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Congregation

February 2018

CHRONICLE

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Sundays in February	
4	11am Service: "Stars in Their Crown – The Grace and Glory of Long-Lasting Love" Presenters: February Sky (Susan Urban & Phil Cooper)
11	11am Service: "You Say It's My Birthday" Service Leader: Kathy Campbell
18	11am Service: "Mad Hatter's Tea Party!" Children's Valentine Tea Service
25	11am Service: "Leadings and Discernment" Service Leader: David Arnold

Check us out on
the web at mqtuu.org



SIDE WITH
LOVE

Room at the Inn-We need YOU! February 25 - March 3

MqtUU is hosting Room at the Inn (RATI), our local homeless shelter from February 25 - March 3. We need to fill approximately 90 volunteer slots and there is truly a job for everyone. Options include: preparing and serving a meal (breakfast OR dinner), washing linens, taking a shift (must have attended formal training-see below), helping with set up after the service on February 25 or clean up following RATI's departure on March 3, and donating items (see Sarah Johnson for list of needed items). 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!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING DATE: Thursday, February 15th, 6:30-8:00pm at the Warming Center. The Warming Center is located at 447 W. Washington Street, Marquette. Please join our team and help those in our community who need shelter and a hot meal. <http://roomattheinn.org/>

VOLUNTEERS are WELCOME and needed for continuing support of the MqtUU Congregation. If you are interested in utilizing your skills and talents in service of the MqtUU Community please email Heidi mqtuuadassist@gmail.com for more information! **THANK YOU!**



You are invited to share your thoughts, comments, favorite photos, favorite quotes, recipes, events, and articles of interest to your fellow UUs! What would you like to see in your monthly UU Newsletter? Email your submissions to Heidi at mqtuuadassist@gmail.com.



February 4: “Stars in Their Crown – The Grace and Glory of Long-Lasting Love”

Presenters: February Sky (Susan Urban & Phil Cooper)

It’s February, the month of Valentine’s Day. At this time we hear a lot about the heart-pounding, brain-draining excitement of new love. But some lovers are blessed, when the romantic stage passes, with a love that grows in depth and complexity until they become almost like one person simultaneously inhabiting two different bodies. Yes, that can sound a little scary, as people worry about losing themselves in that other person, but the truth is that this type of love can put us more in touch with who we really are than new love ever dreams of.

February 11: “You Say It’s My Birthday” with Kathy Campbell

about growing older and the evolving spiritual sense.



February 18: Children’s Valentine Tea Service

For this year’s Religious Exploration (R.E.) Valentine’s Tea Service on February 11th, the R.E. kids will be hosting a *Mad Hatter’s Tea Party*! The RE committee will be providing tea and some wonderland-worthy light snacks, so please feel free to bring some fun teapots and wear your wildest outfits and hats for a **Very Merry Unbirthday Celebration to us all!**

February 25: “Leadings and Discernment” with David Arnold

An important part of Quaker practice is listening with the hope that what we hear in the silence will lead us in unexpected ways. Discernment is the practice of taking such a leading, testing it, feeling it through, and integrating it into one’s life. Ideally after a discernment process, one achieves a sense of clearness, where strength flows from the leading through us to our actions. I will speak about my experiences with this process.

Forum on Proposed Renovations

A *forum* for MqtUU members and friends, with architects from Studio RAD, will be held at **12:15 p.m on Sunday, February 11th** after the regular service. The purpose of this comprehensive meeting is the presentation of a menu of alternatives for the design of the MqtUU building’s sanctuary, as well as other interior renovations to the building. Four distinct alternative designs have been recommended as viable alternatives to revise the sanctuary space to become a more distinct, sacred, modern, and attractive space for services and other functions. Other interior renovation alternatives include flooring, lighting, audio-visual, and decorative elements. Approximate costs associated with the various alternatives will be presented as well.



The MqtUU Board of Trustees is seeking feedback from members and friends on the design alternatives, and this will be the best opportunity available to learn about these design options from the architects. Architect Joy Cardillo will present the design portfolio and then the assembled members and friends will be encouraged to share their thoughts and discuss the options presented. The BoT will follow up with the congregation on next steps after their February board meeting. Please attend this important meeting if you can. If you have specific questions or concerns please contact Board of Trustees Vice-President, Dave Stensaas (at 361-0553) or another member of the Board of Trustees.

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.

February “Share the Plate” Recipient:

Promise and the Practice for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism



The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith Campaign is our opportunity to take the lead as a faith denomination in addressing our history of upholding white supremacy. Together, we can collectively work to dismantle it and amend a long broken promise to the Black Lives within our Association.

This is our time to be Bold, Radical, and Transformational as we commit to nurture a radically inclusive, justice centered, multiracial and multigenerational religious faith!

www.blacklivesuu.com

First Sunday Film

Starting in February, we are going to show a movie every first Sunday of the month in the early afternoon after services and coffee time. The first film will be Robert Reich's *Inequality*, Please plan to bring a lunch or a snack and join us! The film for March 4th will be from National Geographic entitled The Hajj. Please let Heidi or g.g. know if you have suggestions for future films.



MqtUU Put Our Faith in Action @ 2018 Women's March



Photo Credit: Bryan Newland

Our Congregation was challenged by Michigan UUs for Social Justice [MUUSJN] to fill up 20 petitions that seek legislation that would raise the minimum wage in Michigan, phase out tipping by raising food servers' base pay, and entitle workers to at least one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked.

We met the challenge bigly. A cadre comprised of Kathy Campbell, Anne Stark, Katelynn Jensen, Heidi Gould, Nicole Harrington and g.g. gordon, took the petitions to the Women's March on Sunday, January 21, 2018, and got all the signature spaces filled! The completed petitions have been sent back downstate for submission to the government.

Watch this space for updates on the progress of these requests for change that are aimed at reducing poverty and income inequality. Much gratitude to all the canvassers who were willing to get out there and put our faith into action. Great work everyone!

~ gg gordon

MqtUU February Calendar

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

February 4 @ 12:15pm Sunday	First Sunday Film - Robert Reich's Inequality
February 11 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Studio RAD presentation of Proposed Renovations
February 17 @ 10am Saturday	2 nd February Meeting of the MqtUU Board of Trustees @ Dandelion Room, Peter White Public Library
February 18 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Class Conscious: Class and Classism in UU Life Classism and Awareness Efforts in our Congregations
February 25 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Class Conscious: Class and Classism in UU Life Class Activism

COMMUNITY EVENTS:



Our next MIF "First Friday Forum" will be next Friday, February 2, in the Shiras Rm of the PWPL from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Following on the prior 2 months' discussions of TRUST in December and CHARITY earlier this month, we have decided to make our next two topics OWNERSHIP in February and WHAT IS THE SELF on March 2.

All of these topics are related and seem to flow from one discussion to the next. **Ownership** continues the topic of **Charity**. If some concepts of Charity involve obligation for the giving of something one owns to someone or something else and if some other concepts of Charity spring from the obligation to give because one's self does not really own anything, then **what is Ownership** and what is the Self?

These are questions over which religions and philosophies have labored for millennia. Let us all join in the discussions. I will take the liberty of attaching some sources from Judaism.

Aaron Scholnik

The Collective cordially invites you to
The 5th Annual Marquette Love Show
 U.P. Children's Museum
 Sunday, February 11 @ 3pm - 9pm

It's All About Love!

When people share in a focused intention, magic happens • Dreams turn into realities • We are powerful manifestors • Conscious co-creators • When we join forces, hearts and minds, we truly become a connected community banding people together to build healthy and caring systems around us and within us.

• All - Ages Event • Family Friendly • Suggested Donation of \$5 or winter boots, hats, gloves, and/or Marq Tran monthly bus pass to enter event.

Donations raised at the door will be gifted to Room at the Inn Warming Center. Room At The Inn is a private, non-profit organization that receives no government funding.

Happy February!