

# This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
June 28	“A Brief History of God.” Service Leader: Simone Chiodini	“Cultural Literacy for Religion: The Foundations of Hinduism II” (video). Host: Kathy Klos

**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.

**Heidi, gg, Tim & Nancy, having a great time @ UUA GA in Portland, OR!**

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**Meet Your 2015-2016 MqtUU Representatives:**

- Tim VanderVenn, President
- Dea Kowalczyk, Vice President
- Ann Stark, Secretary
- Chris Wagner, Trustee
- Dharmini Robertson, Trustee

gg gordon, Treasurer

- Heidi Gould, Administrative Assistant
- Lisa McKenzie, Religious Exploration Coordinator
- Barb Michael, Music Coordinator

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**MqtUU Peace Camp 2015**

Connecting Families, Community and Nature in a Mindful Way.

**August 21-23, 2015**

Big Creek (Irish-Villa) Property  
395 Karen Road, Marquette, MI

Camp MqtUU includes: cooperative play, music and crafts, communing with nature, yoga/tai chi, environmental education, mindful meals, family camping in the wilderness of the U.P.

**Registration deadline: July 31, 2015**

**For children ages 7-13**, camp begins 1:30 Friday and ends Sunday at Noon.  
**For children ages 4-6**, programs will only be provided on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult outside of camp programs at all times.

Non-MqtUU members are welcome.

For more information, contact Jill Mielcarek, 235-9889  
Or email [jillmielcarek65@gmail.com](mailto:jillmielcarek65@gmail.com)

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**OWL Volunteers Needed**

OWL Facilitator Trainings are scheduled for October 2 – 4 in Racine, WI. The deadline to register is September 15. For more information: <http://www.obuuc.org/owl-facilitator-trainings/>

Check us out on the web

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***mqtuu.org***

or



UUA 2015 Portland General Assembly online schedule below and here:  
<http://www.uua.org/ga/virtual/2015>

For your convenience, here are the times for the Eastern Time Zone.

Wednesday, June 24

- [Opening Celebration, General Session I](#) 8:00 to 9:30 pm

Thursday, June 25

- [Thursday Morning Devotional](#) 8:00 to 8:15 am
- [General Session II](#) 8:15 to 10:15 am
- [Service of the Living Tradition](#) 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, June 26

- [Soul-FULL Hospitality: Friday Worship](#) 8:00 to 8:45 am
- [General Session III](#) 8:45 am to 12:00 pm
- [Synergy Bridging Worship](#) 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Saturday, June 27


- [Saturday Morning Devotional](#) 8:00 to 8:15 am
- [General Session IV](#) 8:15 am to 12:00 pm
- [Public Witness](#) 4:45 to 6:15 pm
- [Evening Sing](#) 7:30 to 8:00 pm
- [Ware Lecture by Cornell West](#) 8:00 to 9:00 pm

Sunday, June 28

- [Re-Storying Hope: Sunday Morning Worship](#) 9:00 to 10:30 am
- [General Session V](#) 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- [General Session VI](#) 1:30 to 4:30 pm
- [Closing Celebration: "On Our Way!"](#) 5:00 to 6:00 pm



**Save the Date:** UP PRIDE FEST, September 12 @ Tourst Park  
Here's hoping the SCOTUS decision comes today!  
What a celebration that will be!

<p><b>June "Share the Plate"</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.roomattheinn.org">www.roomattheinn.org</a></p>	<p><b>Room at the Inn (RATI)</b> 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.</p>
<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 ~ Ann Stark  Community Development ~ Tim VanderVeen</p> <p>Facility ~ Shaun Devlin  Music ~ Jeanne Trost  Social Action ~ Megan Foulks</p>
<p><b>FROM: RE</b></p>	<p><b><u>MqtUU Summer RE Volunteer Responsibilities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light chalice and share joys and concerns.</li> <li>• Direct and facilitate an activity from the list provided (or one that you have planned and brought yourself).</li> <li>• Keep children participating in the activity.</li> <li>• Address any individual behavior issues that disrupt the activity. Ask for help from parents in the congregation if needed.</li> <li>• End lessons by 12:10, call kids together to help clean up space and return everything to its original place.</li> <li>• Send kids to their parents at 12:15 or when service is over (whichever is later).</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Lisa McKenzie, <a href="mailto:lisamckenzie@charter.net">lisamckenzie@charter.net</a>, 362-7124, with any questions, concerns or feedback.</p>
<p><b>MqtUU Peace Camp</b>  August 21-23, 2015</p>	<p><i>Connecting Families, Community and Nature in a Mindful Way.</i>  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.</p> <p><b>Registration deadline: July 31, 2015</b></p>
<p><b>ROOM AT THE INN</b>  <b>Volunteer Training</b></p>	<p>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.</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 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!!**

**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.



**AN INVITATION FROM BARB MICHAEL:**

**Summer Film Night** showing the award-winning "Smoke Signals" at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 1 at the home of Barb Michael, 102 Wintergreen Trl, Chocolay Township, second driveway on the right off of M-28 (corner of Wintergreen and Autumn Trails).

For more info on the film:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smoke\\_Signals\\_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smoke_Signals_(film))

## *UUs of Interest*

**Equity Rising:** *We are pleased to share a new blog series through Standing on the Side of Love during Pride Month, as we look forward to the Supreme Court Decision on marriage equality. For the next few weeks, we will be exploring several facets of LGBTQ equity, starting with a look at Pride Then and Now. We encourage you to think about how your congregations are involved with Pride, and what ways we can be Love Evangelists as we outreach with LGBTQ communities.*

Eva Brinson has been a member of my church for decades. It took me years to work up the courage to talk to her. A war-time immigrant with a rich German accent, 93 years old, 4'10" and less than 93 pounds – you'd be intimidated, too! I mean, she's been everywhere, seen, done and lived through everything; she doesn't bother with small talk, and she doesn't take any crap. I love that about her.

One day she stopped my wife, and asked, "Vy do you call Nicki your Vife?"

Well, good question.

This was fairly new territory for all of us. Our marriage was not yet legally recognized in Florida. My wife – er wife – explained that it was the only word she knew that clearly conveyed our relationship and what we are to each other.

I'm so grateful for this place that welcomes questions, ongoing learning, and individual declarations of who we are.

Welcoming and hospitality initiatives have taught me that acronyms and abbreviations can be unwelcoming as unknown, insider lingo. And that awareness changed me for the better. However, the "First Unitarian Church of Orlando" is a mouthful – like a lot of our congregations' names and other Unitarian Universalist language. So, while being careful and intentional, informative and accessible, some abbreviations are inevitable.

What's a four-letter word that starts with F-U-C... ?



"FUCO" had been our church's nickname since, well, before I got there 20 years ago. (Yah, it makes me cringe, too.) It was logical. Probably inevitable. And awful! But sort of like a wonderful grandmother with an awkward-sounding nickname: the positive associations with the beloved qualities inside quickly eclipse the negative first impression. Just ask anyone who has a "Babushka" in their life.

Our 200+ active members included many who had at one point in their lives said something like, "I'll never go to a church again." Yet, here we were – gratefully part of the beloved community, the church that was FUCO.

However we got here, however we came to embrace the people, the place and its name, we found our way. And so many members would also say (I know because I asked them), "I'd have been here sooner, if I'd known about it."

That's exactly how I felt, too. And that statement gives me chills and an emotional charge to my very core.

I suppose one of the reasons that statement of mixed joy and lament strikes me so personally is because of the other time I felt that way. When I was 35 I discovered more fully who I was, who and what spoke to my heart, and where I belonged, and I came out as a lesbian.

And I would have been there sooner, if I'd known about it.

The secretiveness, the fear, stigma, the lack of tolerance and equality in our society had kept hidden from me the, well... me that I truly am.

And I feel that our fear or unintentional shyness of being "out" as UUs isn't just keeping our light under a bushel, it's keeping hidden something so important from so many who might well find it life-affirming or even life-saving, should they ever find it.

Seven years ago, our church's beloved minister of 20 years retired, sending us into a period of transition and soul-searching. Who were we going to be as a church, moving forward? Lay-leadership became even more important over this 2-year interim period, and during that time I worked to rebrand our church: I proposed "FUCO" become "1U." Same name, different abbreviation. I developed a new logo, and designed business cards and slogans to weave the nickname into statements of our principles: "The 1U love for promoting equality," "The 1U seek for encouraging questions rather than dictating answers," "Celebrating religious diversity because there's only 1U." These would give us ways to quickly, easily share the core elements of our faith: on business cards, posters, t-shirts, parade banners.

The time was right for change and the rebranding campaign was enthusiastically embraced by the Board, our newly-called minister, and the congregation. We became 1U.

Eva has been on our church's float at Orlando's "Come Out With Pride" parade every year that I know of. But the year following that brief poignant discussion with my wife, she was really engaging with the crowd, handing out 1U calling cards and inviting strangers to church.



Talk about pride – as a lesbian, and as a Unitarian Universalist, that was one of the proudest moments of my life.

When another member of 1U, Jeter Walker, heard about our minister, the Rev. Kathy Schmitz's initiative to coordinate a day of free weddings for any same sex couples as soon as it was to become legal in Florida, he came up with a brilliant message for our most recent Pride parade: "We Want to Marry You!" We had fans printed with that message and the event details, and handed them out to the receptive, cheering crowd. We've had some first-time visitors specifically from that outreach, some who have already become members of 1U. Well over 80 1U members and friends had a blast at this fun, positive, celebratory occasion delivering our message, and beaming with Pride.



With Pride,

Nicki Drumb (at right, pictured with her wife Rachel Gardiner)

*Nicki Drumb is a professional graphic designer and writer who lives in Orlando with her wife and favorite creative communications cohort, Rachel Gardiner. Nicki has been a UU for as long as she's known it existed, is an*

*avid UU evangelist and was recently awarded Florida District's "Unsung Hero Award" for her 19 years of inspiring, supporting, and expressing Unitarian Universalism through graphic design, sermons, poetry and public witness events. You can contact her directly at: [nicki@tkorlando.com](mailto:nicki@tkorlando.com)*

## **Community Announcement:**

### Grief Group

Grief triggers a variety of responses—physical, emotional, and spiritual. And no two persons grieve in the same way or follow the same timetable. Yet, perhaps the hardest “symptom” of grief is the sense of being alone, even if you are surrounded by other people. Many people find relief in sharing their feelings with others who listen well and seek to understand.

Whether your grief is fresh or continues after years of struggle, whether you grieve the loss of a parent, spouse, sibling, friend, or child, you are invited to be part of an 8 week grief group at Messiah Lutheran Church in July and August. The group will meet on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM, beginning on July 6 and ending on August 31. We will use the book "Understanding Your Grief" by Alan Wolfelt as our guide. Each person will be respected as an intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual whole. The goal will not be to “resolve” the pain of grief or to bring “closure” to a loss, but rather to facilitate each person’s journey with grief, so as to experience healing and a renewed sense of joy and purpose in life.

All are welcome from the congregation or community, with the understanding that we will begin and end with prayer and that it will be OK to share spiritual thoughts and concerns as part of our discussion together. Pastor Dave Van Kley will facilitate these sessions. Please call 225-1119 to sign up for the group. Messiah is located at 305 W. Magnetic St. in Marquette.

Gayle Van Osdol  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
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### **COMMUNITY ACTION:**



Vollwerth's "Rebel Hot" Polish Sausage is packaged with a Confederate flag. I complained to the Hancock brat and sausage folks years ago when I noticed it. They said I was the only one that ever complained.

I'm back on the trail again. That flag is offensive and belongs in a museum. It represents white supremacy, slavery, segregation, and discrimination. Many hate groups use it as one of their symbols. Walmart is taking any item off their shelves which depicts a Confederate flag. Our local stores

need to do the same: Econo, Cherry Creek IGA, Valle's, SuperOne, etc.

Please join me by calling or visiting one or more of the stores which carries Vollwerth's Polish Sausage (that would not be the Co-op) and tell them you would appreciate their removing that item from their shelves until the packaging is changed.

One little step in our corner of the world!

Thanks all -  
Barb

UPDATE: According to an email from Vollwerth's, a change in the label is in the works! Contact them and show support for a positive change!

## 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.

