

This 'n' That

Date	11am Service	9:45am Adult Forum
October 23	“Hearken Now, the Darkness Comes” Service Leader: February Sky	“UUWorld Discussion” 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.

“**Hearken Now, the Darkness Comes**” a celebration of the last-harvest holiday of Samhain (Celtic New Year or Halloween)” Presenters: February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban) The Celtic word "Samhain" means “summer’s end.” This holiday is the beginning of Winter and the New Year, the time of giving thanks for a good harvest, and a time for letting go of what no longer serves us. It is also the time of year when the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead is said to be the thinnest, and the dead are invited back for loving remembrance. We will observe all of these ancient traditions and reflect on their significance in our modern lives. **Please bring a picture or other memento of a departed loved one to church to place on our Samhain alter.**



For the next four Sundays in RE, our kids will be actively learning about some Native American spiritual traditions, focusing on the Medicine Wheel, The Seven Grandfathers’ teachings, 7th Generation environmental and socially-responsible practices, and the significance of sacred numbers. Some of the projects they’ll engage in are: making a human medicine wheel, dreamcatchers, and rainsticks. This coming Sunday, the topic is “The Medicine Wheel: Circles and the Significance of the Numbers 4 and 7.” Can’t wait to meet with your kids and commence with greater understandings of, and compassion for, our Nation’s First Peoples.



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>



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



COMMUNITY EVENTS...

The New Free Store ~ Grand Opening TODAY

Thursday, October 20 9am - 6pm & Lakestate Industries Open House 9am – 3pm
1420 & 1500 M-28 East...Receive a FREE Pumpkin for bringing donations!
& FREE Firestarters

<https://www.facebook.com/events/340662589601962/>

Check us out
on the web @
mqtuu.org



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

COMMUNITY SEED SWAP ~ Saturday, October 22 @ 2 – 5pm

Queen City Seed Library is working to create a culture of seed saving in the U.P.

Bring your seeds, your gardening lore, and your stories to the second annual fall seed swap! And if you miss the swap, look in the Seed Library (located in the old card catalog on the first floor of the Peter White) for free seeds and info about seed saving. Bring veggie, fruit, flower, or herb seeds (*non-invasive, open pollinated*) and your seed stories from this year!

EVERYONE IS INVITED ~ You don't need to bring seeds to participate!

Questions? Email Abbey at palmerab@msu.edu

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Consider the challenges of our UU Principles, as well as the following from Meg Riley, senior minister of the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship:

So let's just clear this up right now: We can't believe or do anything we want and claim to be living our UU faith. It's actually a really hard faith to hold to.

- It means that we have to be willing to remain open and fluid instead of freezing up on our favorite (or unconscious) beliefs.
- It means dismantling distortions that oppressive systems have instilled in us.
- It means we have to always know there is much more we don't know than we know, and that wisdom comes in many forms.
- It actually, amazingly, given the arrogance with which it is sometimes held, means deep spiritual humility.
- It means being willing to learn and applying what we learn, even when that takes apart what we thought we already knew.
- It means following the life-force without an instruction manual.
- This means trying to remain gracious when we are confronted with places of unconsciousness and mistakes (and learning to apologize with sincerity and genuine follow-through).
- This means looking beyond 'approved' sources of knowledge.
- This means understanding that we're not the center of the universe, which in turn means that compassion and empathy can be more important than any cherished idea.
- It means that we are responsible for our beliefs and behavior and the impact that they have on other people.
- It does not mean that each and every idea we have is precious or that all ideas are equally valid.

I have been a UU all my life and living this faith will always be a work in progress for me. But I say all this in response to a conversation...where someone said something racist and then stepped behind "Being UU means you can do whatever you want." **No, it does not.** Any of us are welcome to show up and sit in a chair in many, many rooms including UU congregations. None of us is the perfect person all the time, but living out UU principles is actually a challenging and particular spiritual path.