



Marquette
Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation

June 2016

CHRONICLE

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COMING UP...

June 5

9:45am Forum: "Skills for Healthy Adult Relationships and How My Children Helped Me Learn Them."

Host: Mike Kowalczyk

11am Service: "Deeds, Not Creeds: Are Deeds Enough?"
Service Leaders: The Morski Family of Escanaba

June 12

9:45am Forum: "Interview With a Sufi Master, Part II."

Host: Amir Afshar

11am Service:
"Liberation Theology for Unitarian Universalists"
Service Leader: Guest Minister, Chris Rothbauer, KUUF

June 19

9:45am Forum: "Interview With a Sufi Master, Part III."

Host: Amir Afshar

11am Service:
"Summer Solstice ~ Celebrating Litha"
Service Leader: Heidi Gould

June 26

9:45am Forum:
NO FORUM TODAY
COME EARLY FOR SERVICE
10:30am

"Live Streaming Service from UUA General Assembly."
Service Leader: Kathy Klos

A NOTE FROM MqtUU PRESIDENT:



This month brings the 1st day of summer on the 20th. In many places this means the height of the growing season. For us in the U.P. it is a promise of what's to come. What we care for and nurture now, will flourish and grow throughout the summer. What is it that you would like to see? Is there a part of your personality and core being that you want to cultivate? Is there a project you are working on that will be completed in the months to come? Now is the perfect time for personal growth and working on larger tasks.

Within our congregation this month the "Share the Plate" recipient is the local charity for homeless pets, UPAWS. The committees are hard at work with all they do to make your Marquette U.U. robust, the meeting house is looking better each month (last Saturday of the month are Worker Bee Parties), the sanctuary windows got a good cleaning at the end of May, and the new Board of Trustees will be starting to look ahead to this next term of service. This is just a short list of a few of the things going on within the congregation.

I want to send out sincere gratitude to Kathy Klos and Bill Joswiak for volunteering to serve on the new Board of Trustees. And a big **Thank You** to Mike Erdmann and Chris Wagner for lending their time and talents and serving on the current board.

Dea Kowalczyk



FROM: Chris Rothbauer, KUUF Minister

The June 12 Service Message of the Morning is titled "Liberation Theology for Unitarian Universalists": Liberation theology, a movement founded in the twentieth century by scholars in Latin America and by African-American theologians, presents a radical vision of the church as a place where we are liberated from oppression. What relevance does liberation theology have for Unitarian Universalists today and how can we harness it to build Beloved Community?

7 Principle of UU Children We Believe
that each and every person is important;
that all people should be treated fairly and kindly;
That we should accept one another and keep on learning together;
that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life;
That all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them;
In working for a peaceful, fair and free world;
In caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things.

FROM: Sarah Johnson, RE Committee

Since July 2015, RE has operated without an RE Coordinator. Thanks to dedicated volunteers and MUUC support, we are very proud to share an impressive list of accomplishments from the past year. We are also excited to share that we now have an RE Coordinator and welcome Becca Spitzer who began her position May 22nd.

During the last year, RE:

- Led a youth service and lesson for our youth for the past 39 weeks during Religious Exploration where youth explored religions, learned about UU Principles and practiced being kind to others and themselves
- Accomplished a one day summer camp ala Camp MUUC for families last August
- Sent two facilitators for training and hosted Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 10 preteen youth from our RE program and even more from the community, providing comprehensive, accurate sexuality education
- Hosted the 1st Annual Cookie Bowl and Family Night
- Led Gifts of the Heart service and hosted a dessert and tea party
- Organized and led our Annual Bread Service
- Raised \$1021 for JJ Packs during our 11th Annual Soup Dinner
- Packed meals for JJ Packs at Graveraet School
- Planned and served meals for guests of Room at the Inn during their fall and spring stay at MqtUU
- Helped with set up, cleanup and decorating of MqtUU for Room at the Inn
- Filled 6 garbage bags at Tourist Park during our Annual Earth Day Cleanup and Picnic with Alice
- Provided Intergenerational Stories during our 11 o'clock services

And, on June 6th, we will host our annual end of the year party, a sundae celebration to thank those who volunteered and supported RE. Please join us after the service on June 6th as we celebrate another fabulous year in RE.

FROM: New Religious Exploration Coordinator



Hello! My name is Becca Spitzer and I am honored to accept the position as Religious Exploration Coordinator. It has been a great pleasure for my daughter, Leiyona, and I to spend our Sundays with you since we moved to Marquette at the end of February. While in high school, I taught Hebrew to elementary level students at a Sunday school. Once I graduated from high school, I spent a year studying fine arts in Jerusalem, Israel. During my time in Israel, I volunteered one afternoon a week teaching art to kids at a shelter for abused women and children. After graduating from the University of Michigan in 2012 with a Bachelors of Arts in

Elementary Education, Integrated Science and the Fine Arts, I moved to Maryland to accept a position teaching at Barack Obama Elementary. For two years, I taught first grade, followed by a year teaching third grade math, science, and health.

Upon Leiyona joining my adventure, we moved to LaSalle, MI with my mom, Dr. Ann Silverman, and stepmom, Carol Wolfe. While living downstate, I taught preschool in Ypsilanti. As some of you may know, Leiyona is privileged to grow up in a culturally diverse family. We are Jewish, she is biracial, her grandmothers are married, and

so much more. It excites me to know that we have found a community where she and I can both grow as individuals and be accepted within a community.

Additionally, it excites me to be the RE Coordinator as I enjoy bringing new ideas and engage in fun learning activities with children. It is important to me to expose my daughter to all the world has to offer and I look forward to engaging your children in these activities as well. I believe that I, also, have plenty to learn along with our youth and look forward to my own growth. If you're wandering around town, you will most likely bump into Leiyona and myself at the library, YMCA, or the park. I look forward to getting to know you and your children!

WELCOME & THANK YOU, BECCA!



FROM: Barb Michael, Music Coordinator

Music on summer Sunday mornings

If you are interested in offering music or want to recommend someone for a service or two during our June, July, or August services, please contact our Music Coordinator, Barb Michael at 273-1174 or michael.barbara.102@gmail.com.

Special music is covered for the following Sundays:

June 5 - Kathryn and Caitlin Morski

July 3 - February Sky (Phil Cooper and Susan Urban) @ the Presque Isle Pavilion

July 10 - Tret Fure

On Aug. 7 we will be gathering with UU's from around the U.P. at Bewabic (buh-wah-bik) State Park. Musicians from around the U.P. are encouraged to offer music that Sunday morning by the shores of Fortune Lake near Crystal Falls (equidistant to most members of our congregation and the Keweenaw and Bay de Noc UU Fellowships). On Aug. 28 we will be outdoors again at Lakenenland. So, open dates for music support at this time for the following 9-10 Sundays are: June 12, 19, possibly June 26, July 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 7, 14, 21, and 28.

FROM: Social Action Committee

The next Social Action Committee meeting will be held following the service on the 3rd Sunday in August. If you would like to be on the SAC email list over the summer and do not already receive SAC updates, please contact Barbara Michael at michael.barbara.102@gmail.com

June "Share-the-Plate" Recipient: Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter



UPAWS is a local non-profit organization run and staffed by our neighbors who make decisions on caring for homeless, unwanted, abandoned and abused domestic animals. Finding "forever homes," UPAWS success story is that 97% of the animals are saved. UPAWS has no affiliation with and receives no funding from any larger group that might influence actions. UPAWS hope is to educate everyone on proper animal care so there soon won't be the three percent of animals who get to UPAWS too sick or wounded to be saved. It's your support that makes this dream possible.

FROM: Mike White, Stewardship Chair

We currently have 37 pledges compared to last year's 41 pledges. We had set a goal of 45 pledges to our congregation for this year. That leaves us with 8 pledges left to meet our goal. Last year we finished the pledge drive at \$52,700. At present, we're at \$49,585. With more support from our membership, we could reach the same level of financial support that we provided last year.

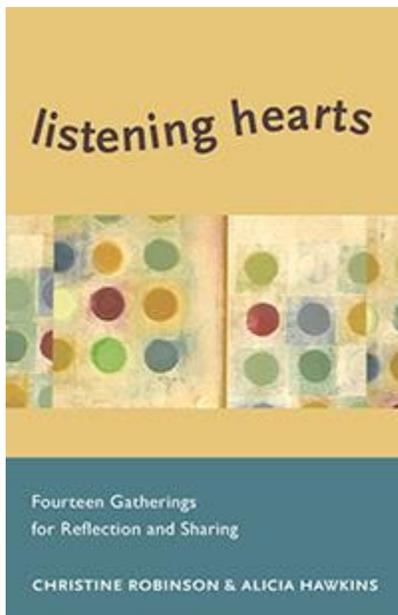
If you have not yet pledged, I do want to challenge you to commit to continuing the work that our congregation has done over the last few years:

1. We are a place to have fun. We had the very entertaining Elden Kelly guitar concert on March 19. All who attended raved about the music and fun.
2. continuing our Religious Exploration program for our youth;
3. supporting the Our Whole Lives (OWL) program which is currently being lead by
4. Gary Stark and Ursula Stock;
5. the chair yoga program by Dharmini Robertson;
6. the United By Light & CUUPS Gatherings
7. hosting Room at the Inn at our meeting house
8. our social action committee accomplishments:
 - a. Sponsoring the Women's Center benefit on February 28th
 - b. The social action committee added a subcommittee for UU's for Justice in the Middle East.
 - c. we were instrumental in the passing of the Non-discrimination Ordinance in Marquette, the first of its kind in the U.P.

We cannot continue to produce these kinds of initiatives without your financial support. Please send in your pledge form today.



NEW COVENANT GROUP



A new Mqt. UU covenant group* is being formed, using the book, *Listening Hearts*, compiled by the talented Christine Robinson, UU minister for 28 yrs in Albuquerque, NM and Alicia Hawkins, UU member of small group ministry there. Topics this time include: Mental Wellness, Sanctuary, Soul, Happiness, Leaps of Faith, and Spiritual Garage Sale. If you are interested in joining the Mqt. UU group, please contact Heidi Gould (mqtuadassist@gmail.com), our Mqt. UU admin, or gg gordon, Adult Enrichment Chair (plumskiter@gmail.com). Plans are to meet twice a month for seven months at an agreed upon time and place (possibly time at K.I. Sawyer, as well as Marquette).

**A covenant group is a small relational group which meets regularly to establish and nurture themselves within their own beloved community. Covenant groups provide an opportunity for group members to build strong relationships with each other and with the larger organization of which the small group is a part. Members may engage in deep listening, sharing stories and offering support. Covenant groups offer expanding opportunities for growth, caring, and connection within a congregation. In a covenant group, participants affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. People experience themselves and each other as part of the*

interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part. Each person is treated equitably. Each has a voice and is heard. And each person is respected for his or her own intrinsic humanity. The defining purpose of a covenant group is to bring people into right relationship with each other and with the larger world.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

The Board Members, Staff and Committee Members of MqtUU are here to serve you, the members and friends of the MqtUU and build and strengthen our spiritual community. Please consider these questions and answer honestly. Please, forward whether a hard copy in writing or by email to Heidi Gould at mqtuudassist@gmail.com. Your input is valuable in the effort to fulfill our mission!

Sense of Community

1. What parts of service help you feel like a part of a community?
2. What can we do to foster UU community in service?
3. How do we recognize ourselves as part of larger Marquette Community?

Music in Service

1. What is the Role of Music?
2. What would you like to hear?
3. Suggestions on how to improve service with music?

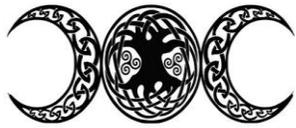
Activities During Service

1. What types of activities do you enjoy during service?

Ritual

1. What elements of service are ritual?
2. What is the role of ritual?
3. How do you feel about rituals that have been changed or added?
4. What rituals should be added or deleted?
5. Which rituals are the most important?

What other areas might be included in a Community Conversation? How might we together, improve our service to the MqtUU community as well as the larger Marquette Community? Follow-up in person group discussions will be scheduled! Look for more information to come! **THANK YOU!**



Litha/Full Moon Celebration Saturday June 18 @ 3pm



We will be combining our Litha and Full Moon Celebration into one joyous occasion. The afternoon will begin with a ritual to honor the Soltice and a summer themed pinata filled with goodies for adults of all ages. Afterwards we will be creating little fairy gardens to welcome and honor the fae in our homes and gardens and maybe keep them from mischief. ;) And of course the feasting! We mustn't forget that!

MqtUU JUNE Calendar

(Sunday Services are listed on page 1, all other events scheduled are at the MqtUU Meeting House unless otherwise noted.)

June 10 @ 12:30pm Sunday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting
June 18 @ 3pm Saturday	United By Lights & CUUPS Litha/June Full Moon Celebration

ABOUT GA

“It strikes me that the advice I've been giving people who are going to GA for the first time is pretty good life-advice in general: Don't try to do too much. Get plenty of sleep and remember to hydrate and eat protein. Pick what will nurture your soul, as well as what will challenge you most, to do. Where singing is an option, choose that. Remember to schedule time with friends before you go so that you can be sure to see them. Spend some time talking to people you never met before. Plan on something emotionally upsetting to happen, though whatever it is will likely take you by surprise. Don't be ashamed, if you need to, to lie on your bed and listen to the live-streamed talks in the comfort of your own room. Find someone to check in with at the end of each day, whether back home or at GA.” (from Meg Riley, Senior Minister, [UU Church of the Larger Fellowship](#))

MqtUU Members headed to GA in Columbus, OH, June 22-26:

Heidi Gould, gg gordon, Anne & Gary Stark, Dea Kowalczyk

