

This 'n' That

Date	11am Service	9:45am Adult Forum
April 17	"Whose Garden Was This?" Presenters: February Sky (Susan Urban & Phil Cooper)*	"Short Answers....About Climate Change." MqtUU Social Action Committee

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.

*Reflections in song and spoken word on the joy of living on our beautiful Earth, the sadness at seeing so much of her ravaged, and the question of whether there is still time to redeem and renew her.

HELP WANTED!

MqtUU Needs a Religious Exploration Coordinator (Sunday School Teacher)

If you or someone you know is interested in earning extra money while enjoying an awesome experience working with our UU kids, check out the Employment Opportunity tab on the mqtuu.org website & please contact Dharmini Robertson, dharminirobertson@gmail.com.

Room at the Inn-We need YOU! Room at the Inn (RATI)@ MqtUU

May 1st-May 8th

We need to fill volunteer slots and there is truly a job for everyone. Options include: preparing and serving a meal (continental breakfast OR dinner), washing linens, volunteering for a shift (must have attended formal training-see below), helping with set up before the service on 5/1 or clean up the morning of 5/8, and donating snacks and toiletries (list of needs is on sign-up sheet at MqtUU). RE is hosting dinner on Friday, May 6th and we welcome your help with this event.

Please see the sign-up at MqtUU or contact Sarah Johnson at 458-3915 or Michelle Halley at 361-0520 to let us know how you can support. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION: April 21st, 2016

6-8 p.m. at the Warming Center, located at 447 W. Washington Street. All new volunteers are required to attend this training prior to volunteering for Room at the Inn. <http://roomattheinn.org/>

**This 'n' That Deadline: Wednesdays @ 5pm
Chronicle Deadline: The 25th of every month**

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<p style="text-align: center;">April “Share the Plate” Recipient</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Church of the Larger Fellowship's prison ministry outreach</i> http://www.questformeaning.org/programs/prison-ministry/ More than two million people are incarcerated in prisons and jails across the United States. Like many Americans, most prisoners have never heard of Unitarian Universalism, and those who have 'non-traditional' spiritual beliefs often despair of finding a religious community that will respect their beliefs and encourage their spiritual growth while they are incarcerated.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">UP UU SUMMER FEST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 6th & 7th @Bewabic</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE: We are beginning to plan a U.P U.U Summer Fest at Bewabic State Park (http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=411&type=SPRK) on August 6th and 7th 2016 you can reserve a campsite at the link above. The plan at this point is to have a friendly Camp fire Saturday night August 6th and a service/potluck/BBQ on Sunday August 7th . We are just at the beginning stages of planning this out and hope to have fellowships in Marquette, the Keweenaw and Escanaba join in the fun. We hope by setting the date this early in advance we can have representation from all the UU UP groups. The Crystal Falls area was selected because it is central to all UU UP groups. Sound like fun? WE need help and suggestions. Contact Escanaba UU President joseph.mold@gmail.com</p>



[Democracy Spring](#) began on April 2nd with a march to Washington, DC, from the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Thousands will take civil disobedience on the steps of our political Capital buildings this week. I joined the movement at Union Station's Columbus Circle on Monday, as banners and signs were distributed and hoisted against the sky. Speakers took the stage and set the tone for an energized crowd.

Police escorts held back traffic as about 2,000 marchers took to the streets chanting --- "Campaign reform now! Protect voters' rights! Get big money out of politics!" --- to the steps of the United States Capital for the first of five days of sit-ins. Over [400 people were arrested](#) on day-one.

The US Supreme Court overlooks the steps where Monday's protest and arrests took place. Ironically, engraved on the building's face is an unfulfilled promise: "Equal Protection Under Law". Democracy Spring and Democracy Awakening are about demanding fair elections, protected by law, so that this promise can be fulfilled. We rise together to overcome laws and practices that strip people of fundamental voting rights and increase the power of corporations over communities, to the detriment of People and the Planet.

Get inspired: Listen to these two prophetic sermons preached by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II at All Souls Church of Washington, DC, on Sunday March 6, 2016: [Standing in the Tradition of Moral Dissent](#) and [Bothered and Baptized by the Blood](#). **Get educated:** Read, [The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement](#), by The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II. 2016. Beacon Press. **Take action: *Get out to DC this week or take action in your local area!*** There will be a Democracy Awakening [teach-in](#) at the All Souls Church on Saturday, the 16th -- which is also Democracy Spring's [Climate Justice Day](#).

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COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENT...

The groundbreaking film, *PlantPure Nation*, * hosted by Northern Vegans @ **7pm Thursday, April 21st** (the day before Earth Day) at The Thomas Theater, Marquette. Admission is \$5.00. Complimentary vegan appetizers and refreshments at 6pm in the Party Room of Thomas Theater courtesy of Marquette Food Co-op, Babycakes, Blue Pot Catering, City Green Market, and Northern Herbivores.

Interested in carpooling? Contact Barb Michael at 273-1174 or michael.barbara.102@gmail.com.

* The documentary film, *PlantPure Nation*, tells the story of best-selling author, T. Colin Campbell; North Carolinian Nelson Campbell; and Kentucky Rep. Tom Riner, as they launch plans to propose healthy food programs and expose the forces that stand in the way of a wider recognition of the healing powers of a plant-based diet.

Oppose Senator Tom Casperson's New Anti-LGBTQ Student Bathroom Bill

Senator Tom Casperson announced he will soon introduce a misguided bill that would ban transgender students from using school restroom facilities that match their gender identity.

Call Senator Casperson: 1-517-373-7840

This bill discriminates against LGBTQ students.

Urge the Senator to NOT introduce this bill.

BACKGROUND: Nationally, 26% of transgender students were physically assaulted last year. In Michigan, last year, lesbian, gay and bisexual students were 2.3 times more likely to be threatened or injured than their peers. In response to requests for guidance from local school districts, the Michigan Board of Education introduced a "Statement and Policy Guidance on Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for LGBTQ Students".

The Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN) Board of Directors voted on April 9th to support these guidelines. The Board is deeply troubled that Michigan Senator Tom Casperson (whose 38th District is the Upper Peninsula) announced that he plans to soon introduce a bill that would require Michigan students to "only use bathrooms and locker rooms matching their birth" sex unless they have "written consent from a parent or guardian". His bill would ban transgender students from using bathrooms that match their gender identify.

ACTION: The MUUSJN Board urges you to call and/or email Senator Tom Casperson this week. Phone: 1-517-373-7840 E-mail: sentcasperson@senate.michigan.gov
If you are resident of the Upper Peninsula, be sure to inform him of that.

TELL HIM “DO NOT TO INTRODUCE YOUR ANTI-LGBTQ BILL”

- The MDE guidelines are designed to ensure that LGBTQ students have a safe and supportive educational environment;
- Your bill would allow discrimination against vulnerable LGBTQ students, particularly transgender students;
- Your bill would require transgender youth to use bathrooms that contradict their gender identity and would invade their privacy with staff doing gender checks;
- The Michigan ACLU LGBT Projects Attorney Jay Kaplan has indicated that this legislation is unconstitutional and would be potentially subject to a lawsuit;
- This legislation is built on misinformation created by opponents of LGBT rights-that transgender students engage in predatory behavior and that transgender students are a threat to public safety.

For Talking Points from Equality Michigan on Sen. Casperson's "Bathroom Inspection Bill", click [HERE](#). Click this link to read "[State Senator Want to Ban Trans Students from Using Bathrooms of Their Choice](#)" (Between the Lines, 4/7/2016).

