

This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
January 11	“Why Beliefs Matter.” Service Leader: Tom Spencer	“Going Solar at the MqtUU Meeting House.” Host: Sarah Redmond

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



Room at the Inn-We need YOU!

MqtUU is hosting Room at the Inn (RATI) beginning **THIS** Sunday! We still have several slots to fill and there is truly a job for everyone. Options include: preparing and serving a meal (continental breakfast OR dinner), washing linens, taking a shift (must have attended formal training), helping with set up after the service on 1/11 or clean up following departure on 1/18, or donating snacks and toiletries.

Please contact Sarah Johnson at 458.3915 or Michelle Halley at 361.0520 to let us know how you can support. Thank you!

Bring a Veg this Sunday:

RE is hosting the Intergenerational Story this Sunday (1/11). If able, please bring 1 veg. We'd like it to be a big, exciting surprise, but we are hoping for things that will go nicely in a soup (or salad, if it will hold until Friday).

Thank you, everyone!



The MqtUU Social Action Committee welcomes Megan Foulks as the New Chair! But we still need you to put your Passion to Action on issues of social injustices, human rights violations and environmental crises! Check out the Social Action Committee Facebook group:

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



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CHOIR REHEARSAL 7 pm, Thurs. evening, Jan. 8 at the Meeting House. We'll be rehearsing selections for the Martin Luther King service as well as others.

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.

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 Interfaith Forum

From Dr. Aaron Scholnick: The Interfaith Forum topic for Friday, January 9, will be: "How does one talk of religion and/or God to young children (ages 3-6 years)?" Please bring your early childhood educators or acquaintances who are teachers or psychologists or at least "pick their brains."

We will meet at Little Jimmie's (St. James the Lesser chapel) on U.S. 41 in Harvey from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

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

<p>THANK YOU!</p>	<p>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.</p>												
<p>Tender Loving Care</p>	<p>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</p>												
	<p>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!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>THANK YOU!</p> <p>Marqtran Door-to-Door Service is available to schedule rides from anywhere in Marquette to our Meeting House!</p> <p>Please call 225-1112 or Check out marqtran.com</p>												
<p><i>“It ain’t easy being green...”</i></p> <p><i>But we do try to make it easier for you.</i></p>	<p>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:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Inkjet Cartridges</td> <td>Cell Phones/Pagers & Accessories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GPS & Radar Detectors</td> <td>Mobile Hot Spots</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calculators</td> <td>eBook Readers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iPods/MP3 Players</td> <td>Digital/Video Cameras</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PDAs iPads/Tablets</td> <td>Video Game Consoles & Handhelds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Video Games & Accessories</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>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!!</i></p>	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	
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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.



Will 2015 be the year that we win marriage once and for all? We're more hopeful than ever. But as we learned from the misguided 6th Circuit ruling, we can't leave anything up to chance.

So we're pulling out all the stops—hosting community meetings, organizing faith leaders and public servants, and starting the critical conversations about marriage that help change the hearts and minds of fellow Michiganders.

To get it all done, we'll need your help laying the groundwork for a marriage win in Michigan and nationwide. [So "like" us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on the breaking news as SCOTUS considers taking up marriage this week. Then check back soon to find out more ways you can get involved to help make history.](#)

Let's make 2015 the year we win marriage once and for all.

We have work to do. Let's get it done.

Regina Calcagno
Coalition Manager, Michigan for Marriage



*The MidAmerica Region is building
a new era in Unitarian Universalism,
where UUs visibly live our faith,
create connections, grow our membership, and
welcome all persons who share our UU values.*

In the deep winter, we invite you to consider attending some of our learning events. Our calendar lists our webinars here: <http://www.midamericauua.org/events/webinars>

We always appreciate your comments and suggestions for the newsletter. Click on the "email the editor" link in the menu on the left to send us a message.

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