

This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
December 28	“Reflections on the Year.” Service Leaders: Tom Spencer and Tim VanderVeen (short service followed by brunch)	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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You Are Invited to the MqtUU Meeting House...

Of January...OF 2015!!!

First Friday

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!!

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

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

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

<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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>																											
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	<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 style="text-align: center;">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 on 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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In this season of light
and celebration I send
you warm holiday greetings.
May your New Year be
healthy, happy and filled with love.