

# This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
March 1	“Fire of Commitment: Stewardship Service.” Service Leaders: Mike White and the Stewardship Committee	““Congregational Conversations About How Our BOT Works” Host: MqtUU Board of Trustees

## 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.

## Reflection & Learning Project on Israel-Palestine Sunday, March 1 @ 12:30pm in the Big RE Room

We conclude our winter series of the *Reflection & Learning Project on Israel-Palestine* this Sunday, March 1, continuing our focus on the connections with our UU Principles. Come for Middle Eastern lunch refreshments, videos, slides, readings, and discussion and perhaps a special guest. Please join us at 12:30 pm. The spring series will be held at First Presbyterian Church, days and times to be announced.



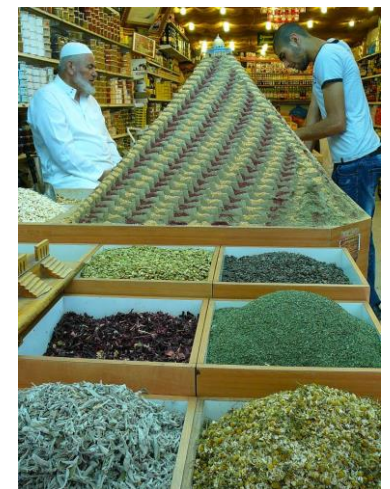
*Mediterranean Sea from Jaffa, just south of Tel Aviv*



*Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem*



*Spices for sale at the souq*



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**DAANG! Check out the new UUA.org website! What an inspiration!**

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### Committees & Contacts

An opportunity to give of your time and talents!

Adult Enrichment ~ gg gordon

Communication Team ~ Sarah Redmond

Community Development ~ Tim VanderVeen

Facility ~ Shaun Devlin

Finance ~ Sarah Redmond



Green Team ~ Sarah Redmond

Music ~ Jean Trost

Religious Exploration ~ Jill Mielcarek

Social Action ~ Megan Foulks

Sunday Services ~ Tom Sullivan

<p><b>FROM:</b>  <b>Stewardship Committee</b>  <b>Chair, Mike White and</b>  <b>Our Treasurer, gg gordon</b></p>	<p><b>"A Big Thank You goes out to all who have already submitted their pledges, by mail or directly to g.g. gordon, our Treasurer."</b></p> <p>If you have yet to submit completed pledge forms, please do so either by mailing, giving to gg gordon or Mike White, or putting in the treasurer's folders at the meetinghouse.</p>
<p><b>MqtUU Chair Yoga</b></p>	<p>The last session of the season will be Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30 pm  \$5 – all goes to the UU  Dharmini Robertson offers personal support as a part of her yoga therapy practice to the UU congregation.</p>
<p><b>March 2015</b>  <b>"Share the Plate"</b></p>	<p><b>MI Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)</b></p>  <p>Mission: <i>To foster the worth and dignity of people by promoting social justice and community service.</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.uujustice.org">www.uujustice.org</a></p>
<p><i>Meet your MqtUU Representatives</i></p>	<p>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</p>
<p><b>The New Era of Unitarian Universalism</b></p>  <p><b>2015 Regional Assembly</b></p>	<p><b>Regional Assembly</b> will be held <b>APRIL 17 -19</b> at the Marriott Hotel in Naperville, Illinois (near Chicago). <b>KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: The Reverend Rosemary Bray McNatt</b> is the new president at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, and <b>The Reverend Dr. Marlin Lavanhar</b> is Senior Minister at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa. Regional Assembly workshop tracks will include: Stewardship, Multicultural/Inclusion, Social Justice, Deepening UU, Worship, and New Era. We'll have two sessions for workshops on Saturday afternoon. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!</p> <p>Guest rooms are available at a special group rate of \$89 per night. This rate is good till April 1. To reserve a room for Friday and Saturday with the discounted rate: <a href="#">BOOK YOUR ROOM ONLINE</a> or reserve a room by phone: Call 1-800-514-4684 and use code <b>Unitarian Universalist</b> for the group rate. If you are reserving a room for earlier in the week, you will need to call to get the discounted rate.</p>
<p><b>Tender Loving Care</b></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! <a href="mailto:mqtuucare@gmail.com">mqtuucare@gmail.com</a></p>



**Hey, if you know someone who is not coming to the Meeting House cuz they need a ride, please call the Meeting House at (906) 249-9450 and we will help! 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

*“It ain’t easy being green...”*

*But we do try to make it easier 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:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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!!***

## Happening Elsewhere in the Mqt Community:

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

The Peter White Public Library will be closed on Sundays beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>! Why, you ask? Due to required budget cuts as a result of Duke Lifepoint tax refund granted by the MI Tax Tribunal.

PWPL Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, March 17 @ 5pm Marquette City Manager, Bill Vajda and City Finance Director, Gary Simpson will be presenting the Mqt City CFO Forecast and associated budget process for managing revenue volatility. All board meetings are open to the public. You are invited to join as the public guests, take good notes on the presentation and ask questions during the public comment period. Thank you! *Smile emoticon*

Dennis Liimata, Marquette Township supervisor is presenting for the MqtUU Adult Forum on Sunday, March 22 @ 9:45am to answer all your questions and help plan a Community Call to Action! Please join us for this important forum!





## [Putting on the Membership Apron](#)

What does it mean to be a member in a congregation? How much can we ask of members? I believe that membership should signify a commitment to the congregation and its mission as expressed by the [Rev. Michael Piazza](#).

“Becoming a member of a church means you take off your bib and put on an apron,” he declared to a group of UU ministers at the recent [UUMA Institute](#).

I remember the moment when I really felt I had become a

“real” member of my own congregation.

It wasn't when I started dropping a weekly check into the offering basket.

It wasn't when I took my first religious education class.

It wasn't when I signed the membership book.

It wasn't even when I became moderator (a Universalist church position similar to president) of the congregation.

I felt I became a “real” member when I spent a full Saturday as part of a work party doing a deep cleaning of the church building before ingathering Sunday.

I'm not saying that membership only comes with a scrub brush and mop. But I do believe that when we become a member of a congregation, we should be asked to change our posture from guest to host, from visitor to steward.

As hosts, we make sure the guests find a welcoming and nurturing spiritual community. As lifelong seekers, we grow our own souls through our own continuous faith development. As stewards, we offer our time and money to help sustain and grow that community. As members we agree to serve in these roles and more, in covenant with one another and with our highest ideals.

As Brother Sun says, [we do what must be done](#).

-Rev. Renee Ruchotzke, Congregational Life Staff, Central East Region

### **Resources:**

[Liberating Hope: Daring to Renew the Mainline Church](#) by Michael Piazza

[Belonging \(PDF, 166 pages\)](#): The Meaning of Membership, with Study Guide (2001 Commission on Appraisal report)

<http://www.uua.org/growth/membership/index.shtml>