

This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
March 29	“Stewardship Service with Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Ian Evison*” Service Leaders: Mike White & the Stewardship Committee	“Cultural Literacy for Religion: Facets of Religion: Divinity and Devotion” (video). Host: Tom Sullivan

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.

*Join us at our special Sunday service on March 29!

Our “Message of the Morning” will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Ian Evison of the MidAmerica Region Unitarian Universalist Association, in Roseville Minnesota (the regional UU association to which MqtUU belongs). Rev. Evison is a UU minister and the Congregational Life Consultant for the MidAmerica Region. He will be helping us explore the importance of stewardship in UU congregations. There will also be a lunch from Border Grill served after the service. Join us in welcoming Rev. Evison to Marquette.

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The Mission Statement Committee has drafted the following for the Congregation's consideration. A Mission Statement is defined as "a written declaration of an organization's core purpose and focus that normally remains unchanged over time. Properly crafted mission statements (1) serve as filters to separate what is important from what is not, (2) clearly state which markets will be served and how, and (3) communicate a sense of intended direction to the entire organization."

Ideally a mission statement is something a congregation can insert into its order of service, say in unison at services, and use to define our organization to outsiders.

Here is the Committee's draft Mission Statement:

We, the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation, are

Bound Together By a Core Belief in the Power of Love; and are

Committed to Building Beloved Community.

We Care for, Nurture and Support the Spiritual Growth of One Another;

We Share Reverence for our Natural Environment and are Dedicated to the

Respectful Stewardship of the Earth; and

We Work Together to Bend the Moral Arc of the Universe toward Justice.

The congregation is invited to offer feedback, reactions, suggestions, proposed edits, etc. on this proposal. Comments may be submitted via email to g.g. gordon, plumskiter@gmail.com, or to g.g. or Nancy Sullivan in person. An upcoming Adult Forum dedicated to a discussion of the proposal will be scheduled. Any and all input is invited and welcome.

Check us out on the web


@

mqtuu.org

or



THANK YOU!

<p style="text-align: center;">FROM:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stewardship Committee Chair, Mike White</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And our treasurer, gg gordon</p>	<p>On March 29, Ian Evison of our MidAmerica District office is coming to preach to us on the "Sprituality of Giving." Guitar music during the service will be provided by Dave Stensaas and Tom McKenzie. After the service, we are having a luncheon from Border Grill for all members and friends of our congregation. This is our opportunity to be giving special thanks to members who donate their time and talent to our congregation by serving committees. We are also collecting rolls of toilet paper and paper towels to donate to the Harbor House. Please bring a package for the cause.</p> <p>If you have a husky teenager, then please bring him or her to the service. We will need help setting up tables for the luncheon after the service.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank You.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"A Big Thank You goes out to all who have already submitted their pledges, by mail or directly to g.g. gordon, our Treasurer."</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 style="text-align: center;">March 2015 "Share the Plate"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MI Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p style="font-style: italic;">Mission: <i>To foster the worth and dignity of people by promoting social justice and community service.</i></p> <p>www.uujustice.org</p> </div> </div>
<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>
<p style="text-align: center;">MqtUU Hosts the Last Week of the Season for RATI</p>	<p>The Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation will host Room at the Inn (RATI) during the week of May 24th-May31st. Room at the Inn is rotating homeless shelter that operates October through May and we are hosting the final week of the 2015 season. We hosted RATI for the first time in January and it was incredibly successful. We, again, need all hands on deck to support this monumental and worthwhile project.</p> <p>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 a training--see below), providing cleaning supplies and more.</p> <p>Sign up will be available on Sundays with the goal of having all slots filled by Sunday, April 12th. You may also contact Sarah Johnson, 458-3915 or iamsarahjeanjohnson@gmail.com OR Michelle Halley, 361-0520 or michelle.halley@sbcglobal.net</p>

**Fleece Tie Blanket Project
for Camp New Day**

**Mark your calendars:
Saturday, May 9 from 1-4 pm**

We will again be making blankets for the campers at Camp New Day. This will be an intergenerational activity with



children, teens and adults working together on making these blankets. So please save the date and time! More info to come.

Any questions? Give Nancy Sullivan a call.

Committees & Contacts

An opportunity to give of your time and talents!

- Adult Enrichment ~ gg gordon
- Green Team ~ Sarah Redmond
- Religious Exploration ~ Jill Mielcarek
- Sunday Services ~ Tom Sullivan
- Communication Team ~ Sarah Redmond
- Community Development ~ Tim VanderVeen
- Facility ~ Shaun Devlin
- Music ~ Jean Trost
- Social Action ~ Megan Foulks

*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
- Lisa McKenzie, Religious Exploration Coordinator

**The New Era of Unitarian
Universalism
2015 Regional Assembly**



Regional Assembly will be held **APRIL 17 -19** at the Marriott Hotel in Naperville, Illinois (near Chicago). **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: The Reverend Rosemary Bray McNatt** is the new president at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, and **The Reverend Dr. Marlin Lavanhar** 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!

The MidAmerica Region is building a new era in Unitarian Universalism, where UUs visibly live our faith, create connections, grow our membership, and welcome all persons who share our UU values.



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 recycling and receive 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!!

UUA General Assembly ~ 2015 ~ Portland, Oregon June 24 – 28



Build a New Way at GA

This June in Portland, Oregon, our [2015 General Assembly](#) (GA) will not just have green practices: we will work for climate justice. With [Commit2Respond](#), a broad Unitarian Universalist movement, GA will build our capacities to: shift to a lower carbon future, advance the human rights of affected communities, and grow the climate justice movement.

[Find out about Unitarian Universalist work for climate justice.](#)

The GA 2015 theme is "Building a New Way." It's about more than climate justice. It's about breaking out of our old ways, and using our creativity to live into something new. At GA we worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone who registers may attend; delegates from our member congregations may vote. Programs and childcare are available for children. [Register here to participate in GA 2015 in person or virtually \(off-site\).](#)

Happening Elsewhere in the Mqt Community...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Community Forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 9th in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library with Rep. John Kivela, Senator Casperson, Mqt. Township Supervisor Dennis Liimatta and others to update us on the MI Tax Tribunal and the “Dark Store” Loophole! Please join us, bring a friend and your questions!

For more information, a Facebook group was created, Save MQT, Save MI!
Also new website: closemichiganloopholes.org

Please check it out, get informed and get involved!