



Marquette
Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation

October 2017

CHRONICLE

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Sundays in October	
1	11am Service: "Poetry and Activism of Cecelia Rose LaPointe" Service Leader: Barb Michael
8	11am Service: "Radical Worth and Dignity" Service Leader: Rev. Chris Rothbauer
15	11am Service: "Doctrine of Discovery and Columbus Day Revisited" Service Leader: gg gordon
22	11am Service: "Blessing of the Animals" Service Leader: Kathy Campbell
29	11am Service: "Crossing the Threshold With Marquette Sail on Singers" Service Leader: Barb Michael

Starting October 1

MqtUU is offering a five-session exploration of the topic of class in our society. The curriculum was developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association and is called *Class Conscious: Class and Classism in UU Life*. This topic is inextricably intertwined with many other social justice issues that concern us, including, but not limited to, racism, environmental justice, campaign financing and voters' rights, income inequality, and many others. The sessions will be lead by g.g. gordon and will cover a number of topics such as:

- Why we avoid talking about class
- Emotions related to class differences
- Class indicators
- Types of classism
- Intersections with other "isms"
- Meritocracy
- UU history and contexts
- Domains for congregational classism
- Economic inequality - reasons for and impacts of
- Class cultures in organizations
- Becoming a class ally
- Stages of classism awareness



Sessions will be held from 1-3pm after services on the Sunday afternoons listed below. There is *no charge* and *lunch will be provided* for a free will offering. Please put these dates on your calendars now, plan to attend and participate in these interactive sessions as we explore a very current and important issue.

- October 1: Module 1: Class as Culture
- October 15: Module 2: Classism
- November 19: Module 3: Income Inequality
- December 3: Module 4: Classism and Awareness
Efforts in our Congregations
- December 17: Module 5: Class Activism

For more information email gg plumskiter@gmail.com



Sunday, October 1

Cecelia Rose LaPointe is an Ojibway/Métis who is a part of Kchiwiikwedong (Keweenaw Bay Indian Community – Michigan) and is ajjjaak (crane) clan. She identifies as androgynous, gender non-conforming, and Two-Spirit.



She is the owner of Red Circle Consulting, which specializes in community engagement work, outreach, presentations, projects, and workshops. Their core focuses include: building bridges, expanding awareness, and creating understanding around often difficult and complex issues. The goal is to meet challenges with solutions that are aligned with healing and justice. She is also the founder and owner of Waub Ajaak Press. Through Red Circle Consulting she has worked with the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion on expanding their reach to Northern Michigan and particularly the Anishinaabe community in regards to racial justice work. Currently she is involved in building a racial equity hub in the UP focusing specifically on centering the Anishinaabe community and their voice in racial justice work. She is a published poet and writer. Her work appears in many publications including *"Voice on the Water: Great Lakes Native America Now,"* by NMU Press.

Let's join together to give a warm welcome to Cecelia at our 11 o'clock service for a presentation on her work and poetry that she will be offering to us.

Sunday, October 8

“Radical Worth and Dignity” Why is the first principle is such a radical statement about the nature of humans? In this service, Rev. Chris Rothbauer will examine how the first principle calls us to treat one another and how it can alter our lives if we let it.



FROM: Daily Compass



“We live in a time when science is validating what humans have known throughout the ages: that compassion is not a luxury; it is a necessity for our well-being, resilience, and survival.”

—Joan Halifax

How has an act of compassion nurtured your resilience?



FROM: Religious Exploration



GREAT Gratitude to all of you who participated in the recent Religious Exploration Survey!! And, if you haven't yet, there's still time to grab one at the back of the sanctuary under the "Free Hugs" sign. It was so spirit-warming to see how many of you are willing to give some of your time to our young ones. Jamie will be in touch with you, to follow up on volunteer opportunities that will help grow our beloved community.

MqtUU will once again be offering the Our Whole Lives (OWL) program for 7th-9th graders this year! The classes will be held on Sundays at our UU meeting house in Harvey from 11 am-12:30 just over the course of the school year.

It will be Michelle Halley and Paul Gray facilitating the class which is GREAT since they have BOTH successfully taught the program before. PLEASE thank them for their willingness to dedicate so much effort into this program that literally saves lives.

We are looking at possibly having the mandatory parent meeting the evening of October 17, and starting the program on October 22.

Jamie just returned from Rockford, IL where she became a trained OWL facilitator for the 7-9 and 10-12 grades, so she'll be able to offer the program in the future. She's been in communication with two of the local religious youth group leaders for those age groups, and they are interested in possible collaboration in the future, too.

Here are some of the facts learned at the training:

- Most public schools teach abstinence-only programs. To the contrary, OWL is a "Just say KNOW program" while still urging teens not to choose having sex, and also, providing realistic alternatives to sex!
- By the end of 9th grade, 40% of all teenagers will be engaging in sex.
- Most kids find out about STIs for the first time when they are being diagnosed with them.

The 7th-9th grade curriculum was just updated to include discussions of body image, social media/internet, bullying/bystander responsibilities, and consent education.

Also, there are now OWL programs for young adults, adults, and older adults! There is some interest in the possibility of offering 4-6th grade OWL in the 7th-9th grade "off" years. Contact Jamie if you have interest in this.

Here's the OWL website: <http://www.uua.org/re/owl>

Our K-6th Graders have a strong Religious Exploration program that just started up, too, called "Love Will Guide Us." In this program, participants learn to seek guidance in life through the lens of our Unitarian Universalist Sources, with an emphasis on love. Together we ask questions such as, "Where did we come from?" "What is our relationship to the Earth and other creatures?" "How can we respond with love, even in bad situations?" "What happens when you die?" Sessions apply wisdom from our Sources to help participants answer these questions. Participants will learn that asking questions is valued in Unitarian Universalism, even as they begin to shape their own answers.

R.E. is seeking some (lightly) used floor rugs that you might be willing to donate. We are making our RE space into more distinct, specific-use areas, and it'd be great if we could utilize the floor space with some nice rugs!



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.

October “Share the Plate” Recipient:



Faith in Action, our social justice committee, has selected Benton Harbor BANCO, Rev. Pinkney's advocacy organization to receive our October Share the Plate offering. Over the past almost 20 years, Rev. Pinkney has advocated for the black community in Benton Harbor. As a result, he has been imprisoned three times, once for quoting the Bible. His last sentence of 2 1/2 to 10 years for errors in circulating recall petitions was partially served here at Marquette Branch Prison.

Our offering will help with legal fees, travel costs and other costs related to his organizing work. To learn more, go to his blog, www.bhbanco.org

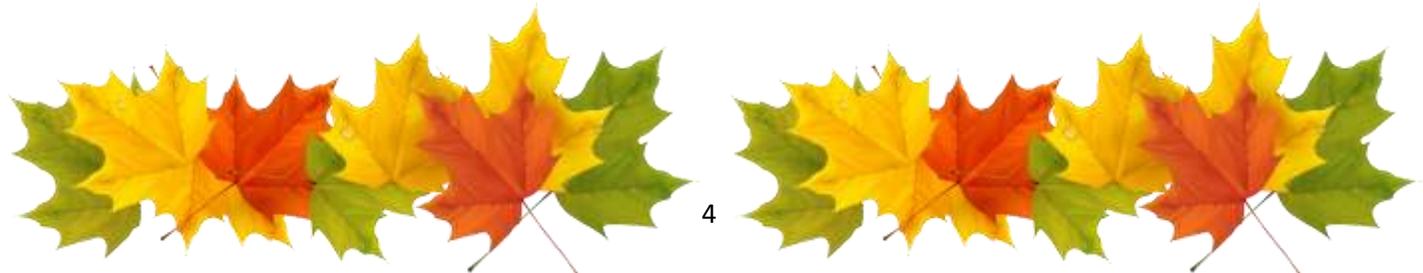


Membership Notes

Over the past few months four people have joined our congregation. They are Darlene and Dave Allen, Janet Seeds and Cindy Brown. We hope you will make of point of saying welcome and hello next time you meet. We are very happy to have them all as a part of our UU community. -Nancy Sullivan, Membership Chair



Welcome!
Dave & Darlene
Allen
And
Cindy Brown!



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 @ 1pm Sunday	Class Conscious: Class and Classism in UU Life w/ gg gordon
Sunday, October 8 thru Sunday, October 15	ROOM AT THE INN
October 15 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Faith in Action Committee Meeting
October 22 @ 12:15pm Sunday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting
October 29 @ 3pm Sunday	United By Light Samhain Gathering

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.



TAKE ACTION: RESOURCES FOR JUSTICE Congregational Action

Justice is at the core of our faith. Our congregations are called to make a positive difference in our wider communities. We work to serve, to raise awareness, and to support and partner with people who face injustice. We advocate, organize, and act for justice to live out the values of our faith.

Join us!

- **#Love Resists:** Activating people of faith and conscience to resist the harm inflicted by criminalization through safer, more just, welcoming, and sustainable communities. Learn more about Love Resists, sign the Declaration of Conscience, and explore our resources on sanctuary and solidarity.
- **Standing on the Side of Love Campaign:** Standing on the Side of Love is a public advocacy campaign that seeks to harness love’s power to stop oppression. It is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association and all are welcome to join.
- **Service Learning (UUCSJ):** The mission of the UU College of Social Justice is to inspire and sustain effective and spiritually grounded activism for justice. UUCSJ offers immersion learning journeys, justice training programs, summer internships, and direct volunteer opportunities with partner organizations in the U.S. and abroad. All programs are designed to help people cross boundaries, gain insight, and imagine new ways to make a difference in the world.

Room at the Inn

*Marquette's Emergency Homeless Shelter
and Warming Center*



Room at the Inn-We need YOU!

MqtUU is hosting Room at the Inn (RATI), our local homeless shelter Sunday, October 8th - Sunday, October 15th.

During the week there are a multitude of tasks to help the shelter run smoothly and ensure the meeting house is ready for the Sunday service after guests leave. Truly, there is a job for everyone. Imagine have 20 guests staying at your home for a week. This is a major endeavor (and such a worthwhile one). We need everyone's help! Here are a few of the ways you can assist:

- Setting up after the service 10/8 and/or cleaning the MqtUU following RATI's departure on 10/15
- Taking a load of laundry and washing it during the week
- Helping with laundry after RATI has departed (20+ loads of bedding!!!)
- Donating snacks and supplies (call Sarah for a specific list of needs or monetary donations are welcome and also cover laundromat expenses)
- Serving a meal (RE is signed up for Friday, October 13 and you are welcome to join us for our MqtUU community meal)
- Volunteering a shift (Must attend RATI training)

For more information about Room at the Inn, visit: <http://roomattheinn.org/>

Please contact Sarah Johnson at 458.3915 or Michelle Halley at 361.0520 to let us know how you will support this endeavor.

Thank you!

United By Light invites you...



*Samhain Gathering
@ MqtUU Meeting House
Sunday, October 29, 2017*

For more information email
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