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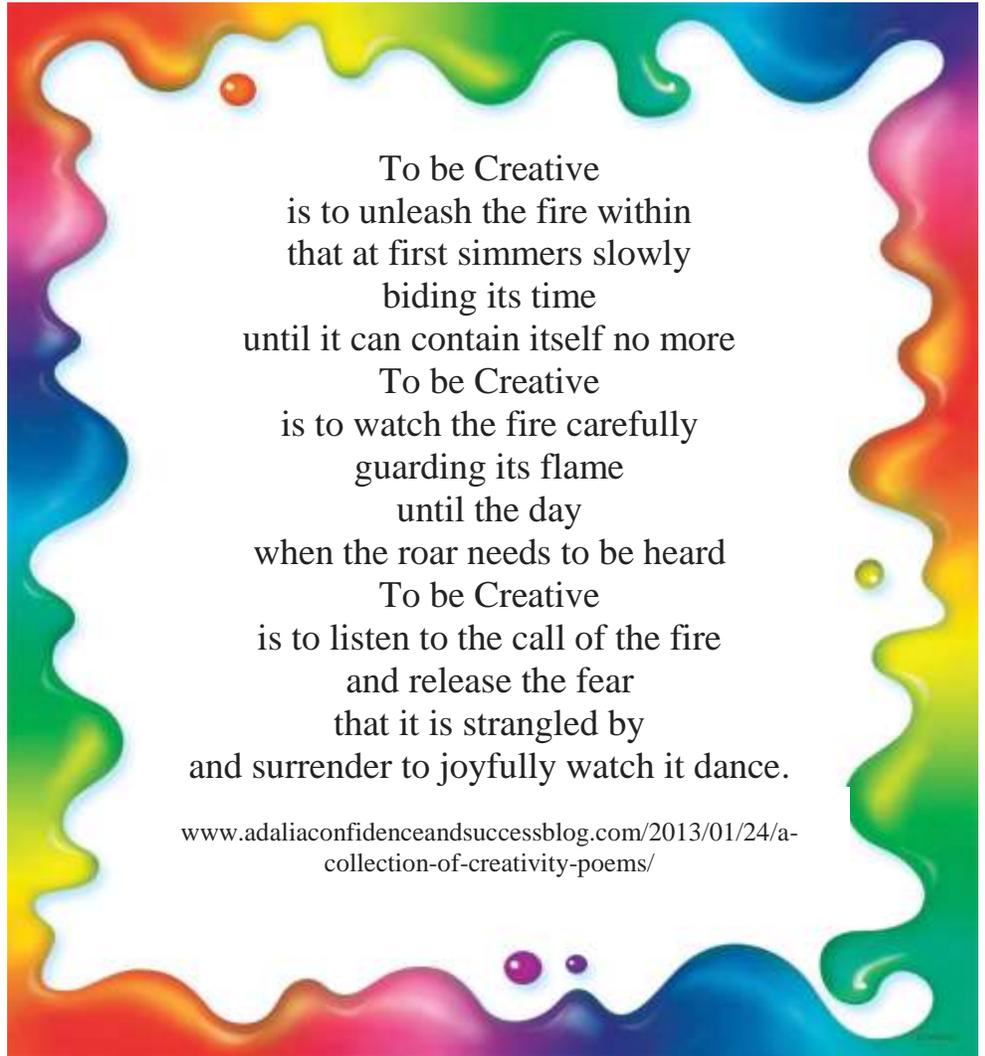
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Sundays in May	
6	11am Service: "Soul Matters: Creativity" Teri Rockwood Following the service: MqtUU Annual Congregation Meeting
13	11am Service: Child Dedication Teri Rockwood & Jamie Kuehnl
20	11am Service: "Homo sapiens: Clever But Seldom Wise" Jane Shoup
27	11am Service: gg gordon

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the web at mqtuu.org



Happy May!



FROM: DAILY COMPASS



How high we go and where we travel is different for each of us. But somehow, with or without wings, we find a way to fly.

When have you overcome what felt like an insurmountable obstacle?

Happening at MqtUU Meeting House...

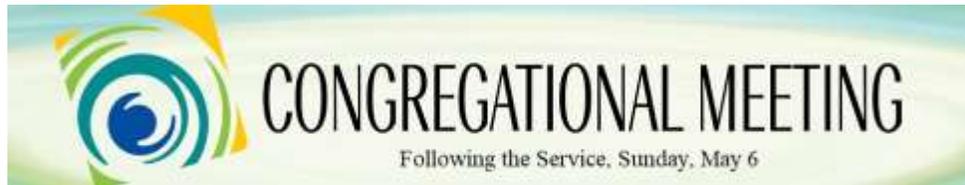
Sunday, May 6

“Soul Matters: Creativity” with Teri Rockwood



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** provides materials for all aspects of a Sunday service as well as for a small group experience. If you are interested in leading a service, facilitating a small group or just have questions contact Heidi or a board member. **Thank you!**

Following the service...



Members and Friends are encouraged to stay and vote on the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 Budget, Board Member and endorsement of legislation for Carbon Fees and Dividends! Your voice is vital in the decision making process. Bring a dish to share and let's enjoy good food and participation in the democratic process ☺

Sunday, May 13



We will be dedicating four beautiful young ones into our UU family. You are invited to come and support our little ones, as we grow and strengthen our community of faith. As the saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child," and a strong UU presence in a child's life can literally make a world of difference.

Sunday, May 20

11am Service: “Homo sapiens: Clever But Seldom Wise” with Jane R. Shoup

Our current existential dilemma - intimately intertwined over-population, over-consumption, and myriad environmental quagmires - can best be understood in the light of human behavioral characteristics that have arisen over evolutionary time. The “agenda of the gene”, is baked into our DNA: to reproduce, to consume, to compete and seek status ensured our survival through evolutionary history as cavemen and savannah dwellers. But our most unique trait as a species, our clever brain, has gotten us into a lot of trouble, chiefly through the discovery of fossil sunlight (i.e., fossil fuels), the problem has come full center. Our exploitation of this one-time carbon bonanza has allowed humans - for a time - to circumvent the natural laws which ultimately limit all life on the planet. I will argue that humans have a “brain problem” from which energy, resource, population, and climate disruption problems emerge. Understanding and facing up to that reality will provide our best hope for securing a meaningful future.

Jane R. Shoup is Professor Emerita of Biological Sciences at Purdue University Calumet (now Purdue University Northwest), Hammond, IN, where she taught for 33 years. She holds the AB in Biology from the University of Rochester, and a PhD in Zoology from the University of Chicago. She and her husband Stefan reside in retirement in a solar house just outside the tiny village of Big Falls in Waupaca County. A member of the Stevens Point UU Fellowship, Jane has spoken for a number of UU Fellowships throughout the state of Wisconsin on topics including “Darwin and His ‘Dangerous Idea’”, and “Robert Green Ingersoll: Great American Infidel”. She has also offered several courses through the LIFE (Learning Is ForEver) program at UW Stevens Point.

FROM: Religious Exploration

In one of April's RE sessions, we discussed the horrible occurrence in Tempe, Arizona in which a couple of mother's took their kids to a mosque and, while video-taping themselves making racist comments and desecrating the building, posted it to Face Book. They put graffiti on the building and stole some items. So in RE, this was a poignant opportunity to discuss empathy and the desire for love and peace that so many people of ALL religions and faith systems desire. We listened to the music of several Muslim singer/songwriters and discovered all the messages of peace. The kids decided to send them pictures to help them feel better. Here are the pictures that some of the kids drew for them. We sent all the cards and drawings to the mosque. Thank you, Sarah Johnson, for this awesome idea!



NEW! Adult Spiritual Exploration Group

We now have an Adult Spiritual Exploration group that has formed! This group is open to newcomers/new attendees at any time, and will meet every other week. Refer to the calendar on the wall in the RE space for the next meeting; or, if you'd like to host one of the gatherings (Jamie can provide the basic template for the meeting), just put your name as "host" for that date. We will be meeting in beautiful outdoor locations throughout the summer, too. Talk to Jamie if you'd like more information.

Child Dedication Service

May 13th is now the date of the Child Dedication Service where Inga, Dylan, Boyana, and Liliah will be welcomed into our beloved community, as we pledge our hearts and minds to their wellbeing within the UU faith. Teri Rockwood will be leading the service, and Kerry Yost will be lending her spirited music to the occasion.

Soon-to-Be OWL Graduates!

OWL only has two more sessions to go for this year! I invite you to let them know how proud of them you are for sticking with it! (We'll formally recognize them for it at the RE End of the Year service.) OWL is such an

amazingly important program, I know that I am proud that we offer it within our community, putting accurate, all-inclusive, and compassionate knowledge out into the world regarding all aspects of human sexuality. If you might be interested in leading a future OWL program, please let someone on the RE Committee know: Teri, Kathy, Nicole, Sarah, or Jamie. We are also trying to gauge interest in beginning a special needs OWL, a 4-6th grade OWL, a 10-12th grade OWL, so spread the love about the program widely!

Movie Night/Lock-In

It is very likely that we'll wrap up the OWL and RE year with a movie night and lock-in at the Meeting House! Either June 2nd or 3rd. Please let Jamie know what would work better for you! All are welcome, and OWL kids/families will be invited as well.

Tourist Park Clean-Up in Honor of Alice

Make Earth Day every day, especially on Mother's Day!! May 13th at about 1 pm, anyone who is interested is invited to meet at Tourist Park for a spring clean-up in memory of one of our beloved friends: Alice McMahon. A light lunch will be provided by the RE Committee. We'll meet by the playground. Bags will be supplied. BYO work gloves.

Intergenerational MISSION TRIP Meeting

ALSO on May 13th at Tourist Park, we will have an organizational meeting about our mission trip group plans! The meeting will begin after the clean-up and lunch, about 2:30 pm.

*Note: If the weather is working against us for going to the park, this meeting & partaking in a light lunch will be held at the Meeting House at 1 pm May 13th.

Question & Seeking Items:

There was someone who mentioned on the recent congregational survey that they have playground equipment they'd be willing to donate. Would the (unknown!) person who made that kind offer please talk to Jamie?

Thank you!

Aligned with this month's Soul Matters theme: "Creativity," we would like to build up our artistic supplies. If you have any old art supplies, especially old magazines, stamps, stamp pads, stickers, stencils, etc. please send them our way---thank you! ❤️

Religious Exploration SUNDAY's in May

Soul Matters Theme: Creativity

May 6 th	We will celebrate World Laughter Day today with laughter yoga
May 13 th	Intergenerational Child Dedication Service
May 20 th	Unitarians and Universals' creative merger
May 27 th	Emerson's "Transparent Eyeball"!!!?

Thank you all, for all the various ways that you bring support and care to our kids of all ages!

Jamie Kuehnl, RE Coordinator

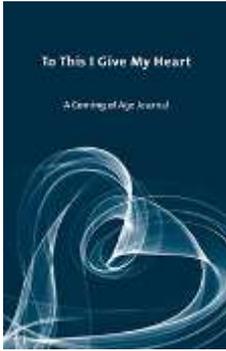


May “Special Collection” Recipient:



The Women's Center, Inc. supports victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Alger and Marquette Counties through programs that Protect, Educate, Advocate, Counsel and Empower! (PEACE).

wcmqt.org



Adult Spiritual Exploration Group ~ *Thursday, May 10* Location: TBA

All are welcome to join in the spiritual journey through
“To this I Give My Heart: A Coming of Age Journal”
 For more information contact Jamie Kuehn
jkuehn1@nmu.edu.



MqtUU May Calendar

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

May 4 @ 6:30pm Thursday	MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting @ The Stark's 1036 Allouez Road, Marquette
May 6 @ 12:15pm Sunday	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
May 12 @ 11am Saturday	Meeting of the MqtUU Board of Trustees Peter White Public Library
May 23 @ 6:30pm Wednesday	Building Love: IMAGINE Committee "Wrap Up Party"

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!





Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Supporting human rights for all people, especially those most vulnerable, is a core Unitarian Universalist value. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has a long history of support for migrant workers, refugees, and other displaced peoples.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:



Marquette Interfaith Forum

Friday, May 4 @ 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Shiras Room of the PWPL

Our **topic** will be "Free Will vs determinism/predestination"

Building Love: Imagine

MAY: For the Children
Peter White Public Library

May 7 - DocuMonday: Babies

May 9 - Children from Alaska to the UP

May 21 - Do It for Daniel

Thurs May 17 - last meeting "Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" Book Study



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.