



Marquette
Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation

January 2016

CHRONICLE

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COMING UP...

January 3

9:45am Adult Forum: NO FORUM

11:00am Service:

“The Core of Unitarianism”

Roger Greeley

Service Leader: Tim VanderVeen

Special Music by

Kerry Yost and Dylan Trost

January 10

9:45am Adult Forum:

Green Team (Megan Foulks)

11:00am Service:

"Lessons from a Special
Education Teacher." Service

Leader: Chris Rothbauer, Minister
at the Keewenaw UU Fellowship

January 17

9:45am Adult Forum:

“Native American Logos.”

Host: gg Gordon

11:00am Service:

“Jimme Lee & James” Service

Leaders: gg gordon and Barb
Michael

January 24

9:45am Adult Forum:

"Preview and Discussion of the
MqtUU Congregational Meeting
on January 31."

11:00am Service:

"In the Eye of the Beholder"

Service Leader: gg Gordon

January 31

9:45am Adult Forum: NO FORUM

11:00am Service: “The Last of
the Old-Fashioned Winter Lovers”

Service Leader: February Sky

Following the Service:

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**



Happy New Year!!
2016



May the New Year bring to you Warmth of Love
and a Light to guide your path towards a positive destination.
Happy New Year!

**MqtUU is housing Room at the Inn
January 3 – January 10**

Our January Guests:

Roger Greeley is a retired UU minister who was at the People's Church in Kalamazoo for almost 30 years and whose family has been at the forefront of the Unitarian church nationally for many years. Roger and Kaye Greeley moved up here a couple of years ago. Tim VanderVeen first met Kaye while walking his dog down around the harbor a just after they had moved here to live nearer their family. Tim got to know Kay and Roger and we are so fortunate to have them in our congregation ☺

Chris Rothbauer is the minister of Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Houghton. A 2014 graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School, he previously served as intern minister in Louisville, Kentucky and Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Chris is passionate radical, and has worked in anti racist, anti classist, feminist, disability, queer, transgender, and neurodiverse activism. Chris is originally from Southern Indiana and lives in Dodgeville with his two dogs and cat.

February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban)

At Solstice we celebrate the beauty of Winter, but come January 1st the lights go out, the tinsel is in the garbage and the parties are over. Not so very long ago, Winter was seen as a season with its own unique pleasures and delights just like any other. This service will explore the possibility of finding a way to enjoy this time rather than simply enduring it.

“the discipline of gratitude connects the present with the past, while the ethic of gratitude connects the present with the future” – Galen Guengerich, UU minister

A Note from the Vice President

Happy New Year to all of us! As you read this, I will be on an adventure in Australia. Our President, Dea Kowalczyk, will likely be on her healthy mend. I am so heartened to see so many people providing the much needed support to her family while she recovers. When I visited her in the hospital on Christmas day, she expressed so much gratitude for all we have done to help her children and husband during this time.

Many people are planning adventures and retreats of various sorts for healing, renewal and brave new personal explorations as the year begins. Some people are traveling, but others are starting to make space in their daily lives to acknowledge what is bringing meaning to them, and to develop a method for spending more time on what matters in the new year.

The old year draws to a close, and we can rejoice in the job well done, and feel the depth of what we have learned from painful moments of our own, or of the greater community. Indeed, this world has gone through so much in 2015. Perhaps we broadened our perspective and have a little more clarity on what is meaningful or useful to us in our own lives, and actions.

Do UU's make New Year's Resolutions? Like the answer to so many questions, my guess is that the answer is: well, that varies! :) I hope that you'll think of ways to connect with others as a part of your 2016 resolutions.

I started picking themes each year about ten years ago. Each month, I choose a new way to explore that theme. It is fun, and keeps me open to new ideas and unexpected developments. This year, I am feeling a new theme: Nature. To me, so far, this means my nature, your nature, Mother Nature. How to honor nature. I cannot imagine what the wilds of Australia will offer to my experience of this. I hope that I can bring my full presence there, as well as here, once I am back. What will you, in your nature, have to teach me?

What is it that you are exploring for yourself that might be a fruitful and varied theme as you begin this new year? I wonder if you have ideas about some ways we can get involved in our community in order to explore our own themes (spiritual interests or curiosities) further?

Community work days are being scheduled (thanks to Micheal Erdmann) for us to come together the last Saturday of the month and eat while improving the Meeting House together. What an opportunity to explore themes of friendship, humor, togetherness, and fostering community.

Many other projects may fit a theme well. Such as MqtUU members are volunteering to host a stop along the Noquemenon Ski Marathon – Saturday January 23, 8-10:30 a.m. See our own Anne Stark to sign up. It fits within my Nature theme, I hope to see you there!

Perhaps the committees you are involved with have some wonderful themes developing in your new year activities as well. I would love to hear more about them.

And mostly,
I just wish all of you a fantastic, deep, and fulfilling new year!



Dharmini Robertson
Vice President
MqtUU Board of Trustees



**FROM: Religious Exploration
Committee**



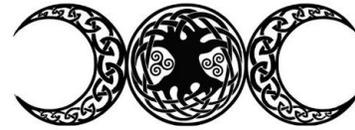
WELCOME,
Congratulations &
Much Thanks
to our

New Religious Exploration Coordinator,
Jamie Kuehn!

All are invited!

January Full Moon Gathering

Saturday, January 23 @ 5pm



Come and join us in celebrating the first full moon of 2016!
We will be using the energy of the full moon to create New
Year Blessing Snow Globes. It will be a laid back night of
crafting and conversation. Please bring a snack to share and
a donation for the building use.



MqtUU Evening Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 12 @ 7 pm
at the home of Jeanne Trost
(911 W. Kaye in Marquette).



Rehearsals last about an hour and a half,
so you are on your way home by 8:30 pm.
Come alone or bring a friend or family member(s).
You are most welcome!

FROM: Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee is busy acting to promote justice
and equality in our local community and around the world!
The Next SAC meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 17 @ 12:30pm.

In 2015 we participated in a successful campaign encouraging the Marquette City Commissioners to adopt the
“Anti-Discrimination” Ordinance!

Let us come together again and further the cause of justice in the New Year!

The January “Share the Plate” Recipient is:



SisterUP Business Alliance is an informal organization serving all counties
in the UP. Established in 2014, our mission is to serve as a resource to local
communities to provide resources and services to people with cancer and
chronic illnesses.

SisterUP works directly with people suffering from a variety of diagnoses to
enable them to access support services such as yoga therapy, massage, and
material resources (including food and transportation support), which
facilitates local community networks and the well being of our society.

SisterUP assists many local businesses on a wide range of projects that helps
support those with cancer or chronic illnesses.

sisterup.org

“There are only two things over which we have control in our lives: our attention and our attitude.”
– Alison Wohler, UU minister

MqtUU January 2016 Calendar

(All events take place at the Meeting House unless otherwise noted. See page 1 for schedule of services.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>A Congregational Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 30! There is much to be done in the Meeting House for better organization and interior structural and aesthetic improvements! Come, share food, work and adventure with us! ☺</p>						
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Social Action Committee 12:30pm						Community Development Committee 10am Full Moon Gathering 5pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
MqtUU BoT Mtg. 12:30pm						MqtUU Workday ☺
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Congregational Meeting 12:15pm	Look for information in the weekly <i>This 'n' That</i> for gatherings and events yet to be scheduled ☺					

FROM: Marquette Interfaith Forum

Due to the First Friday of January, 2016 falling on New Years Day, the **Marquette Interfaith Forum** meeting has been delayed a week to Friday, January 8!

We will meet as previously at "Little Jimmie's" conference center (white chapel with red door on U.S. 41 in Harvey) from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Look for a notice of the topic for discussion in the *This 'n' That* for Jan. 7th, but please mark the date on your calendars and tell others who might attend about this date change.

Check out Marquette Interfaith Forum on Facebook ☺

"A living tradition is not bequeathed through some law of inheritance; it must be earned, not without dust and heat, and not without humbling grace." —James Luther Adams (1901–1994), minister

FROM: UUSC

As 2015 draws to a close, I hope you're able to take a moment to rest, reflect, and savor the company of family and friends.

It's important to spend time with people we love and traditions we cherish — especially when so many people in the world need our help.



The truth is, it's been a very, very challenging year for those of us who care deeply about protecting human rights.

In Europe and the Middle East, we're facing the worst refugee crisis since WWII, all while pushing back fearmongering rhetoric and xenophobic policy proposals that would limit our ability to help those in need. We've seen a similar crisis at our southern border, where women and children fleeing Central America are being detained in jail-like conditions.

But thanks to the support of advocates for justice like you, Heidi, we've helped mount a strong humanitarian response to these crises by supporting partner organizations providing medical care, legal aid, and counseling to refugees and asylum seekers who've lived through some of the worst violence imaginable.

And we're not just responding to crises. We're working with the most vulnerable people, at home and around the world, to protect their rights and help them access justice in the long term. We've partnered with farmworkers and other food chain workers in their push for better working conditions. And we've rallied thousands of people to oppose political efforts that would scapegoat Muslims and enshrine discrimination in our immigration laws.



UUSC embraces a grassroots approach: working with partners on the front lines to make sure no one is left behind in times like these. You make this possible.

So, as you take time to celebrate the year's end, look back on all you've helped accomplish this year. I know 2016 will present more human rights challenges, but I'm so glad to know that as we get back to work, we'll face these challenges together.

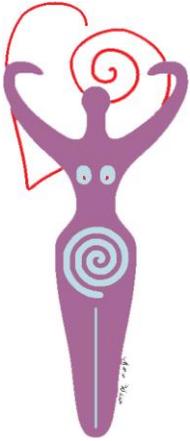
Sincerely,

Bill Schulz
President and CEO
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee



UUSC advances human rights through grassroots collaboration. In more than a dozen countries throughout the world, UUSC fosters social justice and works toward a world free from oppression. UUSC's innovative approaches and measurable impact — in promoting economic justice, bolstering environmental justice, and protecting rights at risk — are grounded in the belief that all people have inherent power, dignity, and rights.

MEANINGFUL EVENTS of 2016:



Winter WomanSpirit 2016 Recognizing Our Calling with Reverend Kate Braestrup

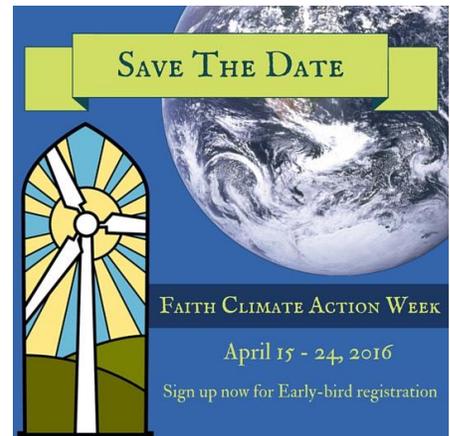
February 5th thru 7th, First Church in Hyde Park, Chicago
\$175. This price includes: keynote address by Kate Braestrup, all-conference workshop (led by Kate), plus two other workshops of your choice, lunch and some wonderful shopping with woman-centric vendors. In addition, our Friday night concert features Artemis Singers – Chicago's lesbian feminist chorus!

<http://www.womenandreligion.org/>

The **Faith Climate Action Week** (formerly known as the Preach-In on Global Warming) will take place during Earth Week, April 15- 24, 2016. Celebrations, sermons, service projects, events, and nature walks will be held, all week, around the signing of the landmark Paris Climate Accord in New York City at the United Nations. [Sign up now](#) and be the first to receive information on how to participate.

Join us for a whole week of Creation celebration and carbon-cutting activities. [Sign up to receive](#) information and activities around this exciting event.

For questions or more information please contact Kari Kiser, programs@interfaithpowerandlight.org.





Regional Assembly 2016
The WHO in the New Era of Unitarian Universalism
April 29- May 1, St. Paul, MN
www.MidAmericaRegionUUA.org/ra

UUA General Assembly 2016
June 22-26, Columbus, OH



Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect. The faith world is increasingly multifaith. People are crossing borders of religion and spiritual practice to create wholeness in their lives individually and collectively. The labels—Christian, Jew, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, theist and non-theist—no longer define who or what we love, or how spirit moves in our lives. General Assembly 2016 in Columbus Ohio will assemble leaders and communities of many faiths to worship together, learn from one another, and create a new vision of faith that no longer divides us, but connects us to an interdependent future that works for all.
www.uua.org/ga

"Perhaps we should realize that our need is not to 'find something to believe'—but rather to discover that our lives indicate what we believe right now. This is the place to start."
—Edith Hunter, religious educator