



Marquette  
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Congregation

September 2018

# CHRONICLE

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Sundays in September	
	11am Service:
2	"Labor Day Service" Gary Stark
	11am Service:
9	"Ingathering: Water Communion & New Member Ceremony" Teri Rockwood
	11am Service:
6	"Robert Green Ingersoll: Great American Infidel" Jane Shoup
	11am Service:
23	"Soul Matters: Vision - Considering prophets and prophecy" Nancy Sullivan
	11am Service:
30	"Seeking Truth" Teri Rockwood

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## We're Going Back To School



Sunday, September 9th

Congregational Meeting & 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of our Meeting House!



Saturday, September 22  
Happy Autumn Equinox!

## Sunday, September 16

11am Service: "Robert Green Ingersoll: Great American Infidel"

Jane Shoup



Robert Green Ingersoll, although little remembered today, was the foremost orator and political speech-maker of late 19th century America. He was a controversial figure, but very prominent and highly regarded, even amongst those who disagreed with him. He crisscrossed the country and spoke before packed houses on topics ranging from Shakespeare to Thomas Paine, from Darwin to the rights of women and African Americans. He was the friend of presidents, literary giants like Mark Twain, captains of industry like Andrew Carnegie, and feminists like Elizabeth Cady Stanton. He was a tireless advocate of reason and science. He also praised the virtues of marriage and family life. Many of his ideas were far ahead of his time and, I will argue, applicable to our current situation.

*Jane R. Shoup is Professor Emerita of Biological Sciences at Purdue University Calumet (now Purdue University Northwest), Hammond, IN, where she taught for 36 years. She holds the AB in Biology from the University of Rochester, and a PhD in Zoology from the University of Chicago. A lifelong Unitarian, Jane and her husband Stefan live in retirement in rural NE central WI in a solar home on 150 wooded acres. For the past 17 years they have hosted Purdue students each spring in a weeklong field ecology course on their property. Jane has presented a number of courses through the LIFE (Learning Is ForEver) program at UW- Stevens Point on topics including "Darwin and His Legacy", "The Sixth Mass Extinction", "Living Within Limits", and "A Journey Through Time: Running the Colorado River in Grand Canyon" She has spoken at numerous UU fellowships throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan in the last several years.*

## Sunday, September 23

11am Service: "Soul Matters: Vision - Considering prophets and prophecy"

Nancy Sullivan

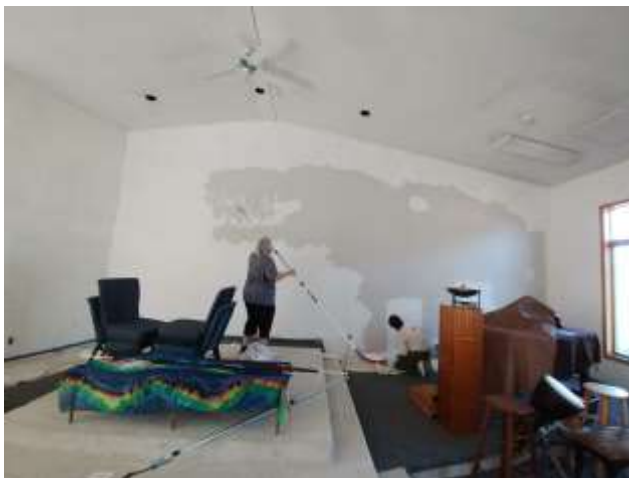
Have you longed for a voice of inspiration? Who are the prophetic voices of today? Where might we look for them?



## Last Day of Painting?! Saturday, September 1

The painting has been moving along and ought be complete the first Saturday of September!

**Good Work Folks & Thank you!**



## FROM: Billy Mercer on Peace Camp

Here are some pics of our family at Peace Camp. We had a wonderful time and would like to express our gratitude to Jamie, Ray and Jazzy for their hospitality, hard work, before, during and after the event. Three of the newer UU families had a chance to bond and get to know each other. Lot's of discussion on many topics. Respect and boundaries among the adults didn't have to be discussed. People who have boundaries automatically respect the boundaries of others. That is one thing our family likes about the Marquette UU Congregation, nobody impedes on others, we are allowed to invite you in. We have great guidance for our children with Jamie and her understanding of what has happened to Amber and our children's culture both past and present and it makes us a little more at ease knowing someone "Gets it" that discrimination is real in society and it's not a fabrication of our imagination and doesn't minimize it. The Harringtons have been loving and gracious to us, as you can see Jason giving Dylan his, "First" boat ride in the kayak. Boyana and I were the Oldest and Youngest of the Peace Camper's.

There are a lot of things in our society that need addressing and we each have our own reason's for doing and believing what we do. Mainly, folks really need to get along and not hurt each other and that includes taking care of Mother Earth. Without her, we have nothing. The dedication service of our children was living and real to us because we can't do it on our own. We are only stewards of them for a short time and it is comforting to know that the youth of our congregation can teach us lessons by their actions. Like, when our kid sneaks out the door to be with the others, he is OK with them. Dylan got stuck half way down a sand hill, too weak to make the climb back up, one of the kids went down, picked him up and carried him up the hill to the top. Because they have our family's back, I realize that I don't have to be a helicopter! And the wisdom of the older generation who can humbly laugh with their experience can ease the fear of the younger without saying a word (Sari showed up for a bit with a delicious salad). Not forgetting to mention Teri's non-pushy approach but, when asked, teaching us spot on when we are befuddled by the behavior of a youngster.



We are blessed... Peace!







Peace Camp 2018 @ Pinewood Lodge!



# Board of Trustees' MEETING

## MqtUU Board of Trustees

Anne Stark, President  
Dave Stensaas, Vice President  
Mary Maki, Secretary  
Kathryn Campbell, Trustee  
Sari Embley, Trustee

Wednesday, September 5 @ 6pm, Dandelion Cottage Room, Peter White Public Library  
Board members will finalize the agenda for the upcoming Congregational Meeting & Anniversary Celebration!



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 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.

**Find us on Facebook @ MqtUU Faith in Action Committee**

MqtUU Faith in Action Committee invites you to Side with Love and Live our UU Principles...

**#TAKEAKNEE Rally**  
**Wednesday, September 6 @ 7pm**  
**Marquette Post Office**

Opening day of the 2018 NFL Season, we demonstrate support for those who resist...

Colin Kaepernick began kneeling during the national anthem to peacefully protest the atrocity of police brutality and abuse of authority and since then, he has yet to play for an NFL team. This does not seem to bother him as he has made a \$1 million pledge to help combat police terrorism. He has been spending his time traveling around the country and educating children about how to safely interact with police (how sad that this is necessary).



**Adult Spiritual Exploration Group**  
**Thursdays, September 13 @ 6:30pm**  
**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](mailto:jkuehn1@nmu.edu).

## FROM: Sunday Service Committee

### COMING UP THIS FALL...

October 20	Leadership Workshop on Pastoral Care and other topics
October 21	Service Message by Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher
November 4	Service Message by Rev. Laurie Bushbaum
November TBA	Spiritual Art Workshop led by Rev. Laurie Bushbaum

### Happening at MqtUU...



**Lauren & Craig Tie the Knot!**  
**September 29, 2018**

**Lauren's stepdad, Chris Wagner officiating.**

**Congratulations!**

### FROM:



Michael "Little Feather" Giron is the first Indigenous Water Protector who was arrested in relation to the DAPL pipeline resistance at Standing Rock to be sentenced to a substantial prison term. He is currently incarcerated at USP Hazleton in West Virginia, a maximum-security prison over 1,000 miles from his home. At our UU General Assembly this June, in a nearly unanimous vote, delegates from our congregations

adopted an important Action of Immediate Witness. This AIW calls us now to act in solidarity with Water Protector Little Feather.

USP Hazleton has been on lockdown since August 6th. Little Feather's family, spiritual community, and even lawyer cannot reach him by phone, email, or visit. Visiting is suspended until further notice with no timeline or reasoning given. As part of the lock down, Little Feather has been denied access to his Indigenous spiritual practices, including inipi and pipe ceremony. Please be direct and unflinching in regards to Little Feather needing contact with his attorney, loved ones, and ceremony, but do not be confrontational for the sake of his safety. For more information: [www.freelittlefeather.com](http://www.freelittlefeather.com)



**Don't Forget to Save your Econo Receipts!**

Add your saved Econo receipts to those in the box in the entryway of the Meeting House to be redeemed for 1% of the total!

Last year, MqtUU received over \$500!

**THANK YOU!**



# **Michigan Ballot Initiatives for November 2018 Election**

Our general election in Michigan will be on Tuesday, November 6th. Here is the status of the ballot initiatives that have been proposed for this upcoming election.

## On the Ballot for sure:

Legalization of Marijuana [Marijuana Legalization Initiative]

Citizens' Redistricting [Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Initiative]

## On the Ballot Unless MI Legislature approves by September 5, 2018:

Paid Sick Leave Initiative [This is one of the initiatives we collected signatures for in January at Women's March and elsewhere! We helped to make this happen!]

## Signatures Still being Counted:

Michigan Minimum Wage Initiative [This the other initiative for which we collected signatures in January. ] On May 21, 2018, sponsors filed an estimated 373,507 signatures for this ballot initiative. At least 252,523 of the signatures (67.6 percent) need to be found valid.

## **Michigan Voting Policies in State Constitution Initiative**

**This ballot measure would add 8 constitutional guarantees re: voting to MI Constitution:**

- vote using secret ballot
- military members and overseas voters receive an absentee ballot at least 45 days before the election;
- register to vote by mail at least 15 days before an election;
- register to vote in person during the final 14 days before an election
- the option to vote straight party in partisan general elections;
- automatic voter registration when conducting business with the state regarding a driver's license or personal identification card;
- absentee voting for all voters during the 40 days prior to an election; and
- the auditing of election results.

**The PAC leading the support campaign, Promote the Vote, reported filing more than 430,000 signatures for the ballot initiative. At least 315,654 (73.41 percent) of the signatures need to be valid for the initiative to make the ballot.**

For more info about any of these ballot measures, google BallotPedia.



**VOLUNTEERS** are **WELCOME** and needed for continuing support of the MqtUU Congregation. Why **volunteer**? People choose to **volunteer** for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. MqtUU offers many opportunities to volunteer! If you are interested in utilizing your skills and talents in service of the MqtUU Community please email Heidi [mqtuudassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuudassist@gmail.com) for more information!

**THANK YOU!**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**Friday, September 7 @ 12pm**  
**Climate@Noon Seminar Series**  
**John X Jamirch Hall, NMU**

Rich Vander Veen will describe how the Marquette County Solar Project will deliver triple bottom line values, contributing to the financial, social and environmental health of our community. Vander

Veen helped lead the teams that developed Michigan's first wind project in Mackinaw City and the state's largest in Gratiot County. The Marquette County Solar Project could be among Michigan's largest solar projects, delivering more firm, competitively-priced, zero-emissions energy to our community.



**Saturday, September 8 @ 3pm**  
**Marquette Climate March**  
**Marquette Commons**

Marquette's Climate March is hosted by the Northern Climate Network, and is one of thousands of marches across the globe on September 8th. The marches are part of the People's Climate Movement.

The People's Climate Movement grew out of the largest climate march in US history in New York in September 2014. The Northern Climate Network and students at NMU hosted Marquette's first climate march in 2014.

This is a family friendly event to raise awareness about a global issue, and a call to action at the local, state and national level.

### **The Transition Marquette County Reading Group**

begins another year (our seventh!) at 7pm on September 13 in the Dandelion Cottage Room at Peter White Public Library in Marquette to discuss *Surviving the Future: Culture, Carnival, and Capital in the Aftermath of the Market Economy*. (Recommended by Rob Hopkins, Richard Heinberg!)



The Transition Marquette County reading Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month to discuss books reflecting the Mission Statement: *Transition Marquette County promotes creative, compassionate, resilient communities in Northern Michigan. Our goals include nurturing individual and community self-reliance especially in the areas of food, health, water, energy, and housing.* The rest of the year's books are listed at [books for 2018-2019](#) Anyone is welcome to participate. It would help to have at least started to read the book! For more information call Charlie at 226-3314 or email [mqтчaz@gmail.com](mailto:mqтчaz@gmail.com)



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