



# THE CHRONICLE

Marquette  
Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation



## Services & Forums August 2015



Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
Aug. 2	“Lammas.” Service Leader: Rev. Dea Kowalczyk	“Is MqtUU really necessary?” Host: Martin Steindler
Aug. 9	“Building a New Way.” Service Leaders: gg gordon, Heidi Gould, Nancy Sullivan, and Tim VanderVeen.	“Reiki as a Spiritual Practice.” Host: Jacob Studinger
Aug. 16	"Finding Your Mongoose" Service Leader: Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher*	"Compassion, Belief, and Other Religious Ideas" What does "belief" mean to you? What do scholars of religious history know about that word? If not belief, what are religions about? Discussion facilitated by Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher
Aug. 23	"Spiritual Reflections of South Africa in Image, Word, and Song!" Service Leader: Barb Michael.	“Folk music of the 50s–still relevant?” Host: Martin Steindler
Aug. 30	SERVICE @ Lakenenland "In Search of Place; within and without." Service Leader: Tim VanderVeen	NO FORUM TODAY

\* Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher is 'Minister Emerita' of DuPage UU Church in Naperville, IL. Between babysitting gigs for her two granddaughters in Chicago, she works part time at various ministry opportunities. She has been a guest minister at MqtUU several times and is looking forward to visiting with us again.

### 2015-2016 MqtUU Representatives:

Tim VanderVeen, President  
Dea Kowalczyk, Vice President  
Anne Stark, Secretary  
Chris Wagner, Trustee  
Dharmini Robertson, Trustee

gg gordon, Treasurer  
Heidi Gould, Administrative Assistant  
Lisa McKenzie, Religious Exploration Coordinator  
Barb Michael, Music Coordinator



## **FROM: MqtUU President, Tim VanderVeen**

I've never quite figured out what "Wet Behind the Ears" means, but I must say I was a little damp there as I approached my first Board Meeting as the new president.

I very quickly learned not to worry. We have an incredible new board, with Chris Wagner (Trustee) returning for a second year along with me, and with Anne Stark (Secretary), Dea Kowalczyk (Vice President), and Dharmini Robertson (Trustee). I was buoyed by the energy, competence, and ideas each brought to table.

We will be having a Board Retreat on August 15 where we will strive to flesh out new ideas, on-going commitments, and renewed focus for our congregation going forward. We are planning to offer more information about the many vital committees which serve our congregation with announcements and opportunities to meet committee members and get questions answered. On the 6th of September board members will present the Sunday forum to share developments and ideas that grew from the August Retreat, and later in the year we will organized a retreat for the leaders in our congregation; of whom there are many.

We have traditions, bylaws, a history, and long-time members. And we have fresh new members, and the happy sound of babies on any given Sunday morning. We have a new a Board of Trustees who embrace the advice and learn from the experience of those who have come before us. We have a vital, vibrant, and enthusiastic congregation; growing more involved in our community every year.

We will all have opportunities to make this congregation reflect what is important to each of us. And will we find deeper meaning and spirituality in those moments waiting for us all.

This is our home for common good. For deep commitment, and for love of our neighbors.

I hope each of you will connect with each other; with Board members, long time members, fresh new faces, and those who seek a welcomed place for sanctuary and inspiration.

We are going to have a very good year. And I thank each of you for that.

Tim VanderVeen,  
President, Board of Trustees  
906-346-2122



### **August Choir Rehearsal @ the Meeting House**

Thursday, August 20 @ 7pm

We'll be rehearsing freedom songs for the  
service on Aug. 23:

"Spiritual Reflections of South Africa in  
Image, Word, and Song!"

### **Chair Yoga**

**w/ Dharmini Robertson**

1 - 2:30pm Wednesdays

last session August 26 :)

Cost: \$5 donation to MqtUU

Meeting House.

Please come a  
little early if  
you are new.



## FROM: Barb Michael

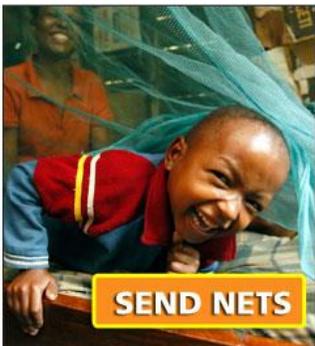
The service on Aug. 23 will begin just prior to 11 o'clock with gathering music and slides from South Africa, which will be interspersed throughout the service. The intention is to have art, music, personal reflections, and some historical context...



...take us on a journey and serve as inspiration for our own lives. Do join us for "Spiritual Reflections of South Africa in Image, Word, and Song!" **If you'd like to sing in our summer choir for this service, please come to a rehearsal at the Meeting House at 7 pm, Thurs., Aug.20th.**

## FROM: Social Action Committee

"Share the Plate" offers opportunities for our members to develop and deepen connections with non-profit organizations from the local, state, national and global levels. Your nominations of non-profit organizations for recipients are welcome! The August "Share the Plate" Recipient is:



Every 60 seconds a child dies from malaria - a disease spread by a single mosquito bite. *Nothing But Nets* works with supporters and partners around the world to raise funds and awareness about the disease and advocate for malaria prevention.

<http://nothingbutnets.net/>

The MqtUU Social Action Committee **NEEDS YOU!** Put your passion to action and get involved with issues of social and environmental justice! As a collective voice we can make a difference! Check us out on Facebook to get current on meeting dates and issues being addressed.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1404026069870621/>

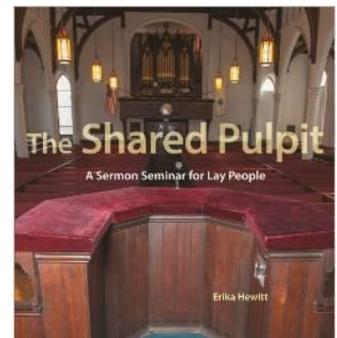
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### WE NEED YOU!

As a lay-led congregation, it is the members who lead Sunday Services! Perhaps you have something you want to share but lack the confidence, skill or experience to get behind the podium! We can change that!

#### "The Shared Pulpit: A Sermon Seminar for Lay People"

An eight (8) session workshop to help lay people gain experience writing and preaching a full-length message, offered at the Meeting House. Learn about the theory and theology of preaching, then practice writing and speaking with authenticity, gradually building toward composing quality 20-minute sermons.



**For more information:** Heidi Gould 226-0102 or email [mqtuudassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuudassist@gmail.com)

# FROM: INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT

Are you looking for a stimulating summer movie to watch with those who share your concern about climate change? The IPL team has been scouring the cinemas, Netflix, and YouTube and our number one pick for the summer is **Merchants of Doubt**.



Go on a satirically comedic, yet illuminating ride into the heart of conjuring American spin...lifts the curtain on a secretive group of highly charismatic, silvertongued pundits-for-hire who present themselves in the media as scientific authorities - yet have the contrary aim of spreading maximum confusion about well-studied public threats ranging from toxic chemicals to pharmaceuticals to climate change.

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## MqtUU August Calendar

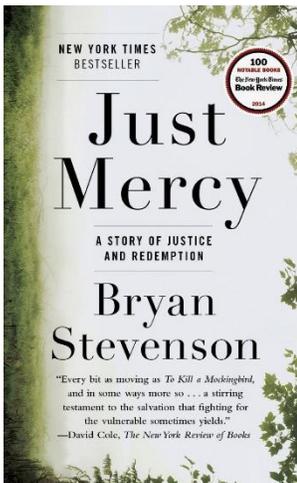
(See Forums & Services on pg. 1)

(Meetings and events will take place at the Meeting House unless otherwise specified)

August 2, after Service Sunday	<b>Board of Trustees Retreat Planning Meeting</b>
August 2 @ 5pm Sunday	<b>CUUPS @ United By Light</b> Lammas ~ Wiccan Initiation & essential oil workshop
August 15 @ 9:30am Saturday	<b>MqtUU Board Member Retreat</b>
August 16 @ 12:15pm Sunday	<b>Social Action Committee Meeting</b>
August 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 1pm Wednesday	<b>Chair Yoga</b>

Check us out on the web @ mqtuu.org and find us on Facebook!

## UUA COMMON READ:



Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption is the UUA's 2015-16 Common Read. Author Bryan Stevenson advocates for those trapped by the U.S. criminal justice system - poor people, people of color, children, and women. The book speaks to justice, mercy, and compassion, timeless and important concerns of people of faith. Begin reading now; a discussion guide will be ready in October. <http://www.uua.org/re/adults/read>

"I have read this book and it is excellent and powerful and shocking and eye-opening. So thrilled that UUA found it and chose it."

~ gg gordon, MqtUU Treasurer



## FROM: Church of the Larger Fellowship

### Welcome Jazmine!

The UU Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) is excited to welcome Jazmine Steele as our new Director of Communications. The following are some words from Jazmine!

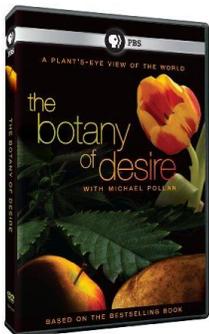
"I am a native of Detroit, Michigan and am looking forward to bringing a rich background in communications, community outreach and religious studies to the CLF staff and community. This fall, I will complete my Masters of Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Most recently, I served as Communications Director for Wesley Theological Seminary's downtown location, and I have also worked as a Creative Spiritual Resident with the popular D.C. spiritual artist collaborative, The Sanctuaries.



I am passionate about the important role media plays in changing our world. I have spent time as a community reporter in Detroit and worked alongside attorneys at the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. I am so excited about the UU message of radical love and look forward to being a part of the CLF family."

**Church of the Larger Fellowship/Quest for Meaning** services are online through Zoom on Sunday evenings at 8 pm and Mondays at 2 pm. You can keep your audio and video off if you want to maintain privacy. The Aug. 2nd Sunday worship will be a Front Porch Conversation with Bob LaVallee and the Monday worship will be a prayer service with Rev. Lynn Ungar.

## Coming Up @ Peter White Public Library



### DocuMonday The Botany of Desire

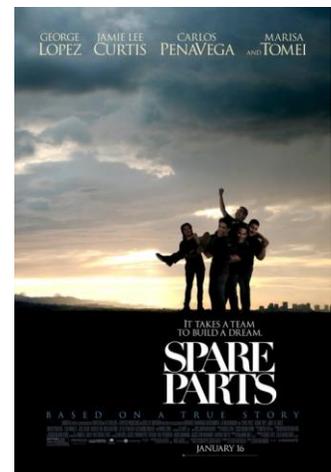
Featuring Michael Pollan and based on his best-selling book, this special takes viewers on an eye-opening exploration of the human relationship with the plant world, seen from the plants' point of view. The program shows how four familiar species -- the apple, the tulip, cannabis and the potato -- evolved to satisfy our yearnings for sweetness, beauty, intoxication and control.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3 @ 7pm**

### Matinee Movie Spare Parts

A 2015 American drama film directed by Sean McNamara and produced by David Alpert, Rick Jacobs, Leslie Kolins Small, George Lopez, and Ben Odell. It is based on the true story of a group of high school students who compete in an underwater robotics competition, first reported in a Wired Magazine story by Joshua Davis.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 @ 12:30pm**



# MqtUU Peace Camp

Connecting Families, Community  
and Nature in a Mindful Way

**August 22, 2015**

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

**Hosted by:  
Marquette Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation**

. Activities are designed for children ages 3-13, but all are welcome. Camp is located on beautiful property at Big Creek in Harvey. Cost is only \$25 to cover meals and activities. Camp onsite or participate as a day camper.

Activities include: Yoga and meditation, environmental education and stewardship, mindful meals, crafts, hikes, cooperative games, campfires and music, family camping and community.

Non-MqtUU members are welcome.

For more information, contact Jill Mielcarek  
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