

Sundays in November	
5	11am Service: "White Supremacy TeachIn2" Service Leader: Barb Michael
12	11am Service: "The Sacred in the Everyday: Appreciating the Small Miracles of Existence" Presenter: February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban)
19	11am Service: "Thanksgiving Bread Service" Service Leader: Teri Rockwood
26	11am Service: "My Grown-Up Christmas List" Service Leader: Hunter Wade

Transgender Day of Remembrance Monday, November 20



Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

Additionally, during the week of November 14-20, individuals and organizations around the country participate in [Transgender Awareness Week](#) to help raise the visibility of transgender and gender non-conforming people and address the issues these communities face.



MqtUU Thanksgiving Potluck

Thursday, November 23 @ 3pm

Turkey will be provided,
you are invited to bring your favorite fixin'!

Please RSVP with Heidi and let her know what dish you may bring! Also, as a contribution Tadych's Econo Foods Holiday Bucks will be collected by Heidi and are greatly appreciated!



Change your clock,



CHANGE your batteries

DON'T FORGET!
It's time to set your clocks
Back one hour
Sunday, November 5!

Sundays in November@ MqtUU

It's about looking at ourselves and institutionalized racism...inspirational music with Gary Stark and taking positive action to make our lives more connected with what we say we value...justice, equity, and compassion in human relations with dignity, worth, peace and freedom for all. That's the focus...the way the service is presented will be a bit different. Moving forward! Do join us!



Sunday, November 12

“The Sacred in the Everyday: Appreciating the Small Miracles of Existence” Presenter: February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban)

Great pressure is put on us from our culture to believe that if we are not famous, or rich, or both, our lives have no meaning. This service will attempt to counter that point of view.

Sunday November 19

“Thanksgiving Bread Service” - As we approach the American celebration of Thanksgiving, we break bread together to celebrate the abundance of the harvest, the hard work of all who make our lives possible, and the community that gathers here to worship together. – uua.org



Sunday, November 26

"My Grown-Up Christmas List"

The UU Principles are almost all touched upon this Sunday. For real. The list is basically the UU Principles. Are the Principles on your personal holiday wish list, too? Can you relate?

Join us on Nov. 26th and give **Hunter Wade**, service and music leader, a warm Mqt. UU welcome!

FROM: Faith in Action

If you are concerned about some of the local, state, national, international and earth issues which face us today - please join Faith in Action (your MqtUU social justice team) as we look at the year and prioritize some issues which we shall address through services, actions, letter-writing, articles, films, displays, share-the-plate, etc. We include our intersectionality with inspiring music, relevant children and youth RE, the Michigan UU Social Justice Network alerts, the UU Service Committee updates, and your ideas which can bring a breath of fresh air to our work.

Faith in Action Committee Meeting - Sunday, November 19th, following the Bread Service - bring your refreshments, thoughts, and commitments to the round table for the final Faith in Action meeting with Barb Michael as we solidify some plans for the upcoming months!

November “Share the Plate” Recipient



UUA Disaster Relief Fund

After the Southeast and the Caribbean experienced two category five hurricanes within a week of each other, the initial Hurricane Recovery Fund was broadened and renamed the [UUA Disaster Relief Fund](#). Your donation will allow the UUA to respond flexibly to current disaster needs and to new situations as they arise, such as the extensive wild fires in the western U.S.

FROM: Religious Exploration

7 Principles 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



Our Whole Lives (OWL) has begun! We have 14 kids in the OWL program this year, including our very own: Liam, Melinda, Bodhi, Emma, and Jazzy! The RE Committee has been talking about continuing to offer the 7th-9th grade programs every other year, but to also work in the 10th-12th grade and 4th-6th grade programs in the off years.

November 17th 6-8 pm will be MqtUU GAME NIGHT! Come on out and play some intergenerational games, like: Zombies vs Humans, Jumbo Jenga, Bingo, Telestrations, Charades, and each other! Enjoy some food, music, and one another!

SAVE the DATE!

Saturday, December 9 @ 5 – 7pm

MqtUU Soup Dinner/JJ Packs FUNdraiser



This worthy organization provides weekend food to local children in need. Our RE kids get to pack the foods and be a part of the giving process about a week after the soup event. A soup sign-up sheet will be passed around each Sunday during the service.



Jamie Kuehn
RE Coordinator



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THOUGH...
#GOVOTE**

The polls are open from
7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for all elections.

FROM: Dave Stensaas, Board of Trustees
Building & Grounds Committee Liaison

Update on Meeting House Repairs and Renovations



On November 1st architects from Studio RAD (Rom Architecture and Design) will be visiting the Meeting House to look at the sanctuary and provide the Board with some alternatives and cost estimates for renovating the portion of the sanctuary used for presenting services and music. The idea of renovating that space was a hot

topic when we first began attending services (early 2011), and now it is something that actually can happen due to a bequest from Joan Steindler that included the direction to do something significant - in terms of tangible projects - with her gift to the congregation. At this time I'm not sure when the "site visit" will occur on the 1st, but as soon as we have a firm time we can send out a message to members and if you are interested in attending you can come. Our current Music Director is planning to attend, and hopefully I won't be the only Board member there.

In late May a professional building inspector did a thorough inspection of the meeting house and grounds, and shortly thereafter provided a detailed report of the findings. The report provided updates on the condition of the interior by room, and systems (heating, electrical, plumbing), as well as the exterior (roof, siding, fascia, soffits), and various aspects of the grounds. The report prioritized items to be addressed in terms of repairs and maintenance. The Board determined at its first meeting in July to act on various high-priority repairs to the exterior of the building - particularly damaged areas of the roof, fascia, and soffits – before winter. A contractor submitted an estimate in August and the Board accepted it, and the work began on October 20th. It's not a big project, but it is definitely important to keeping the building from damage by the elements.

The report also recommended re-staining and sealing the interior window trim. The Board hired our cleaning contractor and her husband to perform the work after they offered to do the work at a very reasonable price. That work was completed in late September. A few other recommendations of the Inspection Report for small repairs impacting the safety of occupants/visitors were performed in the past couple of months. With these items taken care of the only outstanding issue we need to deal with is parking lot maintenance. The Board has a bid from the contractor that performed the most recent sealing work on the lot, and direction to proceed with the work is pending action by the President of the Board.

The Board discussed and debated how we would proceed with sealing and perpetual maintenance of the parking lot, as it is an annual need and a major annual expense. After two months of investigation and deliberations the Board has decided to continue sealing and crack repairs on about 2/3 of the existing parking lot, and forego that maintaining the rest, which will still provide plenty of parking (at least 50 spaces, on average 26 are occupied on a Sunday morning) and save the congregation tens of thousands of dollars over the next several years. The portion of the lot that is not sealed will be maintained for weeds and it will still be available for overflow parking, slowly breaking down and letting water percolate through to the earth, and in twenty years it may be more like a gravel lot than a paved lot. But that's okay! If it's not being used money is being wasted to seal it, and if in the future there is a need to re-surface that area that will not be difficult as it is a compacted and graded lot.



View from a New Board Member

My last three months have been a journey into a deeper understanding of the workings of the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation. My service started with a MqtUU Leader Retreat with the Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher, who encouraged us to lighten up and have more fun in our congregation. She believes congregations grow by attracting folks through laughter and happiness. “It’s a natural draw,” she said. To that end, we brainstormed a list of “fun” activities to share throughout the year. By now you may have enjoyed a Sunday morning breakfast or two with us prior to services with the group. Coming soon will be a Game Night in November and a Gingerbread House Decorating Party with our families in December.

One highlight of our Fall has been the “Class & Classism in UU Life” course facilitated by gg gordon as an expression of her Faith in Action committee work. She took an idea that she learned about at our last General Assembly and brought it back to share with us. Fourteen attended the first class and it will continue over the next few months. All are welcome to join at any time.

Much has been happening on the community service level too. Many participated in helping host Room at the Inn at our church, offering food and shelter to those who find themselves homeless in Marquette. Michelle Halley and Sarah Johnson pour so much effort into making this happen twice a year at the Marquette UU Meeting House. And the whole congregation benefits too by learning so much about class differences and opening our hearts to others while giving shelter.

My journey as a new Board of Trustee continued into our realm of money management. I found understanding our money flow to be my personal challenge. (I have never liked math or numbers, but I applied myself to it). This year we have a relatively new Treasurer, Gary Stark, and an experienced administrative assistant, Heidi Gould, who are helping to keep our organization running. We also have an accountant keeping an eye on things. I am deeply grateful for their service. We do have money challenges as a congregation and we may need to make some difficult decisions about money matters over this year or the next. On the other hand, people can be surprisingly generous too. This story continues.

The intense wind storm of October 24th, has left us with some minor building damage and a fair amount of tree damage around the property. There are always unexpected challenges in life. Your Board and others have been organizing the repair process, the re-establishment of power and phone service, and figuring out how to address the damaged tree issues.

Finally, one idea that I have been carrying with me from our initial retreat with Rev. Emmy Lou is to “celebrate whomever shows up.” Let’s celebrate and enjoy one another! There is so much richness of experience to be found in just one other person. I encourage you to engage more with each other and support each other as we create the community which makes us proudly the Marquette UU Congregation.

Yours in service,
Nancy Sullivan, Co-secretary, MqtUU Board of Trustees



MqtUU November Calendar

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

November 12 @ 1pm Sunday	Meeting of the MqtUU Board of Trustees
November 19 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Faith in Action Committee Meeting
November 19 @ 1pm Sunday	Class Conscious: Class and Classism in UU Life
November 23 @ 3pm Thursday	MqtUU Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

CLIMATE CHANGE & PUBLIC HEALTH: UPDATE ON THE MICHIGAN CLIMATE AND HEALTH ADAPTATION

Presenter: Brad Neumann, Michigan State University-Extension
Friday, November 10, 12-1 p.m. - Jamrich, room 1318

In recent years Marquette County has experienced a number of climate-related events leading to impacts on the local infrastructure, economy, environment and people. This presentation will summarize insights gained from the Michigan Climate and Health Adaptation Program's pilot project in Marquette County.

All Climate@Noon presentations are free and open to the public. If you know of other climate change-related events happening in our community, please let us know and we'll be sure to share with our network. Also, if you are on [Facebook](#), please join and follow our group.



YOU'RE INVITED...

Friday, November 10 @ 1pm
600 Altamont Street

Marquette celebrates \$16Million completion of former Holy Family Orphanage's historic restoration with news conference and ribbon cutting ceremony to introduce the new Grandview Marquette!



You are invited to share your thoughts, comments, favorite photos, favorite quotes, recipes, events, and articles of interest to your fellow UUs! Email your submissions to Heidi at mqtuadassist@gmail.com.