

# This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
June 14	“Wisdom From Different Faith Traditions.” Service Leader: Tom Spencer	“Flower Planting at the Meeting House.” 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



## CORRECTION

"Our Mqt. UU Year in Review 2015 has one glaring error I need to correct to give credit where credit is due. While Nancy Sullivan has been a big part of the Community Development Committee, Tim VanderVeen has not only chaired the CDC, but has done much of the day to day activities of not only CDC but our Tender Loving Care committee. Let's all give Tim some of the good old Mqt. UU tender loving care. Thanks Tim."

Sarah Redmond, President, 2014-15

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## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Mediation Council is empowered to guide and intervene in situations of behaviors that diminish congregants' or guests' safety (emotional or otherwise) or that disrupt congregational business and activities.

The MqtUU Mediation Committee is in need of two nominees to replace two who have completed their terms. For more info please contact Tim VanderVeen.

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## Submitted for your perusal:

A change to the UUA bylaws has been proposed. As GA delegates representing MqtUU, your input would be appreciated. For more information check out the information at:

[https://www.midamericauua.org/resources/document-categories/doc\\_download/302-uua-proposals-on-regional-governance-and-rights](https://www.midamericauua.org/resources/document-categories/doc_download/302-uua-proposals-on-regional-governance-and-rights)

Please contact Heidi, Tim or gg to share your thoughts on the vote.  
 Thank you!

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Please let Heidi know of your preferred method of contact, for information to be included in the MqtUU Directory. Email [mqtuuadassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuuadassist@gmail.com). Thank you!

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Portland  
 Oregon**  
 JUNE 24-28  
**2015**



There is nothing quite like being in worship with so many UUs, and listening to some of the most stellar preachers of our era. Cornel West will be the Ware Lecturer on Saturday night, and many events will be live streamed. Just visit: <http://www.uua.org/ga> to see details for this year, and links to programming from previous years.

**June "Share the Plate"**



[www.roomattheinn.org](http://www.roomattheinn.org)

**Room at the Inn (RATI)** is an emergency night shelter for adults run by an interfaith coalition of churches sharing the mission to provide support and shelter for the homeless in the Marquette area. RATI is a rotating shelter, moving weekly to one of the twelve different hosting churches. The underlying goal of Room at the Inn is to provide an opportunity for guests to focus on life transitions without the worry of finding food and shelter.

**FROM: RE**

**MqtUU Summer RE Volunteer Responsibilities**

- Light chalice and share joys and concerns.
- Direct and facilitate an activity from the list provided (or one that you have planned and brought yourself).
- Keep children participating in the activity.
- Address any individual behavior issues that disrupt the activity. Ask for help from parents in the congregation if needed.
- End lessons by 12:10, call kids together to help clean up space and return everything to its original place.
- Send kids to their parents at 12:15 or when service is over (whichever is later).
- Kids will have their snack with the rest of the congregation. If there is no snack, you can find items on top of the refrigerator that you may put out for the kids.

Contact Lisa McKenzie, [lisamckenzie@charter.net](mailto:lisamckenzie@charter.net), 362-7124, with any questions, concerns or feedback.

**MqtUU Peace Camp  
August 21-23, 2015**

*Connecting Families, Community and Nature in a Mindful Way.*  
Big Creek (Irish-Villa) Property, 395 Karen Road, Marquette  
Enjoy cooperative play, music and crafts, communing with nature, yoga/tai chi, environmental education, mindful meals, family camping. For more information contact Jill Mielcarek @ 235-9889.

**Registration deadline: July 31, 2015**


**ROOM AT THE INN  
Volunteer Training**

What: Training for Volunteering with Room at the Inn shifts  
 When: Every Thursday from 6-8:30 pm  
 Where: Warming Center on Washington St. across from the Co-op  
 Who: YOU, if you're not trained or want a refresher :o)  
 Why: Room at the Inn always welcomes new volunteers! It's flexible - you decide where - what church(es) - and when you can help out - morning (no training necessary), evening, or night shifts.

**Tender Loving Care...**

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](mailto:mqtuucare@gmail.com)

"That's what I wish our worship services would do-leave us all breathless, changed. I had the privilege a few years ago of studying with one of America's best preachers, Rev. James Forbes. He said, don't give a sermon unless you want to create transformation. Otherwise you are wasting people's time. And, by the way, the only person you can really transform is yourself. Every sermon you give should transform you in some way." - Meg Riley, UU CLF Minister

<p><b>Committees &amp; Contacts</b></p> <p>An opportunity to give of your time and talents!</p>	<p>Adult Enrichment ~ gg gordon  Green Team ~ Megan Foulks  Religious Exploration ~ Jill Mielcarek  Sunday Services ~ Tom Sullivan  Communication Team ~  Community Development ~ Tim VanderVeen</p> <p>Facility ~ Shaun Devlin  Music ~ Jeanne Trost  Social Action ~ Megan Foulks</p> <p>The Communication Team has a vacancy for Chair! If you are interested and have ideas on how to improve communication within the congregation as well as in the Mqt community at large please contact Heidi to be added to the email list!</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  Barb Michael, Music Coordinator</p>												
	<p><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><b>THANK YOU!</b></p> <p><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><b><i>“It ain’t easy being green...”</i></b></p> <p><b><i>But we do try to make it easier for you.</i></b></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 recycling and receive 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 &amp; Accessories</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GPS &amp; 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 &amp; Handhelds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Video Games &amp; 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.</i></p> <p><b>THANK YOU!!</b></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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**MqtUU Mission Statement:**

We, the members of 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.



**FROM: MUUSJN**

**PLEASE CALL GOVERNOR SNYDER ~**

Urge Him to VETO Dangerous RFRA Adoption Bills Ok'd Today in Senate  
1-517-373-3400

This afternoon, the Michigan Senate passed three bills (HBs 4188, 4189 and 4190) that would outrageously would allow adoption and foster care agencies to discriminate against gay families based their "firmly held religious beliefs". These "Religious Freedom Restoration Act" (RFRA) bills are harmful and DO NOT SPEAK FOR MOST PEOPLE OF FAITH who believe that gay families must be treated with respect and homeless children should not be arbitrarily denied placement with loving families.



During April, Governor Snyder publicly vowed to VETO RFRA bills unless they were linked to legislation expanding the Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act to strengthen the rights of gay Michiganders. Clearly, these bills are not linked to expanding LGBT civil rights! Urge Governor Snyder to honor his pledge and VETO this -- or any other RFRA legislation -- that might come to his desk.

MUUSJN anticipated these bills might be voted on in the Michigan Senate. We are grateful that two groups agreed to collaborate with MUUSJN to forward this alert to their friends and other people of faith:

1. INCLUSIVE JUSTICE - a statewide interfaith LGBT welcoming and advocacy group with representation from a dozen faith groups; and
2. THE MICHIGAN INTERFAITH REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE COALITION - a new MUUSJN coalition with individuals and/or representatives from the these faith groups: Jewish, United Church of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Unitarian Universalist, Catholic, Methodist and Muslim.

Key talking points:

1. Freedom of religion is one of our most fundamental rights as Americans. that's why its protected in the state and federal constitution. But that freedom doesn't give any of us the right to harm others.
2. These bills would allow faith based adoption agencies to refuse to provide services to same sex couples, making it more difficult for hard to place children to become adopted or placed in a foster care home.
3. Let's do what's in the best interest of children and all families. VETO HBs 4188, 4189 and 4190.

This alert is posted on MUUSJN's Facebook page. Please go there (see below) and forward it to your Facebook friends.

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**FROM: MUUSC**

It's not a crime to seek asylum in the United States. Yet, hundreds of refugee women, many of whom are mothers, are being unjustly detained in jail-like conditions in Texas and Pennsylvania. Nearly 80% of the 100 women have passed reasonable fear interviews and were denied parole, which would have offered them a fair chance to seek asylum.

[Please call on Sarah Saldaña, director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\), to stand up for immigration justice and release these women.](#)

For families in detention, bonds are rare or too costly to pay. Access to legal counsel and resources are limited. The prolonged detention of refugee women and children — who cannot return to their home country for fear of retaliation or death — has left them vulnerable to other traumatic experiences including malnutrition and depression. Several mothers in detention have attempted to commit suicide.

[Sign our petition calling on ICE Director Saldaña to request the immediate release of these 100 women.](#)

Over the past several months activists, including UUSC supporters, have stepped up and called on the Obama Administration and Congress to end family detention. The attention raised has helped bring this issue into public discourse, increased support among members of Congress, and led to the release of five pregnant women in detention. Now [it's time to appeal directly to ICE](#) to take action and defend these women's rights to dignity, liberty, and due process.

## On “The Field of Weeds”:

**One Suggested Vision** ~ The Visual: A “Field of Dreams”, a collective effort to beautify the field at the far end of the parking lot of the MqtUU property. The Idea: The field can be sectioned into 6’ x 9’ sections with a common walkway of mulch or other material. Each section can be claimed by an individual, family, committee or possibly community group and designed with their own unique flair. Suggestions shown in the graph. There may be a few restrictions being, any plants planted in the ground must be local, native plants and maintenance, including weeding and watering is the responsibility of the group stewarding that section.

If you are interested in this endeavor please contact Heidi at [mqtuudassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuudassist@gmail.com) with any thoughts, comments, questions or suggestions or to volunteer to steward a section.

