org](http://mqtuu.org) and “Like” us on Facebook and join the Facebook group!

**Thank you!**