



Marquette
Unitarian
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Congregation

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CHRONICLE

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Sundays in October...

9:45 am Forum: Guest Host
~ Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher

2 11am Service:
“The Dharma of September”
Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher

9:45 am Forum: NO FORUM

9 11am Service: “Indigenous
People’s Day.” Service Leader:
Barb Michael

9:45 am Forum:
“Black Lives Matter I.”
Host: Barb Michael

16 11am Service:
“Blessed by the Animals”
Service Leader: Kathy Klos

9:45 am Forum:

23 11am Service:
“Hearken Now, the Darkness
Comes...”Presenters: February
Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan
Urban)

9:45 am Forum:
“Black Lives Matter II.” Host:
Barb Michael

30 11am Service:
“All Soul’s Celebration:
Honoring Lives We Lived With
Those No Longer Here.” Service
Leader: Dharmini Robertson

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!



You are invited to stay after the service on Sunday, October 2 for the First Sunday Potluck Luncheon! Now is a great time to show off some of the bounty from this year’s harvest!

Please bring a dish to share! Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided!

Join us for an Autumn Adventure!

Hayes Corn Maze

Please plan to join the group going to the Corn Maze on **Sunday, October 9th, after church services** (rain date = October 16th). We did this as a group a number of years ago and it was a blast. Time to make our UU presence known in the maze again. We can carpool if people want to.



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A NOTE FROM MqtUU PRESIDENT:



We have now passed the Autumn Equinox, when day and night are equal. The time around an equinox is a good time to reflect on balance: Where your own personal balance is, the balance between work and play, solitude and social time, parent time and couple's time, exercise and rest, etc. When we are off balance, things don't go as smoothly. We may feel stretched too thin, or we may feel more angst and anxiety, or like we don't have enough time in the day. I've mentioned in last month's note that we as a congregation are in change, and indeed we are. As Heidi wrote in her introduction email for the September newsletter, we are pretty healthy, but our numbers are down, and attendance is low. This is an ongoing trend that many want to see reversed. When I've talked or written about "change" or a renaissance and revival for the MqtUU, this is what I'm referring to. We need to find our balance.

Our Beloved Community Retreat had an attendance of about 10 people each of the three days our visitor was here. Attendance is an indicator as to the health and commitment of an organization, and it shows how important, or not, the MqtUU and what it has to offer is to people. During the retreat, what Gregory from the "Seven Principles Project" taught us, was showing us other ways thinking and being with each other. For example: who a "leader" is, how decisions are made, and most importantly, how to reach out to someone with honesty, compassion, empathy, and curiosity. He taught us not to talk about ourselves and make a conversation about the "I", but how to ask a question (from a place of curiosity) that starts us on the road to deeper connection with each other. I hope at some point we can share highlights from the participants with you, to hear about what they learned and experienced.

Gregory Rouillard also guided us in activities that allowed for deep self-awareness in what our knee jerk habits are when relating to people, and how to reprogram those habitual responses to a place of honest empathy and compassion. His facilitation was amazing. What he teaches is similar to "non-violent communication techniques" and his teaching on group decision making is based on the Dutch Sociocratisch Centrum (Sociocracy) Method (SCM), which he and his partner call "Storm Integrated Solutions" (<http://www.stormintegration.com>). Many of the topics he introduced us to over the three days he was here, could have a weekend+ dedicated to each individually! My only regret is that he wasn't able to lead a Sunday Service for us, but maybe you, the congregation, will ask for him to come back for an in-depth experience on one of their offerings.

The board will be needing your input soon, as we have a small team going through our by-laws with a fine tooth comb, we will be starting the process for adopting a congregational covenant, and possibly looking at reorganizing ourselves to best meet the needs of the people who attend. Quality VS quantity.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, insights, praise, or just want to meet over lunch, don't hesitate to contact me.

Blessings to you and yours,
Dea



Dharmini and Dea are excited to announce that we will be starting up **Holding Hearts** this month. We will be wearing our Holding Hearts lanyards on **Sunday Oct 2nd** and available for questions about this service. Our first **Holding Hearts** will be after the service on **October 9th**, when Dea will be available to Hold Hearts with you, and Dharmini will be available on October 23rd.



UNITED BY LIGHT invites you to the MqtUU Meeting House...

Sunday Oct 16 @ 6:00 p.m. Mute Dinner

RSVP required.

This is a full family style dinner enjoyed in sacred silence. Color theme is red, white, and/or black (what we wear, the place settings, serving wear, food, etc). One setting will be left empty for the spirits, which is why I need an RSVP if you are attending. Main dish will be vegan chili.

Friday Oct 28 @ 6:00 p.m. Baby Blanket and Baby Hat Making

for donation to the Marquette Birthing Center and NICU. No sewing skills necessary, we will walk you through a simple blanket creation. If you know how to crochet or knit, baby hat creation is encouraged. All blankets must be quilted (NICU, birthing center requirement). New stuffed animals can be brought to donate to fire/rescue/police for children. Event co-hosted with visiting Pagan Minister, Tina Miller, of Pardeeville, WI. Please bring a snack to share, materials for creation (if you wish, there will be materials provided), and a small monetary love donation.

Sunday Oct 30th @ 3:00 p.m. Samhain (Halloween) Service

led by visiting Pagan Minister, Tina Miller, of Pardeeville, WI. While in sacred space, Rev. Miller will lead us through the decent of the Goddess Inanna through the seven gates to the Underworld. Please bring a dish to share, and a small monetary love donation.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Dea [\(906\) 439-5170](tel:9064395170) (home), [\(906\) 361-0932](tel:9063610932) (cell), rev.dea@minister.com

FROM: Religious Exploration Committee

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

On Sunday, October 2, the children will learn about the Jewish High Holy Days, called Rosh Hashanah, and about celebrating new beginnings. led by g.g. gordon.

On Sunday, October 9, the children will continue their exploration of Judaism with study of the holiday of Yom Kippur, and the importance of forgiveness. led by g.g. gordon.

November - a Bowl-Making Party

December 3rd - the 12th Annual Soup Dinner

The next **RE Committee** will meet at 5:30 pm, Thursday, October 13 at Peter White Public Library.



Love radically.
Serve gratefully.
Wonder daily.
Unitarian Universalism



“We believe that faith is a journey we take together. Religious education takes a lifetime. It happens both within and beyond a congregation's walls. We support one another as individuals, families, and communities in an ongoing search for truth and meaning. We strive to guide one another—all ages among us—in religious questioning, personal change, and discovering ways to better live in faith.” ~ uua.org/re



FROM: Faith in Action Committee

Next meeting at the Meeting House Sunday, October 23 @ 12:30pm



Share-the-Plate Recipient (October 2, 16, 23, 30)

The work of the United Nations reaches every corner of the globe. Although best known for peacekeeping, peacebuilding, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance, there are many other ways the United Nations and its System (specialized agencies, funds and programs) affect our lives and make the world a better place. The Organization works on a broad range of fundamental issues, from sustainable development, environment and refugees protection, disaster relief, counter terrorism, disarmament and non-proliferation, to promoting democracy, human rights, governance, economic and social development and international health, clearing landmines, expanding food production, and more, in order to achieve its goals and coordinate efforts for a safer world for this and future generations.

Our **UU-UN Office**'s 2017 youth and adult seminar will be **April 6-8, 2017** at the U.N. in New York City. The theme is **Interfaith Action to End Armed Violence**. There will be interfaith engagement with issues like: reducing gun violence and the proliferation of small arms; nuclear disarmament and the abolition of other weapons of mass destruction; Use of unmanned drones; chemical and biological weapons; and strengthening global peace and security.

Special Collection



During the service on **Sunday, Oct. 9**, as we focus on Indigenous Peoples Day, we will take up a "**special offering**" for Native Americans and others from all over the country who are protesting the **Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL)** and protecting the land and waters. Money will go towards winter sleeping bags, tipis or tents, food, etc. The **Center for Native American Studies** at NMU will be combining our offering with theirs and waiting for our show of support before sending on this special contribution from

the U.P. So please bring your checkbook, some extra bills or coins on Sunday, Oct. 9. If you write a check, you can make it out to: **Standing Rock Sioux Tribe - Donations**

Here is a link to one of many articles on the DAPL: <http://billmoyers.com/story/need-know-dakota-access-pipeline-protest/>

FROM: Faith in Action (cont'd)

We have a special Adult Forum Series coming up this fall focusing on the **Vision for Black Lives Platform**, compiled and recognized by over 50 black organizations and being studied by many others - including us!

Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) encourages those of us who predominantly walk through this life with white privilege ~ as a group, as well as individuals ~ to organize as "white people for racial justice." We all have different experiences. Let us come together to focus and learn about the content of the platform, exploring two topics each Sunday. For those of us who are not persons of color, let's be part of changing the narrative of white supremacy by breaking white silence.

- **Oct. 16** Vision for Black Lives Platform I
 - "End the War on Black People and Reasons for Reparations" with Sarah Redmond
- **Oct. 30** Vision for Black Lives Platform II
 - "Divest-Invest and Economic Justice" with Barb Michael and guest
- **Nov. 13** Vision for Black Lives Platform III
 - More Community Control and Political Power"

Mgt UU Faith in Action encourages high school and adult attendance as we affirm and address a critical facet of the dignity and worth of every human being; compassion and equity in human relations; and peace, liberty, and justice for all (from our UU Principles).



Memories of our Beloved Community Weekend Retreat



A big "Thank You" to Gregory Rouillard from *Living the Seven Principles Project* for facilitating an awesome relationship building workshop!



Thanks so much to those who dedicated so much of their weekend to working towards a renaissance, rejuvenation and renewal for our congregation!



Resources for much of what we learned and practiced at the Beloved Community Weekend Retreat can be found at <http://livingsevenprinciples.com/mgtuu-resources>.

...and our Autumn Open House



Presenting our New Sign ☺



We Enjoyed Lots of Great Food...



And Great Friends!



Much Gratitude to members who showed up to share information about who we are and what we are all about!

THANK YOU!



MqtUU October Calendar

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

October 1 @ 9am Saturday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Retreat w/ Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher
October 2 @ 12pm Sunday	Questions & Answers Session on <i> Holding Hearts </i>
October 4 @ 10am Tuesday	Finance Committee Meeting
October 9 @ 12pm Sunday	First <i> Holding Hearts </i> Session w/Dea
October 9 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Trip from MqtUU to Hayes Corn Maze (rain date: Sunday October 16)
October 13 @ 5:30 Thursday	Religious Exploration Committee Meeting at Peter White Public Library
October 16 @ 12:30pm Sunday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting
October 23 @ 12pm Sunday	<i> Holding Hearts </i> w/Dharmini
October 23 @ 12:30pm Sunday	Faith in Action Meeting

As people of hope, we cannot be turned back:
we are called to help and we will keep doing so.

Rev. Naomi King

