



Marquette  
Unitarian  
Universalist  
Congregation

July 2017

# CHRONICLE

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Sundays in July	
2	11am Service: "The Lamp Beside the Golden Door: Welcoming Immigrants to America" Presenter: February Sky
9	11am Service: "Our Wonderful Environment" Beach Service  <b>Held at Lake Superior Roadside Park</b>
16	11am Service: "Lessons from Swimming" Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher
23	11am Service: Gas Station Culture (Or, The Comfort Zone) Jenny Peek, MDiv, MALS
30	11am Service: "Resist & Rejoice UUA GA 2017" gg gordon & Heidi Gould

WELCOME!  
Fiscal year 2017-2018

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## The UUA elects a new president...



The Unitarian Universalist Association elected the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray as its ninth president on June 24. Frederick-Gray is the first woman elected to lead the liberal religious movement, which includes approximately 1,000 congregations with 200,000 adults and children in the United States.

But as she spoke to the UUA's General Assembly after being named winner in the three-way race, Frederick-Gray said, "I want to be clear, right up front. I am not the first female president of the UUA." As UUUs cheered, she turned to applaud and then embrace the Rev. Sofia Betancourt, one of the three co-presidents. appointed by the Board of Trustees to complete the term of President Peter Morales, who resigned April 1. "But I am honored to follow her!"

Throughout her campaign, which she launched in March 2016, Frederick-Gray championed the UUA as "a voice for love and justice." She promoted a three-point vision of a "spiritually vital" movement "grounded in relationships" and "organized for impact." Read more at [uua.org](http://uua.org).

# Happening @ The Meeting House

**Saturday, July 15**

## **Leadership Workshop w. Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher**

As a lay led congregation we are all called to be leaders. Everyone is invited to this workshop to share thoughts, comments and suggestions from Rev. Emmy Lou as well as each other on how to continue building and strengthening our Beloved Community. Lunch will be provided.

**Sunday, July 16**

11am Service: Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher



**Monday – Thursday, July 17 – 20**

## **Nature & Spirit Camp**

9am - Noon

Ages: 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

At this camp, the youth will have engaging and fun hands-on experiences with nature that provide a healthy balance of mind and spirit. Register for either camp by calling or texting 906.362.2082

**Sunday, July 23**

**11am Service: Gas Station Culture (Or, The Comfort Zone)** - Where do we live, shop, work and play? What is it about the familiar that keeps us there? How does this impact our worldview? On Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, guest minister Jenny Peek shares her reflection on cultural context, and its impact on building a just and compassionate society.

Jenny Peek, MDiv, MALS is a Unitarian Universalist minister and candidate for preliminary fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association. Her passion is exploring the relationship of self, self in relational settings (congregations), and congregations in the greater community of which they are a part. A lifelong resident of Indiana, Jenny is excited to begin her ministry this autumn with the Pocatello Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Pocatello, Idaho.

## **12:30pm Mini-Workshop: Me, Myself and I in the World**

This dynamic two-hour workshop mixes some improvisational play, art, and sharing of personal stories as participants explore the impact of their cultural context on their way of being in the world. Freewill offering of \$10/person is suggested. Please sign up if you're interested. Six to ten participants is ideal.



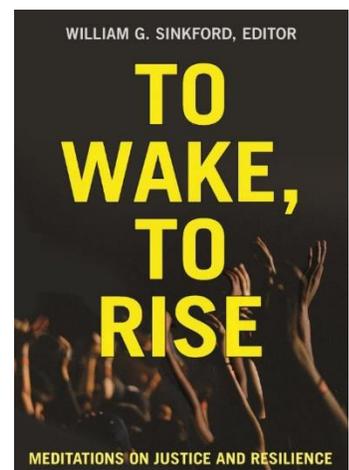
## **FROM: inspirit, UUA Bookstore**

### ***To Wake, To Rise: Meditations on Justice and Resilience***

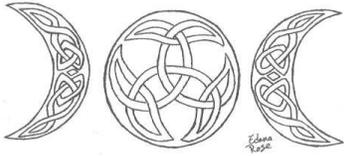
**William G. Sinkford, Editor**

The 2017 edition of the inSpirit Series is an anthology of 29 poems, prayers, and reflections about resisting oppression and keeping the faith in social action work. Written by a range of contributors, including ministers and lay leaders, these readings are ideal for both private contemplation and for use in worship. Collected and introduced by a former president of the UUA-and the first Black person to hold that position-these meditations are both a support for activists and a call to action in a new era of political and social division.

William G. Sinkford is the Senior Minister of First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon. He served as President of the UUA from 2001 until 2009, and as Interim Co-President from April until June 2017.



*United By Light Invites You...*



### **Full Moon Gathering**

Sunday, July 9th 3pm – 5pm

Coloring Night! Lisa Paulson will lead us in a relaxing evening of coloring. Coloring pages and colored pencils will be available. Please bring a snack to share, and if you choose to, your favorite coloring pages/book and something to color with.

### **Lammas Gathering**

Sunday July 30th 3pm – 5pm

We'll gather together to celebrate the 1st of the three harvest holidays. This will be a fire side gathering, weather permitting. Please bring a dish to share, a seat for beside the fire, and a monetary love donation for the event.



## **FROM: Faith in Action**

Could we become an hp-free congregation?

You may have noticed the Hewlett Packard (hp) **boycott** information on the Faith in Action table along with an opportunity to sign in support of the boycott to help bring an end to the occupation and support human rights for Palestinians.

For more information on the boycott from the American Friends Service Committee (AFS), go to: <https://www.afsc.org/hp>



### **July “Share the Plate” Recipient:**



### **The Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Homeowner’s Association**

*Our mission is to locate and bring home all displaced Lower 9th Ward Homeowners who want to return and to improve the quality of life of all residents of the Lower 9th Ward through affordable homeownership, community and economic development.*

**l9wha.org**



Dea Kowalczyk will be “Holding Hearts” after the service on Sunday, July 2.

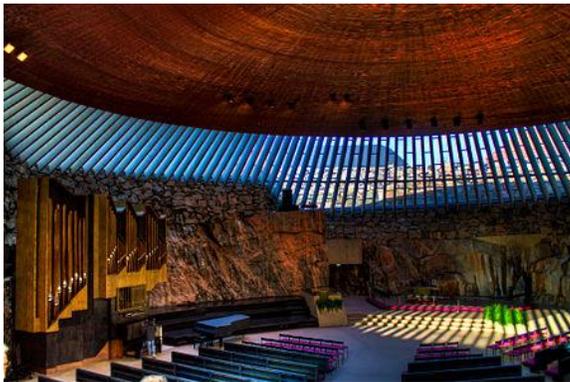


## FROM: The Music Coordinator, Barb Michael

Summer Sundays in July will include **MUSIC** with February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban), Anna Morrison, Kerry Yost, and Anthony Scott Timmerman, who is anxious to return from St. Louis to the U.P. and to Marquette UU's! We will be hearing music and singing, not only at the Meeting House but at the beach. At the end of the month, we'll include music that was sung at General Assembly in New Orleans the end of June.



### Community Music News:



The Marquette City Band and Marquette Choral Society will be performing in Finland as good will ambassadors in July. Part of their tours will be included in a TV6 production in December to celebrate the Finland Centennial. The Choral Society's last stop will be singing in the Rock Church in Helsinki.



## MqtUU July Calendar

Sunday Services are listed on the front page and all other events scheduled are at the MqtUU Meeting House (unless otherwise noted).

July 15 @ 9am – 1pm Saturday	Leadership Workshop w/ Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher
July 16 @ 12:15pm Sunday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting
July 17 – 20 @ 9am – Noon Monday - Thursday	Nature Camp
July 23 @ 12:30pm Sunday	Mini-Workshop: Me, Myself and I in the World

## Our 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.

## “Bumper Sticker” Version:

MqtUU...Building Beloved Community for ourselves and all beings.



## AT UUA GA 2017

“The opposite of poverty isn’t wealth—it is justice,” said [Bryan Stevenson](#), founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama, **Saturday night at the Ware Lecture...** “I’m not interested in punishing America for this history—I want to liberate America,” Stevenson said, because on the other side of confession comes freedom. Stevenson is author of *Just Mercy*, the critically acclaimed *New York Times* bestseller and the UU “Common Read” for 2015-16... There are four essential things that we must do to create a more just and equal world, Stevenson told UUs: Get proximate to the poor, the excluded, neglected, and abused; change the narratives that underlie racism and other inequalities; stay hopeful about creating justice; and be willing to do uncomfortable things. Read more at [uuworld.org](#).



Among other important things that happened:

- UUA Delegates elected our new president: **Susan Frederick-Gray**
- The UUA Board of Trustees reaffirmed its commitment of \$5.3 million in funding for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism.
- The Board also appointed the six members of the Commission on Institutional Change.
- In the closing session, GA delegates voted for a study to consider adoption of an 8th Principle to address multicultural diversity and dismantling racism.

In addition, remarkable preachers and speakers called us to focus on impact, to get proximate, to show up for loving. The Rev. Bill Sinkford remarked during the President’s Report (emphasis added): “Change must come if our faith is to thrive. It is our culture and not our theology that has been our biggest obstacle. There is a **fundamental hope in our values and our aspirations** that speaks to persons across the boundaries of race and culture and language and economic circumstance and ability.”



Photo credit: Nancy Pierce, 2017

## Community Events:

Join us **Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. in the Peter White Library Community Room** to learn more about the League. We are a non-partisan community-minded organization that encourages an informed and active participation of all citizens in their government. Come learn about the new League of Women Voters in Marquette. League membership is open to all men and women of voting age. Contact Darlene 906-225-9103 for further information.



The Marquette Interfaith Forum and the Marquette Baha'i Community present the third monthly presentation on World Religions on July 12 at 7 PM in the Shiras Room of the Peter White Public Library. This presentation will be on **Buddhism** and the speaker will be Zen Buddhist priest Rev. **Paul Lehmborg**. Please plan on attending and also invite your friends, schools, religious and civic organizations to attend. This presentation series is free and all are welcome.  
Aaron Scholnik

## Room at the Inn

### *Marquette's Emergency Homeless Shelter and Warming Center*



Looking for volunteers to carry our Room at the Inn banners in the **Fourth of July** parade next week. The banners are one way for us to thank our community for supporting us, and it will also be a way for us to pass out flyers about our "Home Run" fundraiser on July 26<sup>th</sup>!! If anyone is interested, please let Doug Russell know; 227-9171.

THEN...Come join the fun!

***Room At The Inn's Inaugural "Home Run!" (Marquette's own "Amazing Race!")***  
**One Night of Adventure and Laughter ~ Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm**  
**A Road Rally Around Marquette! Solve the Clues to Find Your Next Station**  
**Score Points...Points...More Points... And Win Prizes!!**

The "Run" begins at Marquette Mountain @ 6:00 pm ~ Teams must return to Marquette Mountain by 9:00 pm  
**Food, Prizes, and Music!!**

**Build your team and secure pledges for your \$500 entry fee.**  
**Contact Room At The Inn for registration details: 227-9171**



Raise Money  
Raise Awareness  
& Win Prizes



All proceeds will support Room At The Inn's Emergency Homeless Shelter and Warming Center.

What about...

# ~~Independence Day?~~

“Land of the Free, Home of the Brave”

## **July 4th: What Does Independence Day Mean In A Divided Era?**

POLITICS 07/03/2012, HuffPost

“You can question American exceptionalism all you want – and sometimes, there’s a lot to shake your head about – but in the end Independence Day is revealed as something quite extraordinary: a holiday that celebrates an idea. Lots came of that idea, and lots of it was, and still is, very messy.”

## **For Black Americans, Independence Day Is Complicated: July 4th celebrations remind some Black Americans of America's sordid racial past.** By Elizabeth Flock

Abolitionist movement leader Frederick Douglass gave a scathing speech the day after Independence Day in 1852, saying: "This Fourth of July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn.... Do you mean, citizens, to mock me, by asking me to speak to-day?"

Douglass reminded listeners that when the Declaration of Independence was signed, many blacks were still slaves. Even the British were more likely to offer freedom to blacks than the colonists.

## **The Flip-Side...**

### **Independence Day has different meanings for immigrants, veterans**

Staff writer Craig Smith, Tribune-Review

For Frank Kravetz, shot down over Germany on Nov. 2, 1944, captured and sent to a German POW camp, the Fourth of July is special.

“It's one of our great holidays,” said Kravetz, 90, of Chalfant. “Anything that's American and the U.S., I'm all for it.”



### **The Statue of Liberty was built to welcome immigrants – that welcome must not end**

Dave Eggers

“Take the ferry to Liberty Island. As your boat rises and falls on the rough waters of New York Harbor, you will see, with undeniable clarity, that her right foot is striding forward. And around her feet are chains, broken, which sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi meant to symbolise the breaking of the chains of bondage and tyranny. She is caught, forever, in the moment of becoming free.”

“...Freedom is not a settled thing.”

Having just attended a very intense UUA GA in New Orleans, Louisiana and learning the extent of which so many American residents are not “free” I struggled with splashing red, white and blue all over this July issue of our Chronicle. Too many are unable to exercise their “inalienable rights” of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”. We live in a culture of strong individualism and many believe everyone can, with a strong work ethic, achieve the American Dream no matter the color of their skin. Even we Unitarian Universalists have much to learn about the depth and long term consequences of institutional racism. I learned a lot preparing for and attending GA this year. I hope that while you are celebrating this 4<sup>th</sup> of July, this “Day of Independence” and all that the US promises, you will remember there is still much work to be done. I hope you join me in working toward freedom for all and further strengthening our Beloved Community. ~ Heidi Gould, AA

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BECAUSE ACTIONS SPEAK  
LOUDER THAN WORDS.**



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Hey!

This would be a great place to share information on community events, charitable causes, issues of social justice that you are passionate about, your favorite inspirational quotes, positive memes, favorite recipes, inspirational stories, articles of interest to your fellow UUs, photos of your summer adventures, gardening tips and photos of your garden.

Your submissions are welcome as well as your feedback! Thoughts, comments, suggestion and yes even criticisms are appreciated.

Feel free to email the publisher, Heidi Gould at [mqtuudassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuudassist@gmail.com).

THANK YOU!



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