



THE CHRONICLE

Marquette
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation



Services & Forums October 2015



Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
October 4	“Building and Strengthening Covenant in Our Congregation” Service Leader: Heidi Gould	“Congregational Conversations about...” Host: MqtUU Board of Trustees
October 11	“One UU's perspective on the exploration of what is sacred.” Service Leader: Dharmini Robertson.	“Cultural Literacy for Religion: Hinduism: Foundational Texts and Teachings:” (video). Host: Tom Sullivan
October 18	“Coming Out Day.” Service Leader: Simone Chiodini	“SisterUP” Host: Dharmini Robertson
October 25	“Blessing of the Animals.” Service Leader: Kathy Klos	“Week in Review” Host: Tom Sullivan

Room at the Inn-We need YOU!



MqtUU is hosting Room at the Inn November 1-8 (pending board approval). We need to fill approximately 90 volunteer slots and there is truly a job for everyone. Options include: preparing and serving a meal (continental breakfast OR dinner), washing linens, taking a shift (must have attended formal training--see below), helping with set up after the service on 11/1 or clean up following departure on 11/8, donating toiletries, snacks and monetary gifts to cover laundry and other unexpected supplies.

New volunteer training is offered on the third Thursday of each month (unless it falls on a holiday), from 6-8 p.m. at the Warming Center, located at 447 W. Washington Street. All new volunteers are required to attend this training prior to volunteering for Room at the Inn.

Please contact Sarah Johnson at 458.3915 or Michelle Halley at 361.0520 to let us know how you can support. Thank you!



FROM: MqtUU President, Dea Kowalczyk



Have you noticed the seasonal shift? The nights are cooler, the days are becoming shorter, the leaves are turning their fiery colors, and the scent in the air fresher – a hint at the cleansing cool to come.

Autumn is a perfect time for starting to travel inward. There is usually a drive for spring cleaning of our living spaces in the Springtime; Autumn and the upcoming winter is the “spring cleaning” of our internal selves. - Where we take a hard look at what needs to change inside.

I am humbled by being your new Board President, and I hope to utilize this time of inner reflection to work with the other board members to look at how we can improve and grow our family here at the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation. With wonderful input from Dharmini, Anne, Chris, and whomever the new trustee will be, I know in my heart that we can have a greater impact on Marquette and the surrounding communities of which we are a part of, as well as making our congregation a place for newcomers to want to call home and join our family. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas, or to just chat.

I also want to encourage everyone to consider attending a meeting of a committee that may be of interest you, and possibly joining one. There are some exciting ideas that need to be fleshed out and manifested, and I can't wait to see these committees making our dreams a reality!

There is no greater joy than seeing a project at it's birth through to completion, and the elders here at our meeting house have created and laid down beautiful groundwork in all the tasks they have accomplished!

Let's join hands and hearts, and together, look at what needs to be done and see our little Marquette Unitarian Universalist group shine as bright as a full moon on freshly fallen snow!

Dea Kowalczyk

October Choir Rehearsal
@ the Home of Jeanne Trost
911 W. Kaye, Marquette
Thursday, October 8 @ 7pm
New Members Welcome!



Chair Yoga
w/ Dharmini Robertson
1 - 2:30pm Wednesdays

All are welcome ☺

Please come a little early if you are new.

Cost: \$5 donation goes to MqtUU

United By Light & CUUPS October Events



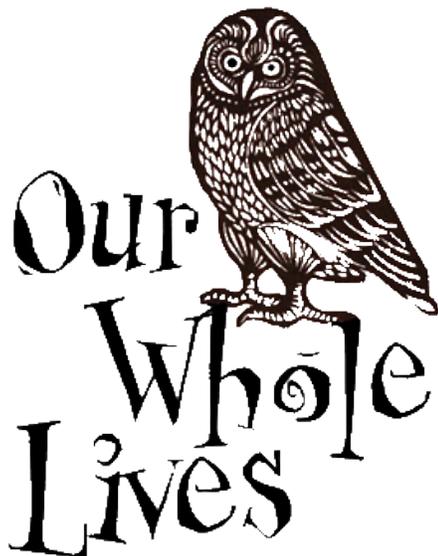
Full Moon Gathering & Game Night
Tuesday, October 27, 5:30 @ MqtUU Meeting House

Events are outdoors, Dress for the weather!
Please bring: Campchair or other outdoor seat,
a dish to share, and a small building/event donation.

Samhain

Friday, October 30, 6pm @ Lakenenland
For more info contact Dea Kowalczyk @ 361-0932





The Marquette UU is gearing up to offer our famed OWL (Our Whole Lives) sexuality course for the 7th to 9th graders again this year.

Gary Stark and Ursula Stock have graciously and generously stepped forward to be facilitators, and attend training in Racine, Wisconsin, the weekend of October 2-4. Together, they have five children who are "graduates" of our OWL program, so they know the value of the program.

The program is open to all 7-9th graders in our area. There is no cost. It is FREE!!!

In October, we will be advertising the program, and setting up information/orientation sessions for interested parents. Gary and Ursula, along with their potential students and parents, will decide upon the schedule for OWL, so we do not know as yet whether the sessions will primarily be on Sunday mornings or at another time. Stay Tuned.

What can you do in the meantime? First, please tell everyone you know who has children in this age group, and or who knows people with children in this age group, that we are getting ready to offer the program again this school year. Ask everyone to spread the word.

If people would like to get on the "list" of interested folks to be contacted about orientation/information sessions, please forward their names and emails, or have them do so, to [gg.gordon,plumskiter@gmail.com](mailto:gg.gordon@plumskiter@gmail.com).

Anyone who wants more information may contact gg as well.

FROM: Social Action Committee

"Share the Plate" offers opportunities for our members to develop and deepen connections with non-profit organizations from the local, state, national and global levels. Your nominations of non-profit organizations for recipients are welcome! The October "Share the Plate" Recipient is:

The Marquette Women's Center

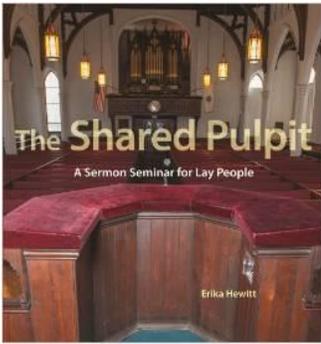
The Women's Center provides 24/7 emergency-intervention and crisis-intervention services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, dating violence and stalking in Marquette and Alger Counties, providing individual/group counseling and advocacy through programs that Protect, Educate, Advocate, Counsel and Empower (PEACE). For 40 more than years, it has been our mission to support survivors, to increase public awareness and to change the attitudes which allow these violent crimes to continue.

<http://wcmqt.weebly.com/>



The MqtUU Social Action Committee **NEEDS YOU!** Put your passion to action and get involved with issues of social and environmental justice! As a collective voice we can make a difference! Check us out on Facebook to get current on meeting dates and issues being addressed.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1404026069870621/>



As a lay-led congregation, it is the members who lead Sunday Services! Perhaps you have something you want to share but lack the confidence, skill or experience to get behind the podium! We can change that!

“The Shared Pulpit: A Sermon Seminar for Lay People”

An eight (8) session workshop to help lay people gain experience writing and preaching a full-length message, offered at the Meeting House. Learn about the theory and theology of preaching, then practice writing and speaking with authenticity, gradually building toward composing quality 20-minute sermons. If you are interested in sharing facilitation of a “Shared Pulpit” group please contact Heidi Gould @ mqtuudassist@gmail.com.

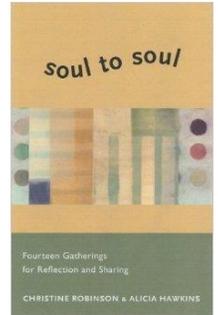
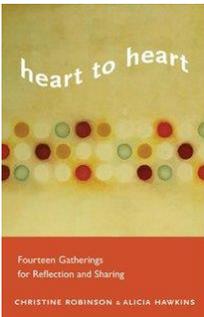
Other Opportunities for Small Covenant Groups

Heart to Heart & Soul to Soul

by Christine Robinson & Alicia Hawkins

These elegant guides for spiritual sharing offer small groups the opportunity to connect through readings and journaling assignments. Both include exercises for personal contemplation before each meeting and outline a program for sharing these reflections in a small group.

If you are interested in sharing facilitation of a small covenant group please contact Heidi Gould mqtuudassist@gmail.com.



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MqtUU October Calendar

(See Forums & Services on pg. 1)

(Meetings and events will take place at the Meeting House unless otherwise specified)

October 4 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Social Action Committee
October 10 @ 10am Saturday	Community Development Committee
October 11 @ 1pm Sunday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting
October 11 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Green Team Meeting
October 18 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Social Action Committee Meeting (Tentative)
October 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 1pm Wednesdays	Chair Yoga w/Dharmini Robertson
October 27 @ 5:30pmpm Tuesday	United By Light & CUUPS Full Moon Gathering
October 30 @ 6pm Friday	United By Light & CUUPS Samhain Celebration @ Lakenenland!

Check us out on the web @ mqtuu.org and find us on Facebook!



SAVE THE DATE:

**Sunday, November 1
Marquette Women's Center Benefit Dessert Social
Bring a Dessert!**

