

# This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
May 17	*“Building a Cathedral or Cutting Up a Stone” Presenters: February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban)	Ministerial Educational Process (Wiccan, UU, etc.)” Host: Rev. Dea Kowalczyk

**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.

Check us out on the web @

***mqtuu.org***

or



\* “It has been truly said that “Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.” When things don’t work out in the ways we thought we wanted, it can be easy to become angry, bitter and perpetually unhappy. But often what is needed is a simple shift in perspective – it really is all in the way we look at it.” ~ February Sky

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### Room At The Inn & Much Gratitude!

Sarah and I would like to thank everyone helping with RATI. It's going very smoothly thanks to everyone pitching in. Thanks, Michelle

*Please join us in serving a meal for RATI on Saturday, May 16th. Dinner is served at 6:15-6:30. We are serving a Taco Bar and need to be prepared for 20 guests, intake volunteers and our group serving. If you cannot attend, but want to help, or need to know what is needed, please contact Jill Mielcarek (235.9889) or Sarah Johnson (458.3915). Thank you!*

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The **Social Action Committee** will be meeting Sunday, May 17 at 12:30! Always so much going on that’s needs your attention, locally, at the state level, federally and globally!

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### May 19 is next Board Meeting and Budget Review 6 p.m. at Meeting House.

Board of Trustees to be at upcoming Sundays:

May 17 = Teri

May 24 = Tim

May 31 = Sarah

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Please attend the **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!** **Sunday, May 31**, following the service. Food will be provided!

Congregational meeting may include budget approval, Real Property Fund trustee language change in By-laws and vote for any new trustees; vote on mission statement; voting for Board of Trustee nominations; and possible vote on solar proposal.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM MUUSJN:

### Michigan House considering bill reversing dozens of local human rights ordinances

We found this one hard to believe too, but rather than respond to the growing momentum for inclusion of LGBTQ people in anti-discrimination laws, rather than bring resolution to a fight against legalized discrimination that began in 1972, our leaders in Lansing are considering a bill that could undo all of that.

Pure Michigan is increasingly becoming about pure intolerance.

#### [We all must stand up to this!](#)

Today the Michigan House Committee on Commerce and Trade will hold a hearing on [House Bill 4052](#) (Poleski -R), which if signed into law would void dozens of local human rights ordinances and other measures to help protect citizens. Equality Michigan's director of political advocacy, Sommer Foster, is in Lansing offering testimony opposing this bill - but [we need your help!](#)

It's hard to believe that in 2015, it is still legal in Michigan to fire, evict or deny services to someone simply because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. It is even harder to believe that rather than address that problem, our leaders are wasting their time on a bill that would make it worse!

#### [Send an email to members of the Michigan House Committee on Commerce and Trade demanding they oppose House Bill 4052.](#)

Help us spread the word on social media:

- Short link: <http://eqmi.us/mi4052>
- Hashtag: **#PureIntolerance**

#### [Say NO to this draconian measure!](#)

Unfortunately, these are not the only bills which impact our community that the legislature in Lansing is discussing. The so-called "Religions Freedom Restoration Act" has already had its hearing, and its accompanying discriminatory adoption bills could get a full Senate vote any day now. [We must also keep the pressure on to defeat these bills](#) because **#RFRAhurts Michigan!**

#### [Support Equality Michigan's efforts to fight these anti-LGBTQ efforts.](#)

## MORE THIS 'n THAT FROM MqtUU:


May 2015  
"Share the Plate"



Inspiring sustainable growth of a healthy urban community through trees, green spaces, food, education, training and job opportunities. We aspire to provide a greener tomorrow for our Detroit.

<http://www.greeningofdetroit.com/>



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Mission Statement Committee</b></p> <p>has drafted a mission statement for the Congregation's consideration. 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.</p>	<p>Here is the Committee's draft Mission Statement:</p> <p><b>We, the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation, are: Brought 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, Fairness and Compassion.</b></p> <p>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, <a href="mailto:plumskiter@gmail.com">plumskiter@gmail.com</a>, or to g.g. or Nancy Sullivan in person. Any and all input is invited and welcome.</p> <p><b>THANK YOU!</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><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>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Committees &amp; Contacts</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">An opportunity to give of your time and talents!</p>	<p>Adult Enrichment ~ gg gordon                      Facility ~ Shaun Devlin Green Team ~ Sarah Redmond                      Music ~ Jeanne Trost Religious Exploration ~ Jill Mielcarek              Social Action ~ Megan Foulks Sunday Services ~ Tom Sullivan Communication Team ~ Sarah Redmond Community Development ~ Tim VanderVeen</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meet your MqtUU Representatives</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 Barb Michael, Music Coordinator</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>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.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THANK YOU!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marqtran Door-to-Door Service is available to schedule rides from anywhere in Marquette to our Meeting House!</b></p> <p>Please call 225-1112 or Check out <a href="http://marqtran.com">marqtran.com</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2015 UU Women's Connection Council Spring Conference</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Journeys of the Spirit June 5-7, 2015 @ Pilgrim Park, Princeton, IL 61356 Earth-honoring Rituals, yoga, drumming, art, workshops. Keynote: Marsha Forrest, health &amp; wellness consultant &amp; spiritual guide.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Register online: <a href="http://uuwomensconnection.org">uuwomensconnection.org</a>,</p>

*“It ain’t easy being green...”*

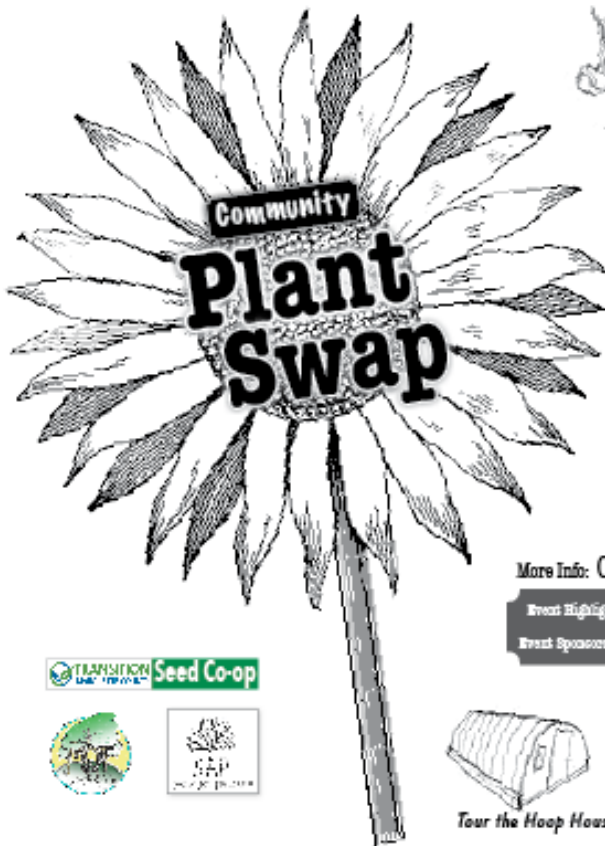
*But we do try to make it easier for you.*

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:

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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!!**



————— *A fun family event!* —————

**When:** Saturday, May 16th from 1 to 3 pm.

**Where:** Graveraet Elementary School

**What:** Bring Plant Starts, Cuttings, Seeds

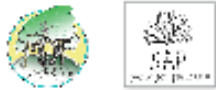
**How:** All items must be labeled and in bags or containers

**More Info:** Call 228-0608 or e-mail: [transitionmarquette@gmail.com](mailto:transitionmarquette@gmail.com)

**Event Highlights:** Hoop House Tours, Seed Bombs for kids, Eco Exhibits and more!

**Event Sponsors:** Transition Marquette Seed Co-op, MQT Growth, Superior Acre Permaculture

 **Seed Co-op**



*Tour the Hoop House!*



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## General Assembly: Portland, Oregon

There is nothing quite like being in worship with so many UUs, and listening to some of the most stellar preachers of our era. Workshops help lay leaders and religious professionals learn how to do "church" better, and how they can help their congregations grow and thrive in these changing times.



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Cornel West will be the Ware Lecturer on Saturday night, and many events (including all the business meeting segments) will be live streamed. You can check out the UUA website for more details of programming, registration, and (closer to the date) the live streaming details. Just visit: <http://www.uua.org/ga> to see details for this year, and links to programming from previous years.