

# This 'n' That

Date	11am Service	9:45am Adult Forum
October 16	“Blessed by the Animals” Service Leader: Kathryn Klos	“Black Lives Matter I.” Host: Barb Michael

**Our UU Principles**  
We covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every being;

Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process;

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.



Our special Adult Forum Series coming up this fall focusing on the **Vision for Black Lives Platform**, compiled and recognized by over 50 black organizations and being studied by many others - including us!

**Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)** encourages those of us who predominantly walk through this life with white privilege ~ as a group, as well as individuals ~ to organize as "white people for racial justice." We all have different experiences. Let us come together to focus and learn about the content of the platform, exploring two topics each Sunday. For those of us who are not persons of color, let's be part of changing the narrative of white supremacy by breaking white silence.

- **Oct. 16** Vision for Black Lives Platform I **THIS SUNDAY @ 9:45am**
  - "End the War on Black People and Reasons for Reparations" with Sarah Redmond
- **Oct. 30** Vision for Black Lives Platform II
  - "Divest-Invest and Economic Justice" with Barb Michael and guest
- **Nov. 13** Vision for Black Lives Platform III
  - More Community Control and Political Power"

Mqt UU Faith in Action encourages high school and adult attendance as we affirm and address a critical facet of the dignity and worth of every human being; compassion and equity in human relations; and peace, liberty, and justice for all (from our UU Principles).



## All are Welcome to Adventure with UUs to HAYES CORN MAZE

Sunday after the service, let's load up & head out for some Autumn Fun!

Admission: \$9 per person / Kids 2 and under are FREE!  
(last week was rained out)

Financial assistance available upon request. Please contact g.g. gordon, treasurer, if interested in assistance.



### Share-the-Plate



Your voice at the United Nations, the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA's) United Nations Office (UU-UNO) is engaged in international advocacy work at the UN based on Unitarian Universalist (UU) values.

<http://www.uua.org/international/un>



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The next MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 23 @ 1pm.

All are welcome to share thoughts, comments, and concerns for the MqtUU Congregation

Monday was Indigenous Peoples Day -- a great day for solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux. On August 30th, UUA President Peter Morales [wrote](#), "I urge you to join the effort to bear public witness to the injustice in North Dakota and add your voice to oppose the Dakota Access Pipeline". The struggle of the Standing Rock Sioux to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline is galvanizing and uniting a Global Indigenous movement. Hundreds of Indigenous tribes and even numerous US cities have made official statements of solidarity. UUs have been taking direct action, as covered recently by the [UU World](#) magazine, and many more UUs are wondering what they can do.

It has been announced that the U.S. Court of Appeals rejected the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's request for an injunction to stop construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline ([link](#)) related to their discovery of burial grounds and archaeologically significant sacred sites along the pipeline route. It's worth noting that the company in charge of construction, Energy Transfer Partners, used bulldozers to dig up the contested sites the very morning after the Standing Rock Sioux filed the lawsuit, which led to the incident last month where private security pepper sprayed and let dogs bite six pipeline protesters, including a child and a pregnant woman.

The company is now continuing construction at the Missouri River water crossing where the Standing Rock reservation gets 100% of their drinking water, and the camps have indicated that they will not stop resisting this pipeline until it is stopped. This morning a large group of water protectors from the Standing Rock camps occupied the easement site near the Missouri River crossing, and riot police were called in to remove people. A lot is happening in a very short amount of time. Following the Sacred Stone Camp, Red Warrior Camp, and Indigenous Environmental Network on social media is the fastest way to get updates.

People in over 500 cities around the world participating have called for an International Day of Prayer and Action. Consider taking a moment to lift up compassion, gratitude, or prayer for the people out at the Standing Rock camps. The Sacred Stone Spirit Camp began in prayer, and has been sustained with Oceti Sakowin prayer ceremonies every single day since it was founded in April. (If you weren't able to donate this past Sunday, you may want to consider donating to the camps' [general](#) funds or [legal defense](#) funds to support from afar.) If you are passionate about this cause or considering taking solidarity action in other ways, two online opportunities this week might interest you:

This Thursday, Oct 13th, at 11:00 AM Eastern, the Church of the Larger Fellowship will be speaking with Unitarian Universalists who have been directly involved at the Standing Rock camps on their weekly talk show, [The VUU](#).

On Thursday, October 13th and October 20th, at 7:30 PM Eastern, the Environmental Justice Practitioner's Network will be facilitating conversations about Standing Rock, the Dakota Access Pipeline, and Indigenous Solidarity. Anyone considering going to Standing Rock, or wondering how they can act in solidarity from where they live is highly encouraged to [RSVP](#) and attend.

Mni Wiconi! (Water is Life!)  
In Gratitude and Solidarity,  
Aly Tharp, Commit2Respond Acting Program Manager  
Programs Coordinator, UU Ministry for Earth

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Mark your calendar for the next Climate @ Noon Seminar - Friday, October 21 - Jamrich 132**

Join us for an interactive discussion on local food systems. There will be panelists representing Marquette Food Co-op, Northern Michigan University's student organizations, and other grassroots efforts to create a sustainable farming structure in the Upper Peninsula. We anticipate a "fruitful" discussion (come early to get your Michigan apples!) with plenty of time for the audience to ask the panelists questions.

You can follow the Northern Climate Network on Facebook

at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/188899098115459/>

Check out our website: <http://www.nmu.edu/northernclimatenetwork/> Or e-mail us: [climate@nmu.edu](mailto:climate@nmu.edu)