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Sunday, November 4

11am Service: *"Marking the Heart: The Uses of Memory"*

Rev. Laurie Bushbaum

What are our memories for? How do they guide us, teach us and sustain us?

While my mother declined from dementia over a period of 10 years and my son played with a toddler, I noticed how memory helps us find our place. They are like markings on our heart, the hieroglyphics on our interior walls.

Rev. Laurie Bushbaum has just retired from full-time parish ministry after 33 years of service in Minnesota, South Dakota, and WI. She loves to hike, garden and create stuff. She started quilting at age 13 after inheriting an unfinished quilt from her great-grandmother. She is starting a new ministry called The Blue Altar, with arts programming for UU congregations. She and her husband live in Minneapolis and are the parents of 2 young adult UUs.

FIRST SUNDAY FILM

Sunday, November 4

Following the service

In 1977, a book of photographs captured an awakening - women shedding the cultural restrictions of their childhoods and embracing their full humanity. This film revisits those

photos, those women and those times - and takes aim at our current culture revealing all too vividly the urgent need for continued change. The film offers candid and riveting interviews with women such as Jane Fonda, Gloria Steinem, Lily Tomlin and Judy Chicago tackling topics ranging from identity, abortion, race, childhood and motherhood.



Monday, November 5 @ 6 – 8pm

Art Workshop w/Rev. Laurie Bushbaum

You're invited to relax, enjoy an evening of creativity & count your blessings!



Create a **Blessing Book**, a hand-made pop-up card that makes a 3-D meditation image or scene as a reminder of our blessings ☺

All materials are provided. Donations Welcome!

Thoughts on the passing of our dear Gail Griffith

I first heard of Gail Griffith through my UU minister in Oberlin, OH. I was getting ready to move to the U.P., and Rev. Mary Grigolia had met Gail and Kathy McLean, lay leaders for the Marquette congregation, at a conference. Mary shared with me that I could look forward to meeting these two fine women, and she was so right. The first year I was in Marquette we had a great time traveling together to Appleton for a UU District conference and brainstorming ideas for the coming year.

A few years later Gail proposed an Action of Immediate Witness on "Depleted Uranium Munitions" to the entire UUA General Assembly in Boston. It passed and many UU's went on to support studies related to the issue of depleted uranium, which is known to cause serious health-related and environmental problems well beyond times of war.

Gail and I roomed together at GA in St. Louis where she was delighted to meet up with a former MqtUU student minister, sign on to Humanist Manifesto III, and partake in the program/dinner of UU's for Justice in the Middle East, supporting Palestinian rights.



Gail, Sari, Alice

Gail was a peace activist whom you could see consistently in front of the Marquette P.O. for years on Saturday mornings, having carried extra signs in her car for those like-minded folks who may have joined empty-handed. I also recall a demonstration in the snow with her in front of Walmart against gun violence following Sandy Hook.

Gail was a founding member of our MqtUU Congregation with her late husband, Tom Griffith, who also passed away this year. Together they were NMU professors of chemistry. Gail was also a founding member of our MqtUU Social Action Committee. She brought issues to our awareness and supported others.

Gail was a founder of the Womens Center in Marquette and supported our fundraisers for them.

She was an environmental activist representing MqtUU with EarthKeepers and helping with city-wide recycling programs. Sari Embley memorialized Gail saying, "I so wanted to tell her of all the Blazing Star flowers that she planted 10 years ago picked this summer which have bloomed all over the UU property. I forgot on my visit, so I'm telling all of you. She was an original member of the MqtUU Green Team and gave generously of her time and money every year. She was little but more than pulled her weight of purple Knapweed. This spring let's pull her share of the invasives and leave more room for wild flowers she loved. I'm going to miss your sweet smile Lady."

Of course, we may all know her most as the loving mother of MqtUU member, Lindsay Griffith. She is also survived by daughters, Leslie and Lauren, and their families. Our condolences, love and support go out to all of them.

As Coordinator of Music for MqtUU, I would hear from Gail about her favorite music which included Sibelius's Finlandia with the "This is My Song" lyrics, peacemaker with Finnish roots, she was! She also loved "Blue Boat Home." May she be carried so gently now, as was her style, returning to the earth.



With deep gratitude for her friendship, her smiles, and commitment to social justice issues
- Barb Michael

FROM: Spiritual Exploration (SE)

Hello, Families and Friends of MqtUU Youth:

Thoughts are with you during these emotionally trying times, for the synagogue tragedy, the loss of our beloved activist and kind, kind heart, Gail Griffith, and other events in the world that make little sense to heart or mind.



On Oct 28th, Michelle Lexmond and her family made 11 peace cranes and placed them with a battery operated candle at the Temple Beth Sholom synagogue in Marquette. Teri Rockwood, too, has placed the names of all the victims on the wings of a peace crane and is holding space for healing. In that spirit, in Spiritual Exploration (SE) next Sunday, we'll talk about the synagogue tragedy (in age-appropriate language, with 2 groups: up to 5th grades and 6th-12th), reading the 1000 Cranes story, make peace cranes, and at 12:30, anyone who wants to be involved, can drive to the synagogue to place the cranes.

This topic & occurrence is heartbreaking on so many levels, and I do want to mention, too, that in SE, we have spent all of October with the theme of "Sanctuary." Those talks and activities have included emphasis on how our church is a sanctuary/safe space—for us, as well as for

others. I mention this in case there might need to be a parent/child discussion of how something so tragic can happen in someone else's "sanctuary" space. Heart. Breaking. And possibly very confusing to our kids.

One of our beautifully-brained SE youths today pointed out, as we were talking about duck sanctuaries, that not ALL bodies of water are safe for ducks. He, as usual, was so right and so perceptive. He went on to state that some waters are shark-infested. We acknowledged that ducks, and all animals, might need to use their own senses/perceptions of place to pick up on clues of what is a safe space and what is not. However, I feel like there was a teachable moment in responding to his comments that I missed out on, but that you might be able to continue to talk about, if you feel that your child/youth needs to talk about it more. I have no answers at the moment (or maybe ever), but something about risks being an integral component of life.

Photo: Kids making "sanctuaries" for our stuffed friends.



Please let me know if your child/youth would like to take part on Sunday but can't get a ride there, etc. Or, if you have any additional thoughts or ideas...on this topic or anything else~

Tie-Dyeing BIG REVEAL:



Rainbow Catchers for the Sick: The kids will be hanging beautiful rainbow catchers in our RE-space windows. These will soak up not only the sun's rays, but also the resounding laughter and good love energy that permeates our space on Sundays. When a member of our congregation is sick, our kids will be ready to gift these hanging crystals to those who need it, whether it be in their hospital beds or their beds at home. Whenever you know of someone potentially in need of some extra love and light, please let us know!

Kids' Offertory: We now have a kids' offertory time in the back as part of our opening. Any amount of money is A-Ok, and if a child ever forgets theirs, there is a bag from which to draw some coins. The kids will decide at the end of the year which good cause to donate the money to (The Harbor House and UPAWS has already been mentioned!).

HOLIDAY TREE DECORATING at the PWPL:

Sarah Johnson got us all signed up to decorate a "MqtUU Spiritual Exploration tree" this year at the Peter White Public Library! Nicole Harrington has offered up the idea and her in-the-round looms so that we can all (Kids, too, of course!) make scarves that will decorate the tree. After the holidays, the scarves will then be placed around town, for anyone who may need some extra warmth. There will be a craft night to make the scarves and other decorations



Thursday, Nov. 15th, at 5:30 pm at the meeting house. Pizza provided. There will be some yarn available, but feel free to bring some “chunky/worsted” weight yarn, if you’d like. The decorating of the tree will be at a time/day t.b.d. Nov 27-30, and the Open House, where you can view all the trees is Dec 1st from 3-5 pm, just before our annual Soup Dinner!

IMPORTANT November dates:

Thursday, November 15th @ 5:30pm CRAFT NIGHT at the Meeting House,
Let’s make scarves and decorations for our PWPL holiday tree.
(There will be SE Committee updates this evening, too, since it falls on the same evening as our usual meetings.)

Sunday, November 18th @ 12:30-1:30 Mission Trip Meeting!
Let’s talk logistics, timeline, and fundraising ideas.

Save these December Dates!

Saturday, December 1st @ 5-7 pm Annual Soup Dinner Fundraiser for JJ Packs

Friday, December 7th Kids and Youth serve the Room at the Inn meal

Sunday, December 16th Kids & Youth Pageant Santa Lucia Service



**BOARD
OF Trustees'
MEETING**

MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting

Saturday, November 17 @ 11am – 1pm

Peter White Public Library

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.



Dave, Sari, Anne, Kathy, Mary

MqtUU Board of Trustees

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



November Special Collection Recipient



In Honor of Gail Griffith: Chocolay Bayou Preserve

...a wetland that acts as a stopover for migrating birds, directly between two bustling, expanding communities. The Chocolay Bayou Preservers protect and develop public nature trails on 12.5 acres of ecologically unique habitat near the mouth of the Chocolay River.

Please add donation to the clear container on the Faith in Action Table.

Sticking with tradition...

Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner Thursday, November 22 @ 3pm

All are invited to bring friends, family and your favorite holiday dish to share! The turkey will be provided.

A sign up sheet will be at the Meeting House!

Holiday Bucks from Econo are a welcome contribution, for more information see Heidi!



Sunday, November 25

Please join us this Sunday for our **Traditional Bread Communion Service**. A spiritual experience of coming together to nurture each other in body and spirit.



"We come together this morning to remind one another
To rest for a moment on the forming edge of our lives,
To resist the headlong tumble into the next moment,
Until we claim for ourselves awareness and gratitude,
Taking the time to look into one another's faces
And see there communion: the reflection of our own eyes.
This house of laughter and silence, memory and hope,
Is hallowed by our presence together." by Kathleen McTigue

We will share in bread of all kinds after the service. If you are able, please bring a bread and/or spread for the table of sharing. If you would like to participate in this service by doing a reading, please contact Teri Rockwood (906) 235-8064 or teri.rockwood@gmail.com.



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. For more information about Soul Matters, click [HERE](#) or contact Heidi mqtuuadassist@gmail.com.
Thank you!

Sundays available to volunteer to lead a service December 23 and December 30
January 6 and January 13.

To get scheduled for a Sunday service contact Teri Rockwood teri.rockwood@gmail.com

MIDTERM ELECTION 2018

Our general election in Michigan will be on Tuesday, November 6th - 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, check out vote411.org



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 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.

Happening at the Meeting House...



Craft Night: Friday, November 16 @ 5:30pm

This year MqtUU will have a holiday tree at the Peter White Library Winter Wonderland! Come, enjoy an evening of crafting and pizza! We'll be knitting scarves for use as garland on the tree then donating them to the homeless in our community. Other ornaments will also be created to decorate the tree and share information about MqtUU!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

CLIMATE@NOON

The Psychology of Climate Change Images

Friday, November 2 @ 12 -1pm, 1318 Jamrich Hall, NMU

Presenters: Betsy Lehman & Dr. Joshua Carlson



Climate change has become an important topic in scientific and popular literature, but there is little understanding about the images used to represent it. The differences in expert and non-expert opinions about climate change-related images is also problematic. Lehman will discuss her thesis project research which included analyzing participants' ratings of 320 climate-related images. She also investigated the participants' environmental attitudes in relation to their ratings of the climate change images.



MIF First Friday Meeting

November 2 @ 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Shiras Room, Peter White Public Library

Discussion Topic: Religious Leadership

Our topic will be the conclusion of our discussion of the qualities we seek in our religious leadership and individual leaders. A suggested read and discussion of the book "Let Your Life Speak" (pub. 2015) written by Parker J. Palmer. Please try to get a copy and see how the author's ideas on life values conform to yours and to our discussions of September and October.



Tuesday, November 6 ~ Polls are OPEN from 7am – 8pm

Saturday, November 10 @ 5:30pm



Marquette Holiday Inn

Cause for Paws Annual Gala is one of UPAWS biggest events of the year! Celebrate the bond between people and their pets, and support your local no-kill shelter at the same time. Tickets are \$30 and available on eventbrite.com, at UPAWS and Mares-z-Doats.

Check the weekly This 'n' That for more Community Events and share events of interest by emailing info to mqtuadassist@gmail.com. **THANK YOU!**