



Marquette
Unitarian
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Congregation

April 2018

CHRONICLE

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Sundays in April	
1	11am Service: "Alleluia - Your Mileage May Vary" The Morski Family
8	11am Service: "Soul Matters: Emergence" Anne Stark
15	11am Service: Child Dedication Service Teri Rockwood 12:30 Board of Trustees Budget Meeting
22	11am Service: "Blessed are the Peacemakers" Service Leader: gg gordon 12:15 Forum on Proposed Budget
29	11am Service: "Speak True: On the Value of Veracity" Presenter: February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban) 12:15pm Forum: The 7 th Principle and Diet Host: Bill Joswiak

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the web at mqtuu.org



Sunday, April 1



"Alleluia - Your Mileage May Vary"
Enjoy music from both the Easter and April Fool side of life in this exploration of Alleluia with Kathryn Morski, Brian Morski, and Caitlin Kirchenwitz.



Sunday, April 29

"Speak True: On the Value of Veracity" Presenters: February Sky
Lying and deception are considered morally reprehensible across cultures, yet we find ourselves in an era when many believe that they're fine as long as someone can "get away with it." We will consider these ideas, and also when it might be okay to bend the truth just a little bit.



The Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth envisions a world in which reverence, gratitude, and care for the living Earth are central to the lives of all people.
www.uumfe.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.

**7 Principles of Unitarian
Universalism
Affirm & Promote:**

The inherent worth and
dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and
compassion in human
relations;

Acceptance of one
another and
encouragement to
spiritual growth in our
congregations;

A free and responsible
search for truth and
meaning;

The right of conscience
and the use of the
democratic process
within our congregations
and in society at large;

The goal of world
community with peace,
liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the
interdependent web of all
existence of which we are
a part.

April is going to bring in several important events for our **Religious Exploration** programs.

Religious Exploration Sundays

Here's what April will be looking like in RE, during the services:

April 1 st	April Fool's & Easter (Emergence, birth and the humor behind it all)
April 8 th	Holocaust Remembrance Day/Yom Ha'Shoah (Emerging Stars)
April 15 th	Child Dedication Service
April 22 nd	Earth Day (Emergence & Celebration of Our Seedlings)
April 29 th	Celebration of National Superhero Day! (Emergence of the Full Moon) *Be sure to come dressed as your favorite superhero!*

Child Dedication

Sunday, April 15th is an important date for the whole congregation, as we dedicate our **new children** into the MUUC family. Teri will be leading the service on this day, and your support, attendance, and loving guidance would be so welcomed.

OWL Program

Due to Spring Break, there will be no OWL classes on April 1st or April 8th. Enjoy your break, kids! :)

Adult Faith Exploration

Thursday, April 26th will be our first gathering for our newly forming "Adult Faith Exploration" program. We'll meet at Ray & Jamie's lodge at the Gitche Gumee Campground (turn in to the road directly east of the mailbox numbered 2040 on M-28) at 6:30 pm. We'll be starting with the book, *To This I Give My Heart; A Coming of Age Journal* in order to begin a discussion and deep exploration of our faith. If you would like to purchase a copy, let Jamie know by April 1st, as she'll be placing an order for those all at once.

Volunteering with the Kids

In the last few months, many of you have indicated—either verbally or through the survey RE did a few months back—that you'd like to volunteer with our kids in a variety of capacities. We've been held up by some process/implementation issues, but are now moving forward. Towards the goal of having more volunteerism opportunities, the RE Committee has decided that first, we need to update/collect background checks for anyone working with the kids, per the MqtUU Child and Youth Protection Policy. So, if you have indicated that you'd like to work with our kids/youth, we'll be getting the paperwork to you soon, so that we can have a complete and updated file. Thank You!



The RE Committee will meet Thursday, April 12th, at 5:30 pm.

Thank you,
Jamie Kuehn, RE Coordinator

Happy April Birthday, Dorothea Dix! (April 4, 1802)

Dorothea Dix was possibly the most visible humanitarian reformer of the 19th century. She was a teacher, served as Superintendent of United States Army Nurses during the Civil War, and was a tireless champion of the poor and the insane.

**BE OF GOOD CHEER, FOR
SADNESS CANNOT HEAL
THE NATIONAL WOUNDS**

DOROTHEA DIX
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Dix's work was driven by deeply felt moral sensitivities and she found her religious home among Unitarians. She appreciated the Unitarian emphasis on the goodness of God, purity of heart, openness to new knowledge, and responsibility for the good of all society. A close friend of William Ellery Channing, the famous pastor of the Federal Street Church in Boston, she served from time to time as governess for the Channing children. She read many printed Unitarian sermons appreciatively and critically.

Dix established an extensive network of friends in the Boston Unitarian community. Anne Heath, a member of the Federal Street Church, became a lifelong friend and confidant. Heath, like Dix, would never marry. Their extensive correspondence, spanning a period of over 50 years until Heath's death in 1878, provides a window into Dix's inner world. This world was filled with deep appreciation for poetry, literature, history, and nature, but marred by loneliness, alienation, and self-deprecation.

Dorothea Dix felt nearest to God when she was involved in specific actions that resulted in measurable good effects.

In March, 1841, a ministerial student, frustrated with his efforts to teach a Sunday class for women incarcerated in the East Cambridge jail, thought that a woman might better do the task. He approached Dix for advice. She decided to teach the class herself. What she encountered in the jail shocked her and changed her life. The jail was unheated. Those incarcerated were not segregated; hardened criminals, feeble-minded children and the mentally ill all occupied the same quarters. Dix secured a court order to provide heat and to make other improvements.

Her experience in the East Cambridge jail made Dix wonder about conditions in jails and almshouses in less populated areas of Massachusetts. She was particularly distressed to learn that the mentally ill were commonly housed with felons. She prepared herself to embark upon a mission of reform, to call for decent accommodations for those suffering from mental and emotional disease. She read all available literature on mental illness and treatment facilities, interviewed physicians about the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, and acquainted herself with the work of reformers. Her knowledge of mental disorders compared favorably with that of leading hospital superintendents of her day.


As her knowledge expanded, Dix developed a plan to provide further intellectual foundation for her reforms. At a time when women seldom traveled alone or attempted to influence the regulation of public institutions, she personally visited many jails and almshouses.

Dorothea Dix proposed that a federal land-grant of 12,500,000 acres be set aside as a public endowment, the income to be used for the benefit of the blind, deaf, mute and insane. From 1848-54 she lobbied for her plan and secured passage in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. President Millard Fillmore (a Unitarian) favored the act, but it did not reach his desk before his term was over. President Franklin Pierce would later veto the bill.

As the years passed, Dix found prospects for success dimmed by massive immigration, a swelling population of the insane poor, and much-depleted state treasuries. Hospitals she helped found had become overcrowded and were well on the way to becoming as poor as the jails and almshouses they had replaced. By the middle of the 20th century, some writers unjustly blamed Dix for the custodialism of the hospitals she had helped found. In fact, she hated custodialism and had argued strongly that the mentally ill should be provided therapy, books, music, recreation and, above all, meaningful work. She had embraced a holistic approach to care and treatment.

At the age of 79, Dorothea Dix retired. Depressed by deteriorating accommodations and programs for the insane, she did not talk about her work. She died in 1887 and was buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

[based in part on an article by Wayne Viney in the Dictionary of Unitarian and Universalist Biography, an on-line resource of the Unitarian Universalist History & Heritage Society]



Dorothea Dix

I come to present the strong claims of suffering humanity. I come to place before the Legislature of Massachusetts the condition of the miserable, the desolate, the outcast. I come as the advocate of helpless, forgotten, insane men and women; of beings sunk to a condition from which the unconcerned world would start with real horror.

AZ QUOTES

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.

April "Share the Plate" Recipient:



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WE are committed to defending a livable future through empowering nonviolent action.

WE seek to change the institutional and social status quo at the root of the climate crisis, and move toward a just and healthy world.

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www.peacefulluprising.org

First Sunday Film From National Geographic...

The Hajj

Join the Hajj, the five-day pilgrimage to the high plains of Arafat outside Mecca, Saudi Arabia.



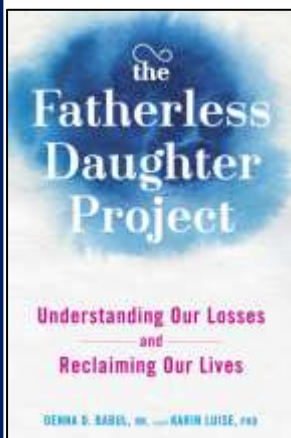
Join us after the Sunday service to watch and discuss the film.



If you've ever felt the calling to deliver a service, but have no idea of what to say or how to choose readings or music, we now have amazing help.

Soul Matters offers content for small group discussion and worship resources, readings, music suggestions, sample sermons and access to a Facebook group to share ideas for each month's theme. For more information check out

www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com.



Healing from Father Loss Book discussion & Healing Group

If you identify as female and sometimes feel like your relationships—and life—are predicated by the loss (either physical or emotional) of your father, then let's talk, and enact healing in our lives.

Call or Text 906.362.2082



If you would like a copy of

To this I Give My Heart: A Coming of Age Journal

for the new Adult Faith Exploration group, email Jamie Kuehn

jkuehn@nmuedu.



Adult Forum Sunday, April 29 @ 12:15pm

Discussion about clips of “Earthlings”, a 2005 American documentary film about humankind's total dependence on animals for economic purposes, how it relates to the UU 7th principle and diet.

Host: Bill Joswiak



EARTH DAY 2018 Sunday, April 22



All life is interconnected. From the forest to the sea to humanity itself, each thread of being is woven into a single fabric of existence. We embrace nature’s beauty and are in awe of its power. We care for our environment so that it may sustain life for generations to come, an especially important responsibility because those who are most impacted by environmental destruction are often those with the least power. Creating a sustainable way of life is central to our view of a just and compassionate world.

www.uua.org/environment



MqtUU April Calendar

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

April 1 @ 12:15pm Sunday	First Sunday Film - National Geographic Video: The Hajj
April 12 @ 5:30pm Thursday	Religious Exploration Committee Meeting @ Peter White Public Library
April 15 @ 12:30pm Sunday	April Meeting of the MqtUU Board of Trustees Budget Planning
April 22 @ 12:30pm Sunday	Adult Forum: Proposed Budget Host: MqtUU Board of Trustees
April 29 @ 12:15pm Sunday	Adult Forum: “Earthlings”, the 7 th Principle & Diet Host: Bill Joswiak

COMMUNITY EVENTS:



Marquette Interfaith Forum

Friday, April 6 @ 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Shiras Room of the PWPL

Our **topic** will be "**Justice and Mercy**" and how his potential conflict is a constant moral, ethical, legal, philosophical and religious tension throughout history. It has been handled differently by different peoples in different locales in different eras.

Holocaust Memorial Service

Tuesday, April 10 @ 7pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



"Hate Hurts but Love Heals"

Guest speaker Martin Lowenberg was born in Germany in 1928 and experienced the onset of Nazi antisemitism starting at age five. His family fled, but they were all eventually captured by the Nazis. He survived as a slave laborer in the concentration camps, but the rest of his family was exterminated.

After the war Mr. Lowenberg came to the United States and settled in the Detroit area. He established a livelihood as a provider of linens and other dry-good supplies to hospitals and hotels throughout Michigan. He visited the UP annually on business, and later made UP visits

to speak about the Holocaust. Mr. Lowenberg and his wife, Carol, live in the Detroit area and have an extended family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her is a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Holocaust Memorial Center in southeast Michigan and has spoken at many venues throughout the Midwest.

Following the service, there will be a Dessert Reception at Temple Beth Sholom (diagonally across Ridge Street). All are welcome! For more information contact Aaron Scholnik apsmd@aol.com.

Building Love: Imagine

April: Building Love for Our Environment

7:00 - 8:30pm, Community Room @ Peter White Library

April 5: Poetree to Celebrate the Earth

April 9: An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power - documentary

April 12: The UP Environment - World Café

Have a candid conversation with local community members on the following topics:

- Land & Water Protection,
- Climate Change,
- Alternative Energy
- Mining Impact.

April 19: Book Study "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"

For more info: Programming Office (906) 226-4318



The March “Share the Plate” Recipient received \$166.20.
“CHI MIIGWECH!!!! Awesome! This can go to travel scholarships and food!” ~ Cecelia LaPoint



ANISHINAABE RACIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE **APRIL 13-15, 2018**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Niiwin Akeaa Community Center
111 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908

Free registration at nativejustice.org/conferenceregistration
Travel and lodging scholarships available for low income participants

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