

# The Chronicle

January 2014

## Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation



### Services & Forums January 2014



Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
Jan. 5	<p>“Roots and Wings - the Art of Holding On and Letting Go.” Presenters: February Sky (Phil Cooper and Susan Urban). In our journey through life, we continually face choices as to when to hold on and when to let go. This applies to both the material and the spiritual aspects of our lives. This service will explore the process of striking a healthy balance between roots and wings.</p>	<p>“Congregational Conversations about...New Year’s Resolutions for the Congregation”. Host: MUUC Board of Trustees</p>
Jan. 12	<p>“Transformational Moments.” Service Leaders: Mike White and Tom Spencer</p>	<p>“UU Values &amp; the Pursuit of Peace for Israelis &amp; Palestinians.” Host: Barb Michael &amp; Sarah Redmond Join us as we share info on a possible new UU Study Action Issue. Learn about how your vote and actions here in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan can make a difference. This should help in preparation for MUUC members' votes on Sun., Jan. 26.</p>
Jan. 19	<p>“Ain’t Gonna Study War No More: Antiwar Music, Poetry, Drama, and Art.” Service Leader: gg gordon</p>	<p>“Protests You Have Done.” Host: Tim VanderVeen</p>
Jan. 26	<p>“Peace in the Middle East,” with Dr. Robbie Goodrich, History Professor at NMU. Service Leader: Barb Michael</p>	<p>“The Year in Review.” Hosts: Kathy Klos and Tim VanderVeen</p>
Feb. 2	<p>“Buddhism.” Service Leader: Sarah Redmond and Buddhist Reading Group</p>	<p>TBA</p>

\* See a list of all other January events on page 14

## A Brief History of Unitarian Universalism in Marquette, Mi, *continued.*

**Editor's note: The following is the second segment of a history of the Marquette UU Congregation which I compiled. If you have any corrections or additions, please let me know. The collective memories of mine and those whom I have interviewed may be a bit shaky.**

**The first installment of this history can be found on our website, [www.mqtuu.org](http://www.mqtuu.org).**

*Nancy Sullivan*

### Second attempt, 1970 or so

The second attempt to start a Fellowship in Marquette occurred in 1970 or 1972 depending on various recollections. Again the Schwitzgoebels were key organizers. There were four to six families involved and this time they met in homes. This group self-identified itself as a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, though they did not file the paperwork with the national association. Some of our current (2013) members and recently moved members were a part of this group in the 1970s, including chemistry professors, Tom and Gail Griffith; and art professor, Richard (Michael) and teacher, Marilyn Gorski.

As in the earlier attempt, Roland Schwitzgoebel was the leader, using "Church in a Box" materials from the Unitarian Universalist Association. Again it was a discussion group, with no Joys & Concerns or other ritualistic practices. The group was small enough that they just met and talked on Sunday afternoons. Members felt the effort eventually failed (after two or three years) for lack of Sunday school, lack of membership growth, and leadership fatigue.

### Third attempt – 1992

Kathy Melanbacher (now, Melanbacher-Claycomb), a young woman living in Gwinn was encouraged by her mother, Jean Melanbacher, to get a UU group started in the Marquette area. Kathy's mother was a key organizer in a small UU group meeting in homes in Grand Marais at that time. Jean knew of Gail Griffith, who had been in the 1970s group and had Kathy contact her. Together they spread the word to members of 1970s group. Fourteen people gathered at Kathy's "tiny home" filling both her living room and dining room on Father's Day, 1992.

Kathy recalls that most of the people attending that gathering had been participants in the 1970's group. Kathy remembers that the Gorskis, the Griffiths and the Schwitzgoebels were in attendance. All present thought that starting another UU group was a good idea. They agreed to participate, but the comment was made that for a successful endeavor, everyone had to participate in some way. Those present felt that the reason the previous group had failed to thrive was that the main organizer did not have sufficient help from others.

Gail Griffith, L.E.E. Wolf and Kathy Melanbacher researched the "Church in a Box" from Church of the Larger Fellowship of the UUA, and looked into possible meeting places over the summer. They also met with Jerry Wright, the representative from the Michigan-Ohio district. The larger group met again in August or September 1992 (possibly at Glenda Robinson's house) and formally decided to start the process of forming a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

A basket was passed and \$200 was immediately raised to start the church. The "Church in a Box" materials were ordered to help the group get started. In August, 1992 L.E.E Wolf contacted the Rev. Mark Engle at St. Paul Episcopal Church about using space on Sunday afternoons. The group started meeting in the Morgan Chapel at the St. Paul Episcopal church on the first and third Sunday afternoons of the month that fall. The Rev. Mark Engle at St. Paul Episcopal Church was supportive of our developing UU congregation and the warm relationship continues today.

Our first Board of Trustees met on Dec. 1, 1992. Members were L.E.E. Wolf, President; Mike Gorski, VicePresident; Kathy Melanbacher, secretary; Sue Halbrook and Gail Griffith were Members at Large. Standing committees were Children's Program, Finance, Incorporation and By-laws, Maintenance, Program, Social Service, Publicity, and a Treasurer's position.

#### Morgan Chapel days, Sept. 1992 – Aug. 1995

The new UU congregation was quite small at this time. It was a "good day" when attendance was in the double digits. The group did elect officers to attend to the business aspects of growing a church. Everyone who attended helped out in one way or another. People took turns facilitating the meetings, with help from the "Church in a Box" from "Boston" (the UUA). One meeting was a "humor" meeting, to explore the place of laughter in our lives. For another service there was a winter potluck celebration, with customs from many cultures highlighted.

There was little focus on pledging or growth. The group decided to meet for a year to see whether or not the group had enough momentum and energy to survive. Then after 9 months of meeting, on May 16, 1993 sixteen adults signed the Unitarian Universalists of Marquette Membership Roll formally starting the congregation and establishing its connection to the Unitarian Universalist Association. Kathy Melanbacher-Claycomb recalls, "I remember the book-signing pretty clearly, but I don't believe there was any particular ceremony about it. The book was on a table in the hallway, and people who were so inclined signed it."

*Services were held at 3 pm and childcare was offered for the four children of one family. The following year the childcare was discontinued due to expense, which was a very divisive issue at the time. In 1994, the group wished to have the freedom to meet on Sunday mornings rather than in the afternoon and began a search for new space. The congregation decided that if it were to survive, current members had to make a deeper time and monetary commitment. The group decided to move to the Village Inn, a local hotel on Third St (now the Beacon House) and to hire a student minister to fly into the area to offer services once a month.*

#### Share the Plate to Begin at MQT UU!



As you know, we pass the collection plates (or baskets in our case) at every Sunday service. Many people put their pledge payments into the basket, which is fine, and many people put money into the basket which is not designated to be applied to a pledge. A lot of UU congregations follow a practice of sharing the non-pledge donations with charities and causes chosen by the congregation, and we have done so as well from time to time, on specific Sundays.

Beginning on February 1, our congregation will be expanding and formalizing the shared plate practice. The new system was proposed by the Social Action Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees. It will work like this.

Every month, for the entire month, we will split the non-pledge contributions 50/50 with a designated charity or cause, one charity or cause per month. How will these recipients be chosen? By you, our members!

Everyone is invited to nominate a charity or cause of your choice for selection as one of our twelve annual recipients. Please submit your nominations to g.g. gordon, [plumskiter@gmail.com](mailto:plumskiter@gmail.com), by Friday, January 24, 2014. All nominations will be placed on a ballot, and every member will vote for up to twelve of the nominees at the Annual Meeting to be held after services on Sunday, January 26, 2014. The top twelve vote getters will be our shared plate recipients for the next year, February 2014-January 2015. The Social Action Committee will assign a month to each winning charity or cause. As the end of the first twelve month period approaches, we will evaluate how the congregation feels about the program and decide whether or not to choose another twelve donees for the following year.

If you nominate a charity, please be prepared to say or read a few words in support of your nominee at the Annual Meeting. If your charity or cause is one of the top twelve, you will be asked to prepare a short blurb for the Chronicle and This 'N That's for your month, and perhaps to say a word or two at services that month about the recipient. If more than one individual nominates the same donee, you may, of course, work together on this publicity.

If you have any questions, please direct them to g.g. gordon or Heidi Gould, Chair, Social Action Committee.



Dear Marquette UU's,

Over here at the **Standing on the Side of Love** campaign headquarters, our favorite holiday season is coming soon: **30 Days of Love** <http://standingonthesideoflove.org/30days2014/> This magical time runs from about Martin Luther King Day to Valentine's Day (aka Standing on the Side of Love Day) and is a chance for those who identify as **SSL spiritual activists to journey together for social justice**. ...the colorful, easy to use website is now ready, so check it out at: <http://standingonthesideoflove.org/>

Each day gives an idea of what the daily themes, resources and multigenerational activities are. If you are partaking in the 30 Days as an individual, you will be happy to see more resources for both individual reflection and multigenerational activities for families!

We paid a lot of attention to the requests to "inspire us, but don't overwhelm us please!" So, while this "30 Days" will still feature the uplifting messengers from across the country

and the important collective calls to action, this year we are also making sure there is more time for reflection.

On our kick-off day on Jan. 18, we'll be asking you to commit to the **30 Days of Love** in a way that will help foster your own personal transformation.

We will end the **30 Days of Love** together on Feb. 16 with "Share the Love Sunday" to celebrate the journey of social justice actions and demonstrations of courageous love.

Mark your calendars for Jan. 18 - Feb. 16, and look for more updates from us soon.



In faith,

Jennifer Toth, *Standing on the Side of Love*

### *UUSC's Guest at Your Table*

Know that your gift to the UUSC is critical this year. When you can, please consider Bill Schulz's request:

Just wanted to make sure you saw this. Crises in Africa, the Philippines, and elsewhere are stretching UUSC's budget to its limits. Your help will never make a bigger difference.

**Please take a moment to give today. [through [uus.org](http://uus.org) - or through your Guest at Your Table box or envelope which will be collected on Sunday, Jan. 5th.]**

Thank you.

— Bill



### **The Marquette Unitarian Universalist Religious Education (RE) Program**

We have been very blessed this month. With the help of our amazing students and awesome volunteers we successfully put on the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Heifer International dinner.

Heifer preparation began the second week in November. The students created invitations and gave them to the congregation. Many of the students had already been a part of the past dinners and it was fun to have them explain the event.

The "Our Whole Life" (OWL) program is moving along great with curious kids and great facilitators. The coming of age program took a field trip to Appleton last month and the group is moving through their lesson plan.

The students were taught a mantra for everyday. The "I am in control" mantra helps them understand that they are in control of their actions and choices. It was a challenging lesson that incorporated hands in prayer position and taping a different finger at each word.



This Religious Education program is designed to give children an opportunity to understand the world at large, as well as make educated decisions with UU principles. Our theme this year is the “Web of Life” and the exploration of the interconnectedness of all things. There is a web on the RE wall and we are asking families to bring in photos or items that represent their personal web. This is an on-going activity.

We thrive and survive off of volunteers and we would love to share the RE fun!

**There is a sign-up list at the Meeting house if you are interested in volunteering**



The older kids of RE have been interacting with Michelle Lexmond. Michelle has graciously offered to lead RE classes centered on the deep ecology of water and the issues involving local water. During the year the students will choose one service project related to the subject.

**Important dates:**

Our “Gifts of the Heart” service will be February 9<sup>th</sup> The service will be youth-led followed by a Tea-Brunch.



**Heifer International**



**Soup & Dessert Dinner**



This event was hosted by the children and teens of the Marquette UU Congregation. We offered a wide variety of homemade soups and desserts that were donated by the members of our congregation, Midtown Bakery & Cafe, Marquette Food Coop, Jilbert Dairy, Sweet Water Café, Huron Mountain Bread, Econo Foods, St. Paul’s Church, Marquette Baking Company, and Donkers. We raised over \$1800 and all proceeds will go to Heifer International. All money was donated to Heifer International to be used to purchase animals, seedlings, and technical assistance to needy families who then reap the harvest. For example: Wool from sheep.



**The “Our Whole Lives” (OWL) program**

OWL is a human sexuality education program is offered as a free community service by the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation. This established curriculum is offered to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the Marquette area. The children are getting to know themselves as well as the world at large through this comprehensive, liberal program. We are having a great time!

## Coming of Age Program



Terri Rockwood is leading the Coming of Age Program this year. In November the COA participants went to Appleton, visited a masque and the other Unitarian Universalist Congregation. They are in the process of getting to know their mentors and will explore their spirituality with them. This is a Religious Exploration program 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. Thank you Terri, and other volunteers!



(Bethany, Kathy, Nancy, Heidi)

We were able to help decorate the meeting house before the dinner. The peace cranes were made by Michelle Lexmond and Ketlove Lexmond-Gray. Volunteers threaded the cranes and they were proudly hung in the name of "PEACE"

## New challenge grant, an opportunity for congregations to get involved in the "Campaign to Raise Michigan's Minimum Wage"

The Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN), started in 2002, recently was awarded by the UU Funding Program a \$6,000 challenge grant to organize a campaign to raise Michigan's minimum wage. UU congregations can get involved in three ways:

1. **AWARENESS** UU congregations are challenged to invite their members to read "Behind the Kitchen Doors" (Saru Jayaraman). This book tells the stories of restaurant workers who struggle to live on the lowest wages in America. Click this link to see a UU Service Committee Behind the Kitchen Doors study guide: [http://thewelcometable.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/BehindTheKitchenDoor\\_6\\_05\\_2013.pdf](http://thewelcometable.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/BehindTheKitchenDoor_6_05_2013.pdf) Community forums on raising the minimum wage will be planned for UUs and the public in the Southfield, Flint and Kalamazoo areas. *[In Marquette, be looking for a study of Behind the Kitchen Door near the end of February.]*



2. **SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN** Through this grant, the first \$6,000 in donations to MUUSJN will be matched by the UUA. This is the perfect time for individuals to pay their dues to MUUSJN (\$25 regular; \$40 family; \$50 Silver; or \$100 Gold) or for congregations to share a plate with MUUSJN. For more information, go to: [www.uujustice.org](http://www.uujustice.org).

3. **GET READY TO CONTACT YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS** Get on MUUSJN's email list (by emailing Randy Block at [randyblock@yahoo.com](mailto:randyblock@yahoo.com)) to receive information about when and how to

contact your state legislators. Michigan UUs will be urging their legislators to raise the minimum wage to \$10/hour. For more information, call 248-549-5170.

*[Among other issues, MUUSJN will continue to work for Reproductive Justice in Michigan despite the December 11 state legislation that will prohibit insurance companies from covering abortions unless the woman purchases a separate rider, including prior to rape and incest cases.]*

**As I keep my "balancing act"** in a challenge-comfort mode spiritually, socially, physically, and mentally, I realize I'm missing poetry in my life. So during the new year, in addition to meditation, our Heart to Heart covenant group, and regular exercise (all at the encouragement of UU friends), I will take the time to read poetry. Here are two poems I'd like to share...ponder away as it applies to your life as a UU:

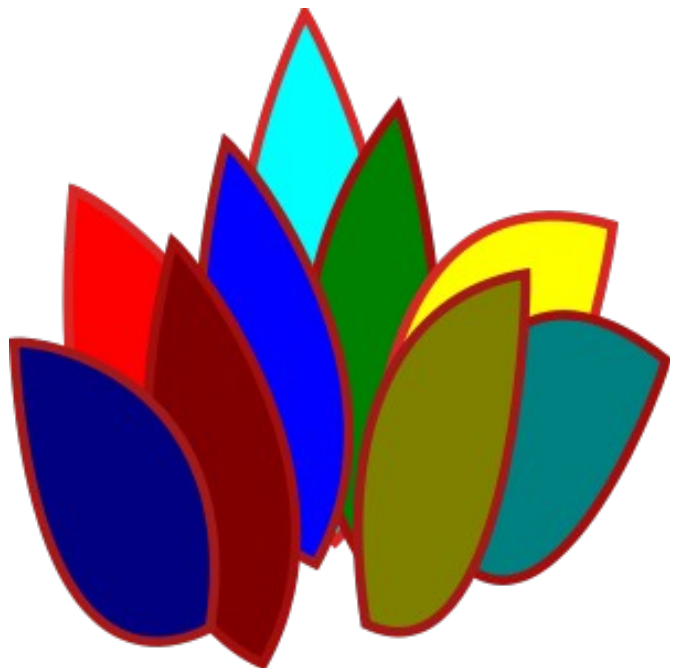
### *Burning the Old Year*

*Letters swallow themselves in seconds.  
Notes friends tied to the doorknob,  
transparent scarlet paper,  
sizzle like moth wings,  
marry the air.*

*So much of any year is flammable,  
lists of vegetables, partial poems.  
Orange swirling flame of days,  
so little is a stone.*

*Where there was something and suddenly isn't,  
an absence shouts, celebrates, leaves a space.  
I begin again with the smallest numbers.*

*Quick dance, shuffle of losses and leaves,  
only the things I didn't do  
crackle after the blazing dies.*  
~ Naomi Shihab Nye







### *The Work of Christmas*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.*

~ Howard Thurman

In shared ministry,  
*Barb Michael*

### **Tragedy strikes Lansing UU Congregation**

One of the best parts about blogging is how very small it makes the world seem. We become interwoven in the lives of people who, without the internet, we surely would never know. But that is also one of the worst things about blogging...

The blogging community is reeling from the loss of one of its own. Chris Keith blogged at “Adventures of a Thrifty Mama” about healthy living, organic eating, homeschooling...she was good at it. She had to be. Chris was supporting four kids on her own, on a subsistence income after separating from her abusive husband.

However, her estranged husband [went to her house, and killed her](#). He killed her oldest son, Isaac. And then he killed himself. (The three youngest children had been staying at their grandparents’ house for the night.)

Chris taught Zumba. She gardened. She went on her local news channel to talk about food stamps, and how to eat healthy meals with a minimal budget. She was a mother, struggling to do the best she could for her kids. Chris leaves behind three children; sons aged 4 and 8, and a six year old daughter.





Her Michigan UU congregation has set up a [memorial fund](#), and her family is accepting contributions for her surviving children at the below address.

*Keith Children  
c/o Ann Merrifield  
1504 Wintercrest  
East Lansing, MI 48823*

**Want to help in a different way?**

You can spread the word that domestic violence, as endemic as it is, should not and must not be tolerated. The following sites are available to help...

[The National Domestic Violence Hotline](#), where trained expert advocates are available 24/7 to talk confidentially.

[Safe Horizon](#) helps connect victims to shelters [like Harbor House in Marquette].

[The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#) provides access to information and opportunities for training and education for those who want to work to end domestic violence, or intervene on behalf of somebody in their life.

*[And, of course, remember our Marquette Women's Center and Harbor House collection in the entryway.]*

## **Considering Membership?**

Wherever you currently stand about committing to our UU community, you are warmly invited to a Considering Membership series. This will be a two or three part series of gatherings in January and February. Tim VanderVeen and Nancy Sullivan will be leading the group.

We'll consider where we are or are not on our spiritual journeys, what membership means to us, and the to-join-or-not-to-join tradeoffs. We will share information about UU history and the greater UU world. It is always interesting hear one another's stories and perspectives.

Becoming a committed member of our spiritual community is a decision that should not be taken lightly, so honest discussion and reflection is highly valued and encouraged. The spirit of our 4<sup>th</sup> Principle will be invoked, which is to honor each person's free and responsible search for meaning.

Please let either us know if you are interested in attending this discussion or prefer another time to meet. We hope to have our first meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14 or Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 pm at the Meeting House.

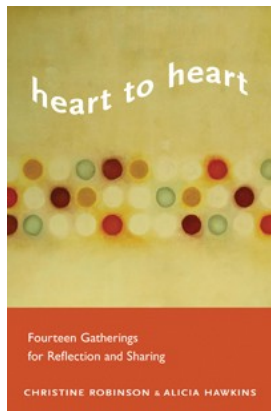
There will be a ceremony during a service in February or March to welcome new members and to celebrate the growth of our community. So if you are considering membership, now would be a good time to join. Please feel free to contact Tim VanderVeen ([timhvv@gmail.com](mailto:timhvv@gmail.com) or 236-1979) or Nancy Sullivan ([nance249@gmail.com](mailto:nance249@gmail.com) or 249-3790) to let us know of your interest.

Thanks.

## **Men's Group Forming**

The initial gathering of Mqt. UU Men's Group will be Saturday, January 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Meeting House. Bring thoughts, ideas and an open mind.

Questions? Talk to Dan Redmond or Tim VanderVeen.



## **Heart to Heart Covenant Circles to Start in January**

Our "Heart to Heart" covenant circles are small group gatherings which will follow the text, Heart to Heart, which is the sister book to Soul to Soul which we used last year. This guide book provides resources for fourteen gatherings on topics such as forgiveness, loss, nature, money, and friendship. The text offers readings, journaling suggestions, and thought-provoking exercises to help

participants prepare for the spiritual practice of sharing in community. The process promotes listening rather than back-and-forth discussion.

Our morning group will be led by Barbara Michael and will start Thursday, January 9 at 11 a.m. The evening group is being organized by Mike White will start on January 9<sup>th</sup> as well but at 7p.m. (Barb can be reached at ([michael.barbara102@gmail.com](mailto:michael.barbara102@gmail.com), 273-1174; Mike White can be reached at [biancoblancowhite@yahoo.com](mailto:biancoblancowhite@yahoo.com) or 226-5029). Please contact either group leader for more information if you would like to participate. You (or we) will need to order a book for each participant soon if you don't already have one.

Comments from past Soul to Soul participants include...

*"I love that I have gotten to know more deeply, people who previously were only acquaintances. I feel more grounded and connected in the congregation now because of this."*

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*"I joined the Soul to Soul group to get to know members of congregation, it was a chance to listen to a new speaker in much deeper level than coffee time after our UU services. I felt that group was composed of different view points and highly individual personalities, each with their own beliefs. No one was more surprised to find that beneath the surface of polite and short conversations when given enough time to slow down we have more in common in our beliefs than many families. I walked out the door after group with a feeling of comfort and closeness and reconnected with the web of life."*

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*"I learn about myself in preparation and learn about others when we gather. Each session has quotes which speak to me. Then I go to our session, and people in the group speak to me."*

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*"I have learned a great deal about my ability to listen from attending the Soul to Soul group these past few months. The group leadership, exercises and participation have taught me to listen from my heart versus listening from my brain. I find I am a better listener for everyone I encounter including my loved ones, friends and even strangers. Thank you, UU leadership and Patty Sarvello for giving me this wonderful opportunity to improve my life."*

If this type of small group activity appeals to you, we hope you will join one of them.

*Nancy Sullivan*

## Next MUUC Board Meeting: 6:30 pm, Wed., Jan. 22, 2014

Board Notes:

Approved hiring of Heidi Gould as Admin after considering twenty resumes and interviewing four candidates.

*From Social Action Committee: proposal accepted by the BoT to share the non-pledge cash plate collection each Sunday. At January congregational meeting, a list of 12 charities will be chosen to receive half of each month's collection. (see separate article) Also, box for donations to Women's Center to be placed in church entrance.*

*Congregational Meeting scheduled for January 26th following Sunday Service. Agenda to include Update on September Congregational Conversations. Financial update. Discussion*

*of, and voting on, UUA Study Action proposals. Voting on Shared Plate proposals.*

*Full minutes of Board Meetings appear on website and in Member Book on desk at Meeting House once approved.*

### ***Mid-Year Congregational Meeting following the service on Sun., Jan. 26, 2014***

All members and friends are encouraged to attend. Only members can vote...democracy in action here.

We will be sharing a "State of the Congregation" review and taking part in the UUA Congregational Poll to vote on a new UUA-wide Study Action Issue. In September, the Social Action Committee and Board supported the proposal on "UU Values and the Pursuit of a Just Peace for Israelis and Palestinians." To find out more, go to: <http://www.uua.org/statements/current/> and scroll about half way down the page where you will see: **Proposed CSAIs for 2014-2018**

- [Empowerment: Age and Ability Reconsidered](#)
- [Ending the War on Terror](#)
- [Escalating Inequality](#)
- [Gun Violence: A Public Health Issue](#)
- [Renewing and Securing Our American Democracy](#)
- [Unitarian Universalist Values and the Pursuit of a Just Peace for Israelis and Palestinians](#)

By clicking on anyone of them you will find the proposal. We will vote on just one of the six - or up to five. Then in June at the General Assembly in Providence, RI the delegates will decide on which one will become the new Study Action Issue. So one from the list will be deleted, but that, of course, doesn't mean that we can't discuss all of the issues proposed or have services or events related to them.

If you would like to speak on one of the issues at the Jan. 26 Congregational Meeting, please contact Barb Michael, and we'll put you on the agenda.

*In the meantime, read up on these issues and think about what you would like UU's around the country to study. Keep in mind our UU Principles and what has been done already. You can find that when you go online. There will be a hard copy for anyone who needs one.*



**January events & meetings** \* See a list of Forums and Services on page 1

January 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	MUUC Program Committee Monthly meeting at the Meeting House
January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	TLC Committee New members are always welcome to join this committee. We make visits to those who are home bound or hospitalized, make phone calls, send notes and in general, just lend a helping hand. If you know of anyone in the congregation who needs some “tender loving care,” please contact Patty Sarvello: (psarvell@nmu.edu or 360-2409).
January 9, 2014 11:00 am – 1:00 pm & January 9, 2014 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	“Heart to Heart” See information on page 11-12
January 11, 2014 10:00 am – 11:30 am	Men's Group: See information on page 11
January 14, 2014 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Gathering of those who like to work on craft projects and enjoy conversation with other members. Come join in the fun at MUUC meeting hall
January 15, 2014 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Exploring Buddhism and Mindful Meditation Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7pm Beginner and experienced mediators welcome. No need to be Mqt. UU members, the group is open to community. At MUUC meeting hall.
January 19, 2014 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	This workshop is necessary for anyone willing and able to volunteer for Room at the Inn, Marquette's homeless shelter. Please RSVP to Barb Michael 906-273-1174
January 18, 2014 10:00 am – 11:30 am	Community Development Committee monthly meeting to address social and connectedness of members and friends.
January 18, 2014 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Here's your chance to impact what we have in our Mqt. UU library. It's time to cull out those titles that are redundant or out of date. Help us decide what new books to add.
January 26, 2014 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Semi-annual Congregational Meeting to follow coffee hour. See page 13 for more information

A few more congregation pictures from December

