



Marquette  
Unitarian  
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Congregation

October 2018

# CHRONICLE

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Sundays in October	
7	11am Service:  "This is Us" Kathy Campbell & Sari Embley
14	11am Service:  "Forgiveness" w/Mohey Mowafy gg gordon
21	11am Service:  "What is Truth" Emmy Lou Belcher
28	11am Service:  "Day of the Dead" gg gordon

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## Indigenous People's Day - October 8



Let us celebrate the people who first called this land home. We remember the struggles and tragedies they endured. We honor their place in and contributions to the shared story of America.

## Board of Trustees' MEETING

### MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting

Sunday, October 14 - Following the service.

You are invited to come, meet the board members and share your thoughts, concerns and suggestions on how to build and strengthen our Beloved Community.

### MqtUU Board of Trustees

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



# FIRST SUNDAY FILM

On Sunday, October 7, we will show the following film at the Meeting House, starting around 12:30 pm after the service. Everyone is invited to stay and watch. This film has been chosen because the next day is Columbus Day, the US holiday so named to commemorate

Columbus' "discovery" of America. There is a growing groundswell of opinion that the holiday should be renamed Indigenous Peoples' Day, to honor and commemorate the millions who were present in the Americas already in 1492, and whose lives were irrevocably changed and ways of life destroyed by the arrival of Europeans.



The film, **Reel Injun** is a survey of how Native Americans have been depicted (and misrepresented) in cinema, from the silent films to the present. These movie images have played a significant part over time in influencing the way indigenous people are perceived in the U.S. One commenter on Amazon had this to say about this film: "Being part Native American, I get tired of the images Hollywood have created. I teach Native American history and the great diversity among the tribes. I have to first unteach what Hollywood portrayed. This DVD is honest and informative. I wished this could be shown in all the schools."

Running time is 88 minutes. There will be popcorn!



## FROM: Spiritual Exploration (SE)

Sunday, September 30 our FALL Spiritual Exploration Program begins! This year, we have enough kids to split into groups so that all of our kiddos can get age-appropriate lessons. We are using the Soul Matters RE curriculum for a P/K class (meets every other Sunday beginning Sept 30th), a 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade class (meets every Sunday), and a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade class (meets every other Sunday beginning Oct 7th).

We'll kick off the fall program with bubbles and a tie-dye party after the service this week. Bring your own items to tie-dye, or purchase a youth-designed reVOLUTION t-shirt, the proceeds of which go to our Youth Mission Trip Fund. Some refreshments will be provided by the RE Committee.

A HUGE thank you to the SE Teachers and Volunteers we have signed on so far: Raymond Lenberg, Nicole Harrington, Sarah Johnson and Kathy Campbell. You will be making a difference in the lives of these upNcoming UUYouth, and they will remember you for it always. We ARE actively seeking more volunteers, too, since in order to make the multiple classes run smoothly, we will need more adults back there than we've had before. You need only be willing to volunteer occasionally and have a background check completed—let Jamie know if you are interested.

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - ANYone interested in volunteering this SE year should attend this FUN and IMPORTANT Teaching Volunteer Orientation, after the service. Pizza will be served!

The SE Committee will meet next on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> in the Dandelion Cottage Room of the Peter White Public Library.

SE is in need of some stuffed animals-- slightly loved is just fine, as long as they are pre-laundered. Thank you!





alerts, the UU Service Committee updates, and your ideas which can bring a breath of fresh air to our work.

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

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



**Families Belong Together – June 30**



**Take A Knee Rally – September 6**

## October Special Collection Recipient:



Our mission is to provide a preferential option for the poor in health care. By establishing long-term relationships with sister organizations based in settings of poverty, Partners In Health strives to achieve two overarching goals: to bring the benefits of modern medical science to those most in need of them and to serve as an antidote to despair. - [www.pih.org](http://www.pih.org)

## 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







## ***Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community- UUJEC***

The UUJEC Board is soliciting nominations to be on our board for a three year, renewable term beginning in January, 2019. Are you interested? Do you know someone who would be a good fit?

We meet every month for a conference call, currently on the second Mondays at 6:00 pm EST, for about an hour; and meet for a couple days retreat before or following GA for strategic planning for the upcoming year. Depending on which committee/committees you serve on, there could be a few more hours a month. We've not made plans yet for our retreat in June 2019's General Assembly in Spokane.

The board is made up of UUs from a wide geographical distribution and with dedication to economic justice. We plan programs for GA and hold topical conferences—we are planning a conference in Washington DC for next spring. We'll work in coalition with UUSJ, a national action network, lobbying Congress. After this fall's election, we'll have a better idea of what we can and should do in Washington, DC.

In the past, we have developed curricula for Congregational Study Action Issues on Economic Inequality and the Corruption of Our Democracy. We also developed a curriculum on complexities of healthcare in the US.

We are a “working board” so board members serve on committees and action task forces, write curriculum, contribute to our e-newsletter and our web page, [www.uujec.com](http://www.uujec.com), staff our booth at GA, and help with fund raising.

Interested or have questions? Please contact us via email at [election@uujec.com](mailto:election@uujec.com). We will present a slate of candidates for our members to vote on, so please let us know by November 1st, 2018 if you are interested.

Thank you,  
Teri Lowman, Chair UUJEC Nominating Committee



UUJEC Board Members at our 2018 Retreat, Kansas City, Missouri

# MIDTERM ELECTION 2018

**Our general election in Michigan will be on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Ballot Measures**

## Michigan Proposal 1: Marijuana Legalization Initiative

A **"yes"** vote supports legalizing the recreational use and possession of marijuana for persons 21 years of age or older and enacting a tax on marijuana sales.

A **"no"** vote opposes legalizing the recreational use and possession of marijuana for persons 21 years of age or older and enacting a tax on marijuana sales.

## Michigan Proposal 2: Independent Redistricting Commission Initiative

A **"yes"** vote supports transferring the power to draw the state's congressional and legislative districts from the Michigan State Legislature to an independent redistricting commission.


A **"no"** vote opposes transferring the power to draw the state's congressional and legislative districts from the Michigan State Legislature to an independent redistricting commission.

## Michigan Proposal 3: Voting Policies in State Constitution Initiative

A **"yes"** vote supports adding eight voting policies to the Michigan Constitution, including straight-ticket voting, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and no-excuse absentee voting.

A **"no"** vote opposes adding eight voting policies to the state constitution, maintaining that straight-ticket voting, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and no-excuse absentee voting are not used in Michigan.

For more info about any of these ballot measures as well as votes on statewide office, google **BallotPedia**.



### **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!**



**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 [mqtuadassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuadassist@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 [mqtuadassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuadassist@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**DocuMonday** presents a screening of the 2018 documentary *Dark Money* directed by Kimberley Reed (99 min.) on Monday, October 1 at 7:00 pm in the Peter White Public Library's Heritage (aka Business Reference) Room on the top level of the Library.

*Dark Money*, a political thriller, examines one of the greatest present threats to American democracy: the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections and elected officials. The film takes viewers to Montana—a frontline in the fight to preserve fair elections nationwide—to follow an intrepid local journalist working to expose the real-life impacts of the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. Through this gripping story, *Dark Money* uncovers the shocking and vital truth of how American elections are bought and sold. *Official Selection, 2018 Sundance Film Festival.*



### League of Women Voters

Chocolay Township Hall

Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 06:30 pm

Informational Meeting to provide education on ballot proposals for this midterm election.

### CLIMATE@NOON

Marquette Climate & Health Adaptation Project  
October 5 @ 12 -1pm, 1318 Jamrich Hall, NMU



Brad Neumann (MSU-Extension) and Jerry Messana (Marquette County Health Dept.) will talk about how communities throughout Marquette County are learning and collaborating on ways to adapt to minimize the human health impacts of climate change. Flooding, access to services, wildfire, water shortage, ticks and Lyme Disease are all impacts of concern for the region, and a forthcoming Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Guidebook highlights ways to adapt.



### MIF First Friday Meeting

October 5 @ 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Shiras Room, Peter White Public Library

Discussion Topic: Religious Leadership

It was agreed to continue the discussion of religious leadership. While our conversation last month concentrated on how we groom and chose our leaders from an institutional view, our upcoming conversation might want to cover the characteristics that we would want to see in the actual individuals chosen to lead.



### Called Together by Faith: Justice for Creation

Saturday, October 6 @ 10am – 3pm

Presque Isle Pavillion

Join us for this interfaith event, as we explore our connection and kinship to creation and the environment, organizing around issues of climate, justice & poverty, water, and jobs.

Check the weekly This 'n' That for more Community Events and share events of interest by emailing info to [mqtuuadassist@gmail.com](mailto:mqtuuadassist@gmail.com). **THANK YOU!**