

This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
January 4	“Turning of the Year.” Service Leader: Sarah Redmond Tally of the Year of significant events— deaths, marriages, births, beginnings, endings—for congregational members.	“Congregational Conversation About Our Mission Statement” Host: gg gordon

7 Principles of Unitarian
Universalism
Affirm & Promote:
The inherent worth and
dignity of every person;
Justice, equity and
compassion in human
relations;
Acceptance of one
another and
encouragement to
spiritual growth in our
congregations;
A free and responsible
search for truth and
meaning;
The right of conscience
and the use of the
democratic process
within our congregations
and in society at large;
The goal of world
community with peace,
liberty, and justice for all;
Respect for the
interdependent web of all
existence of which we are
a part.

Check us out on the web

@

mqtuu.org

or



You Are Invited to the MqtUU Meeting House...

First Friday

Of January...OF 2015!!!

New Year's Party!

Friday, January 2 @ 6pm

Bring a dish, a friend, your favorite beverage, your favorite music and share the ups and downs of the last year and your hopes and dreams for the new!!

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You are invited to learn how to utilize the energies of the Full Moon.
Please bring: A small building/event donation and a snack to share.
Coffee and tea will be provided.

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**Chair Yoga resumes at the Meeting House on
Wednesday, January 7 @ 5:30pm.**

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The MqtUU Social Action Committee
has a volunteer position waiting for you!

A chairperson, organizer, convener,
a Champion! Put your Passion to Action

on issues of social injustices, human rights violations and environmental
crises! For more information, see Barb Michael, or gg gordon and check
out the Social Action Committee Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1404026069870621/>



**WE WANT
YOU!**

*FROM:
MqtUU Treasurer
gg gordon*

At the beginning of this new year, it is a good time to check on where you stand with regard to paying your pledge. Ideally, you have paid at least half of your pledge by December 31, 2014, which is the mid-point in our fiscal year. If you are not sure what your current pledge balance due is, please get in touch with Heidi Gould at mqtuudassist@gmail.com, and she will tell you where you stand.

Two additional things to consider:

1. If you itemize, all of your monetary contributions to the congregation are tax deductible for 2014, so long as they are made on or before December 31st. So, your contributions made by year's end will help you out at tax time.
2. If you are over the age of 70 1/2, and are required to take minimum mandatory distributions from a Traditional IRA, you can avoid paying income tax on contributions of up to \$100,000, if they are made directly from you IRA to the Congregation. This type of pledge payment is a win-win; you win by never paying income tax on that money, and the congregation benefits as well. If you want to set up such a contributions and have questions about how to do it, please contact Treasurer, g.g. gordon, plumskiter@gmail.com, and she will be glad to assist.

**January 2015
"Share the Plate"**



SPLC
Southern Poverty
Law Center
www.splcenter.org

dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry and to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of our society. Using litigation, education, and other forms of advocacy, the Center works toward the day when the ideals of equal justice and equal opportunity will be a reality.

**Marquette UU
Congregation
Hosts:**

ROOM AT THE INN

The Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation will host Room at the Inn (RATI) during the week of **January 11th-January 18th**. Room at the Inn is rotating homeless shelter that operates October through May. While several members of MqtUU have supported RATI through volunteerism, it is the first time MqtUU is hosting.

We will need approximately 90 volunteers to execute this project. There is a volunteer opportunity for everyone from cooking and serving a meal, assisting with set up or break down, doing loads of laundry, covering a shift (MUST attend training--see below), providing snacks, and more. Michelle Halley and Sarah Johnson are our UU Coordinators, with additional support provided by Darlene Dreisbach and Kim Frost, Guest Advocate at RATI.

Items needed: night lights, two wash tubs, toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine sanitary products).

For more information, contact Sarah Johnson, 458-3915 or iamsarahjeanjohnson@gmail.com OR Michelle Halley, 361-0520 or michelle.halley@sbcglobal.net.

**MqtUU WINTER
CLOTHING DRIVE**

If you have warm shirts, jackets, sweaters, heavy socks, gloves, mittens or boots you are willing to donate we will give them to our guests of "Room at the Inn" staying in our Meeting House starting on January 11.

January is the coldest part of winter and we must send them out in the morning each day. Let's help them get through their day, just as we help them have a safe, clean, warm place to stay for the night. Contact Tim VanderVeen at 906-346-2122 if you have any questions. And thanks for showing how much we care. "

*Meet your MqtUU
Representatives*

Sarah Redmond, President
Chris Wagner, Vice President
Teri Rockwood, Secretary
Mary Maki, Trustee
Tim VanderVeen, Trustee

gg gordon, Treasurer

Heidi Gould, Administrative Assistant
Lisa McKenzie, Religious Exploration Coordinator



Child Dedication Being Offered in Early 2015

In early 2015, a Child Dedication Worship Service will be offered to those families who want to participate. A Child Dedication is a ceremony that takes place in the context of the Sunday service, and the congregation declares its dedication to the nurture of all children who are part of the religious community. This service can include infants to older children. Water may be used to symbolize the source of all life in the world. A rose may be presented to the child or the family to represent the beauty and fragility of life and its unfolding promise. Our hope for the child is that he or she will feel the support of the family and church, and grow into an adult who will fulfill our dreams of a more loving existence together. In the words of the Zuni tribe:

Our child, it is your day. This day.
May your road be fulfilled.
In your thoughts may we live.
May we be the ones whom your thoughts embrace.
May you help us all finish our roads.

Please contact Teri Rockwood if you are interested in the Child Dedication Service. teri.rockwood@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

If you are paying cash towards your pledge, there are envelopes on the table in the entry of the Meeting House to put cash contributions in the Sunday Collection baskets.

**Tender
Loving
Care**

We all need it once in a while...If you or a fellow MqtUU member is in need of TLC, chicken soup, a ride to Sunday Service or an appointment, or other caring needs...PLEASE REACH OUT whether in person, phone call or email! The TLC Team has a new email just for this use! mqtuucare@gmail.com



If you, are interested in attending MqtUU but are unable to due to lack of transportation please call the Meeting House at (906) 249-9450 and we will help find a ride for you!

Also, if you regularly attend MqtUU and are willing and available to give a ride to a neighbor please call and we will add you to the rideshare list.

THANK YOU!

Marqtran Door-to-Door Service is available to schedule rides from anywhere in Marquette to our Meeting House!

Please call 225-1112 or Check out marqtran.com

“It ain’t easy being green...”

But we do try to make it easier for you.

If you have any of the following items that are used up or which you no longer need or want, please bring them to the meetinghouse and place them into the PlanetGreen recycling bins in the entryway. We send these items off for responsible recycling and the congregation receives money in return. So, help out the planet and the congregation by letting us recycle these items for you:

Inkjet Cartridges	Cell Phones/Pagers & Accessories
GPS & Radar Detectors	Mobile Hot Spots
Calculators	eBook Readers
iPods/MP3 Players	Digital/Video Cameras
PDAs iPads/Tablets	Video Game Consoles & Handhelds
Video Games & Accessories	

*MqtUU also collects Tadych's Econo slips to help funds for our congregation as well. Please collect your receipts and drop them in the box marked "Econo slips" in the entry way of the meeting house. **THANK YOU!!***

The Coven of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

www.cuups.org

"Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."

MqtUU is collaborating with Wiccan Rev. Dea Kowaczyk and her Alger County based group, United By Light to establish a chapter of CUUPS. Dea has led several of our pagan services and looks forward to continuing. If you find yourself drawn to the more nature centered spirituality, please consider checking out the CUUPS website, the United By Light Facebook page and attending a service and/or community gathering hosted by MqtUU CUUPS and United By Light.

