

This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
December 21	“Celebrating Winter Solstice ~Yule Gathering” Service Leader: Wiccan Rev. Dea Kowalczyk	NO FORUM

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.

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OR



MqtUU Hollyday Happenin's...



Winter Solstice Yule Celebration

Saturday, December 20 @ 6:30pm

Come celebrate the return of the light!

PLEASE BRING: small building donation, Toys for Tots or food pantry offering, a dish to share, and 12 to 20 found objects, small homemade creation, or other small inexpensive gift for the annual festive gift exchange.

Holiday Caroling Monday, December 22 Starting at Norlite at 6:00 PM.



We'll be visiting Norlite, Mill Creek and Brookridge Heights assisted living facilities to share **Christmas Caroling** with the residents. Nancy Irish is providing caroling music for us. Sharing the music of the Holiday Season is a wonderful gift we can share and the smiles we see and the love we feel will never be forgotten. Trust me, you will get more than you give and the joy it brings will lift your spirits and last well beyond the Holiday Season. ~ *Tim VanderVeen*

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“Christmas Eve Music, Songs, Hymns.”

Wednesday, December 24 @ 5pm

Host: Kathy Klos

FROM:
gg gordon, MqtUU Treasurer

As the end of the calendar year swiftly approaches, it is a good time to check on where you stand with regard to paying your pledge. Ideally, you will 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 mqtuadassist@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.

December "Share the Plate"

UUSC "Guest at Your Table", an annual fundraising and education program that supports UUSC's human rights work.



Let's gather to support human rights! 

<http://www.uusc.org/welcome-to-guest-at-your-table>

Marquette UU Congregation Hosts:

ROOM AT THE INN

TONIGHT!

The next training is December 18th at the Warming Center at 6pm. Training lasts approximately 1 1/2-2 hours.

<http://www.roomattheinn.org/>

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).

Sign ups will be available on Sundays with the goal of having all slots filled by Sunday, December 14th. You may also contact Sarah Johnson, 458-3915 or iamsarahjeanjohnson@gmail.com OR Michelle Halley, 361-0520 or michelle.halley@sbcglobal.net.

MqtUU WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

We are collecting clean, gently used winter clothing for our "Room at the Inn" guests starting now. Please see if you have warm shirts, jackets, sweaters, heavy socks, gloves, mittens or boots you are willing to donate. We will give them to the people staying in our Meeting House starting on January 11.

We will be in the middle of the coldest part of winter and we must send them out in the morning each day. Let's do what we can to help them get through their day, just as we help them have a safe, clean, warm place to stay for the night.

We are collecting the items now and storing them to give out beginning Jan. 11th.

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
(Coming Soon), 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

<p>Year-to-Date “Share the Plate” MqtUU Donations 2014</p>	February:	UP Rainbow Pride	\$168.40
	March:	MI UU Social Justice Network	\$146.19
	April:	Camp New Day	\$201.55
	June:	Nothing But Nets	\$204.86
	July:	UP Region Alzheimer’s Ass.	\$91.50
	August:	Save the Wild UP	\$222.70
	September:	Doctors Without Borders	\$256.58
	October:	Women’s Center/Harbor House	\$248.58
	November:	Marquette Ending Hunger	

*It ain't easy being green...
But we try to make it easy 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!!***

An awesome resource for UU Holiday Greeting Cards!
http://www.cafepress.com/+unitarian-universalist+greeting_cards



Community Events

The Best of Local Holiday Shopping:

DOWNTOWN MARQUETTE LATE FALL FARMERS MARKET

December 20th, 2014 - 10:00am - 1:00pm

Come down to continue the fun from the summer in a festive atmosphere. Our wide range of vendors are all extremely personable and very welcoming. You'll be surprised with how many unique items are sold and the various gifts that you can find for people of all ages. You will also find several different types of fresh vegetables that you're bound to love. Hope to see you there!

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*In this season of light
and celebration I send
you warm holiday greetings.
May your New Year be
healthy, happy and filled with love.*