



Marquette  
Unitarian  
Universalist  
Congregation

June 2017

# CHRONICLE

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Sundays in June	
4	11am Service: "Children's End-Of-Year Service" Service Leaders: MqtUU Children and Youth 12:30pm Forum: New to UU & UU World Seeker Magazine
11	11am Service: "The Joy of Church" Service Leader: Rev. Chris Rothbauer
18	11am Service: "Father Coyote" Service Leader: gg gordon
25	11am Service: *"Get Active!" Service Leader: Simone Chiodini

first day of  
**SUMMER!**

Wednesday, June 21



**GA is Happening in New Orleans!**

June 22- 26

Heidi & gg are your delegates to the annual gathering of UUs from around the country and around the world!

*Thank you* to all those who have made complete payments on your 16-17 Pledges! The Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 ends June 30. If you need to know your 16-17 year-end balance, please ask Heidi ☺

*Thank you* to all those who have sent in your FY 2017 - 2018 Pledges. If you have yet to do so, please pledge soon!



"The Joy of Church" - In an age that is becoming more and more secular, why keep going to church? In this service, Rev. Chris Rothbauer will challenge contemporary notions of what church means and get to the heart of what Unitarian Universalist worship really means.



\*"Get Active!" Service Leader: Simone Chiodini

This sermon talks about Asian American civil rights leader and Black Panther Grace Lee Boggs. It describes her take on Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcom X. Then I'll go on to talk about why Black Lives Matter is an important social movement. I encourage everyone to get active in a cause that speaks to their heart.



## FROM: Dea Kowalczyk, MqtUU President



Thank you to all who came to the Congregational meeting to lend your vote to help us do the work of the congregation! Congratulations to Dave Stensaas, Nancy Sullivan, and gg Gordon who were voted in as the new board members with Anne Stark and Kathy Klos.

As I stated at the Congregational meeting, for a small congregation, we do a lot. We have a wonderful religious education program lead by Jamie Kuehnl, we offer the *Our Whole Lives* program biannually, we host the Room at the Inn program for the homeless every year, there was a UU Women's Group Winter to Spring retreat this year, we give support to our local LGBTQ community with our participation in Pride Fest, we gave support for the Dakota Access Pipeline protestors, there was our presence at the Women's March in Washington, D.C., the work of our Faith in Action Committee, whether it be for Justice in the Middle East for Palestinians, supporting the Reverend Edward Pinkney during his incarceration, or coordinating our monthly "Share the Plate" donation program, we offered a workshop that was led by Gregory with *Living The 7 Principles*, and I'm sure I'm missing some. We may be small, but are active and dedicated.

These past two years, the Marquette UU Congregation was deep in the waters of change. We saw this with a drop in our numbers, and subsequently, committees disbanded. However, I'm seeing a shift within the congregation. We've worked within that change by trying to focus on where the energy is, and having members participate in our "Conversation over Coffee" surveys helped us know where to look. To know that the main reason most of us are here on a Sunday morning, is for each other: For Fellowship and belonging. That is at the heart of why we are here. On a Sunday morning we are mostly here for connection. We've become more personal with other: Daring greatly to act or share when maybe we'd normally be quiet; becoming more aware of how we interact with each other, so that we are coming from a place of curiosity and connection, rather than knee-jerk judgement. We need to keep practicing right relations with each other as we cannot afford to be "too nice" when we risk mincing the truth. To keep moving forward we need to be able to be truthful with each other.

This new and positive way of whole-heartedly connecting with each other, obviously is making a difference. I think one reason our group has managed this change is that we have moved from being a "bureaucratic-stalling church" (a technical term from Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher) to being a "Permission-giving church" - the legacy of taking initiative, rather than passing what we want done to others, or pushing each other.

Our group has taken the opportunity that flux and change have given us, and we've used it to make ourselves more focused and healthier. We've place ourselves on that path, we just need to keep walking it!

May it be so.

Many Blessings,  
Dea



Dea Kowalczyk will be "Holding Hearts"  
Sunday, June 4



## First Sunday Forum:

June 4 @ 12:15pm

Visitors, new members, and old timers are all invited to share in the discussion of Unitarian Universalism, articles in the UUWorld Seeker edition, ask questions and share stories!



## FROM: Stewardship Committee

Our pledge drive ended up with 33 pledges for a total of \$42,590. We had a successful annual business meeting and have put together a great budget for the next fiscal year. Just to put this pledge drive in perspective just take a look at this data.

Year	Pledges	Revenue
2013-2014	42	\$65,766
2014-2015	41	\$56,352
2015-2016	42	\$52,700
2016-2017	37	\$49,585
2017-2018	33	\$42,590

The trends are clear. Our membership is decreasing and along with that our revenues. We are not in a crisis. We are a lean organization with some financial reserves, but if the current trend continues our situation may get difficult in the future.

If you have not made pledge yet, please do so today. No pledge is too small. Just \$10 per month would pay your UUA and MidAmerica district dues as well as contribute \$40 to what we do here in Marquette. We want to be an organization worthy of your support. In the last year, we have accomplished a lot for a small congregation.

1. Our religious education program lead by Jamie Kuehnl;
2. The biannual Our Whole Lives program;
3. Our annual hosting of the Room at the Inn program for the homeless;
4. The work of our Social Action Committee whether it be for Justice in the Middle East for Palestinians, supporting the Reverend Edward Pinkney during his incarceration, or coordinating our monthly Share the Plate donation program;
5. The UU Women's Group Winter to Spring retreat;
6. The support we give to our local LGBTQ folks with our participation in Pride Fest;
7. The support we gave for the Dakota Access Pipeline protestors;
8. The presence we had at the Women's March in Washington, D.C;
9. Hosting The Babbas musical concert.

We cannot build community, engage the social problems of our time, and encourage your spiritual development without your support.

Mike White  
Stewardship Chairperson



# FROM: Faith in Action

## June “Share the Plate” Recipient:



### Our Vision

PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

### Our Mission

By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

- Support for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ
- Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ
- Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ

Next Faith in Action Committee meeting is scheduled for **June 18**.



## HAPPENING @ The Meeting House:

### Progressive Regional Caucus: Marquette

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm

Bringing together likeminded activists and organizations to work together to advance progressive causes in our communities and the entire state. We want to know what actions you're taking locally, what issues you care about, and how we can help each other in those efforts. We want this to be a collaborative effort that allows us to take action in our neighborhoods and unify the progressive community in Michigan.

## You are invited...

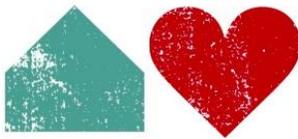


Kathy Klos & Fred Campbell would love to have you join in their **Wedding Celebration** at the **Meeting House at 3pm this Sunday, June 4th**. Kathy and Fred will be getting married on a schooner on Lake Superior. The ceremony will be videotaped and shared with us at the reception.

Please join us as we wish them all the very best! The reception is a potluck. Kathy has requested no gifts. Your presence and something tasty will be your gift.



# MqtUU Hosts Movie Night @ PWPL



## “Freedom to Marry”

**Thursday, June 29 @ 6pm**

**Community Room, Peter White Public Library**

On June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the freedom to marry nationwide. This is the story of the movement that transformed a nation, and the campaign that led to victory: Freedom to Marry.

Join us for popcorn and movie watching and conversation after the film.



## MqtUU June Calendar

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

June 1 @ 6pm Sunday	Progressive Regional Caucus: Marquette
June 4 @ 12:15pm Sunday	First Sunday Forum: New to UU & UUWorld Seeker Group Discussion
June 4 @ 3pm Sunday	Kathy & Fred’s Wedding Reception
June 10 Saturday	<b>GARAGE SALE</b> at the Lexmond-Gray residence, 905 West Ave Raise money for Ketlove’s trip to Activate! New Orleans
June 18 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Faith in Action Committee Meeting
June 25 @ 12:15pm Sunday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting
June 29 @ 6pm Thursday	MqtUU Hosts Movie Night @ PWPL “Freedom to Marry” Documentary

### 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.

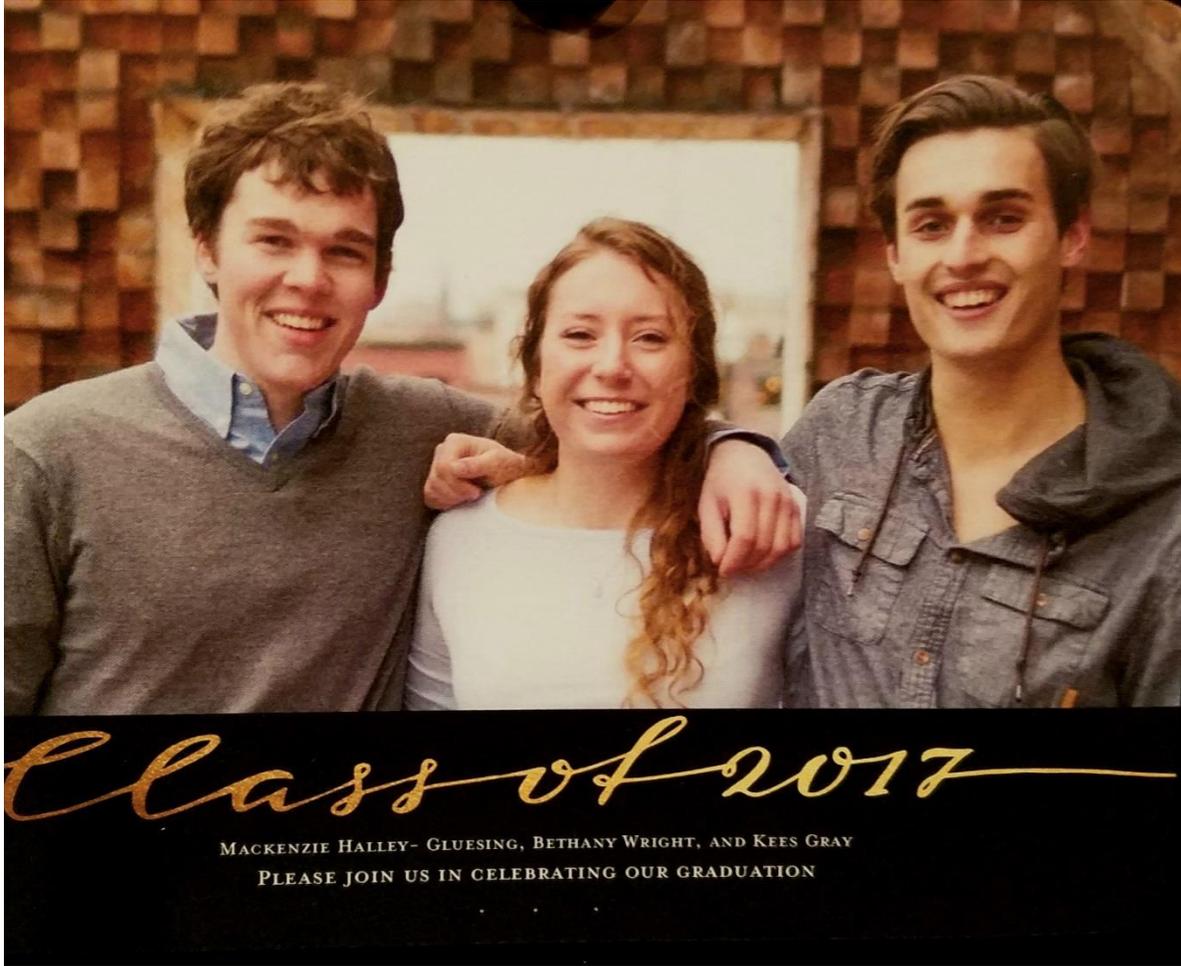
We Care for, Nurture and Support the Spiritual Growth of One Another:

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.

# Congratulations 2017 Graduates!!



## UUA Presidential Candidates

REV. ALISON MILLER



### Lead with Love

Ignite Faith.

Empower Change.

Advance Justice.

REV. JEANNE PUPKE



- Spiritual Leader
- Voice for Justice
- Community Partner
- Experienced Executive

REV. SUSAN FREDERICK-GRAY



We are called to be  
A Vital Voice for  
Love and Justice

- \*Spiritually Vital
- \*Grounded in Relationship
- \*Organized for Impact



## Message from Mandy Goheen, Director of Prison Ministry and the Worthy Now Network

Did you know that as of today the Church of the Larger Fellowship has 783 members that are incarcerated? Just fifteen years ago, we had only forty-nine members. This growth is incredibly inspiring when you consider it happened, because our members share information about the CLF and Unitarian Universalism with friends and cellmates. The CLF has not done outreach into the prison industrial complex, but the saving message about Unitarian Universalism is spreading on the inside. Hope is a gift worth sharing.

Not only are our members ministering each other, but many times we find they minister to us in the free world as well. At the CLF, ministry is flowing both ways across prison walls. Because of the current political climate, we decided to ask our members inside, who are experts in hope, **"During times of major political & emotional changes, what advice can you offer us in the free world that helps keep you strong and resilient?"** Forty-four people responded. [Here are two]

*"Our life is full of political let downs and emotional confusion. Never allow the disappointment of failing politicians over throw your individual will to effect change. You have the power to...nullify injustice. Use feelings of anger, disappointment, and frustration as your fuel to transform the world. Each time we lose control of ourselves we give our enemy an unearned victory. Breathe, still the mind, and take calculated steps to make your life an example of positive leadership. And from your stillness the world will follow." - Russell*

*"The one thing I have learned in prison is that no matter how bad my day is someone else's is worse. I have also learned from UU that no matter what I hear or see around me - someone loves me. That has helped me in ways that I cannot put into words." - Michael*

Want to hear more testimonials of our CLF members who live in prisons? Consider joining our letter writing team. By becoming a pen pal and writing just one letter a month for six months, you can make a big difference in someone's life and it just might make a difference in yours as well. [Interested? Contact CLF/Quest for Meaning at the above website.]



The deadly falsehood that violence against some communities will create security for others is perpetuated by the policies of both the U.S. and Israeli governments. One of the most dangerous places where the regimes of Trump and Netanyahu converge are in exchange programs that bring together police, ICE, border patrol, and FBI from the US with soldiers, police, border agents, Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) at checkpoints, etc. from Israel. In these programs, **"worst practices"** are shared to promote and extend discriminatory and **repressive policing in both countries** including extrajudicial executions, shoot-to-kill policies, police murders, racial profiling, massive spying and surveillance, deportation and detention, and attacks on human rights defenders.

Professor Nick Estes (Kul Wicasa Sicangu Tintonwan) spoke recently at the Jewish Voice for Peace national conference. He spoke about how treaties are working today, the defense of water, and also info about the oppressive actions suggested by those involved in Israeli crowd control methods like the use of skunk spray and moving people from where they live. If you are interested in our holding a "Deadly Exchange" Teach-In at the Meeting House or PWPL, please contact someone on the Faith in Action Committee prior to our June 18 meeting or join us following the service!

**[deadlyexchange.org](http://deadlyexchange.org)**

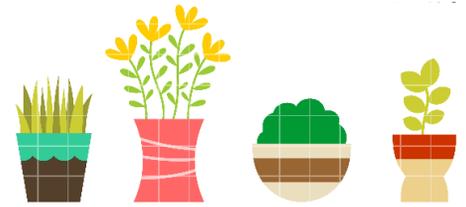
## Community Events:

Third Annual Community Plant Swap

Saturday, June 3, 1 – 2:30pm @ Graverat Elementary School

Hosted By: Mqt Growth, Transition Marquette, Queen City Library,

& MSU North Farm. Bring Plants, buy plants, have fun, ask questions and grow!



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The Marquette Choral Society and the Marquette City Band will present a joint concert of Finnish and American music on **Saturday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m.** at Messiah Lutheran Church, 305 West Magnetic, Marquette.



As Finland celebrates 100 years of independence, these musicians will travel to Marquette's sister city of Kajaani and six other cities in Finland to perform in honor of the Centennial. The Government of Finland has recognized the Kajaani concert as an official Centennial event!

To support the tour, a free-will offering will be accepted.

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## Fifty Years Ago Today: a Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band Tribute

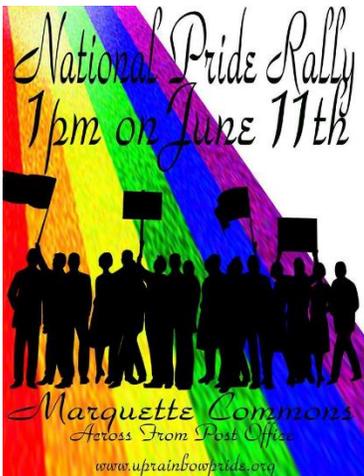
Area musicians and MAPS band students will perform the entire Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper* album live from start to finish.

Dave Stensaas says that the evening begins with "Prelude to Pepper" that will feature a mix of other Beatles songs that showcase the musical evolution of the band that lead to the classic album.

The show is **Thursday, June 8th at 7:30 p.m.** at **Kaufman Auditorium** in Marquette, and tickets are available through NMU EZ Tickets at the Berry Events Center, Superior Dome, Forest Roberts Theatre or NMU Bookstore or online at [tickets.nmu.edu](http://tickets.nmu.edu) The show is expected to sell out. Event organizers are Dave Stensaas and Dan Truckey. **All proceeds go to the Marquette Area Public Schools Music Fund.**



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On Sunday, June 11th the nation will be celebrating National Pride with marches and rallies throughout the country. Upper Peninsula Rainbow Pride has organized a rally in Marquette to draw attention to LGBT issues and concerns . Everyone is urged to attend. The **Pride Rally** will take place on **Sunday, June 11th at 1pm** at the **Marquette Commons**.

Speakers will share their thoughts and stories.

For more information go to our website:

[www.uprainbowpride.org](http://www.uprainbowpride.org) - or find us on Facebook