

## **2016 State of the MqtUU Congregation President, Dea Kowalczyk**

Thank you for staying this afternoon.

For a small group we do so much! Since the last Congregational meeting, the MqtUU has hosted another successful Room At The Inn! Many thanks to Sarah Johnson and Michelle Halley, and everyone else who volunteered and donated items to make this endeavor such a success.

I also want to take a moment to give a big thank you to Ursula Stock and Gary Stark for leading the OWL program this year. This is a valuable service provided to our community for our youth. Thank you!

We have a radio ad that is live and running on three radio stations! Special thanks to Jon and Dharmini Robertson!

To help everyone here at the meeting house get a clearer understanding of how all the various groups within the Mqt. U.U. coordinate and communicate together, the organizational flow chart (that was approved at the last congregational meeting) has been put into place. Soon to be located in the back of the directory.

The meeting house has been getting a much needed overhaul and facelift thanks to the monthly worker bee parties. Special thanks to Mike Erdman for facilitating those!

Share the plate has been an ongoing way for us to reach out and help our local and global communities. Since the last Congregational Meeting in January, our little Mqt U.U. has raised and donated \$675.42 (in only 4 months)!!! We've given to: Sister UP (January), then Partners in Health (Feb), MUUSJN (March), and Prison Ministry of Church of Larger Fellowship (April). This month, as you know, is "We Belong Together", and looking ahead to June we'll be supporting UPAWS.

Very exciting news that you may not have heard yet: Our MQT U.U. has hired an RE Coordinator! Warm welcome to Becca (Rebecca) Spitzer! We are fortunate to have her working with our youth!

I want to take a moment to give a special thanks from all here at the U.U., to Bill Joswiak for sponsoring the mining journal ad, and to Tim Vanderveen for showing his support of Women's Health by being present outside of Planned Parenthood multiple times. Thank you!

In our congregation's financial news, we have completed the sale of the Wright Street property. The Finance committee voted last fall to call the land contract, and as of earlier this month, payment was deposited. This will be helpful

as the finance committee looks ahead at our mortgage and the balloon that will be expiring.

Our Administrative Assistant, Heidi Gould, organized the Elden Kelly concert early this spring. Having such talent play here at the meeting house was a special treat for all who could attend.

These are all things that make us special, that make us who we are. As long as we keep living the 7 principles... Let's take a moment to read them: (read bookmark)

Let us remember that our opinion or belief isn't the only one, and as long as we keep doing the work of a U.U. community, then we can lead by example, and make a difference here in Marquette and beyond!

Thank you.