



Marquette
Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation

January 2019

CHRONICLE

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	Sundays in January
6	11am Service: "Hopeful Journeys and New Possibilities" Barb Michael
13	11am Service: "Walking With Adams' Five Smooth Stones" Paul Mitchell
20	11am Service: "Martin Luther King Jr." Anne Stark
27	11am Service: "Acts of Creation: The Sacred Place of Art in Our Lives" February Sky

Check us out on
the web at mqtuu.org



So much to look forward to in the New Year!

Sunday, January 13

Service Leader, Paul Mitchell is currently the Lay Minister with the Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Houghton. All are encouraged to stay for a **Forum with Paul** to discuss possible options for acquiring a minister to build and strengthen our Beloved Community!

Sunday, January 20

After the service, Anne Stark will facilitate a discussion on **Gender Pronouns** and the proposal to add preferred pronouns to MqtUU nametags.

Sunday, January 27...a very busy Sunday!

Are you an artist or craftsperson of any kind? Then please bring some of your creations to display at our MqtUU Arts & Crafts Fair! Happening, before and after the Acts of Creation service being presented that morning by February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban). Children as well as adults are welcome to display their creations (the service will be intergenerational, so kids will stay for the entire service). Please come to the church no later than 10:30 a.m. (preferably earlier) to set up your display. While no sales of art will take place at church, business cards may be collected for later follow-up. Please email Heidi Gould (mqtuuadassist@gmail.com) if you want space for a display.

Followed by Mission Trip to Haiti Presentation and Haitian Potluck Lunch & Congregational Meeting!

~*~*~*~*~* THANK YOU! ~*~*~*~*~*

Sundays in January @ MqtUU



January 6

11am Service: "Journeys with Epiphanies"

Barb Michael

Join us for the first Sunday in the new year as we explore paths taken and new ones to pursue, complete with an epiphany or two. Hear about significant insights and "a-ha" moments that inspire. "I am open and I am willing - for to be hopeless would seem so strange. It dishonors those who go before us, so lift me up to the light of change." - Holly Near, UU singer/songwriter

January 13

11am Service: Walking With Adams' Five Smooth Stones

Paul Mitchell

Rev. James Luther Adams was a leading Unitarian Universalist Theologian in the mid 20th century. Invoking the 1 Samuel account of the David and Goliath story, he titled his succinct definition of religious liberalism, **Five Smooth Stones of Religious Liberalism**. We'll review Adams' thought and shares stories of how one congregation put them to work. Paul Mitchell is currently the Lay Minister with the Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Houghton.

Paul Mitchell is the current Lay Minister at the Keweenaw UU Fellowship. His other UU lay staff positions include; in 2014 he was a founding member and Co-Executive Director of Arizona's State Advocacy Network, the UU Justice Arizona network (UUJAZ). Prior to his statewide work he was the Social Justice Ministry Facilitator for the Granite Peak UU Congregation in Prescott, AZ. He also served as the Executive Director for the Coalition for Compassion and Justice a non-profit agency now focused on generating sustainable housing opportunities with folks experiencing chronic homelessness. Paul grew up spending summers at Lake Michigan and his family's roots go back several generations in the UP. He returned to live in Houghton just about a year ago.



January 20

11am Service: "Actions Speak Loudest"

Anne Stark

Sermon by Audette Fulbright of All Souls UU Congregation of New York City. A stirring MLK service that looks back on history, contemplates today and gives us a message to carry into the future.

January 27

11am Service: "Acts of Creation – The Sacred Place of Art in Our Lives"
February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban)

Can you imagine life without art? Art and artists not only add beauty to our world, they also soothe, delight and challenge us with unique visions that can inspire us and broaden our horizons. Also, we believe that by making art ourselves, we become one with the divine creative.



FROM: Spiritual Exploration (SE)

There will be an all-congregation Haitian food pot-luck meal before and during the Congregational Meeting on January 27th, right after the service. Feel free to bring any foods that are authentic Haitian in some way, or just come to find out about the MqtUU mission trip to Haiti in 2020!

The next SE Committee meeting is Thursday, January 17th at 5:30pm in the Dandelion Cottage Room of the Peter White Public Library.

Sunday, February 3rd, Jamie Kuehn will hold a Minister Viability Forum after Spiritual Exploration finishes up, about 12:15pm.

WE ARE DEFINITELY GOING TO HAITI!

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Partnering with which Organization: Youthaiti

Vision: Water-Protecting

Grounding Stance: In true-to-UU fashion, this trip is only about partnering with an established organization, with zero intent to change the people or the place, only to embody Lilla Watson's quote, "If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

Who: Anyone with a shared vision and stance; this will be a multi-generational group

When: MAPS Spring Break, 2020

Duration of Trip: Estimated including travel: 9 days.

Estimated Costs: Approximately \$2000/person

The raising of sacred money to help defray costs has begun!

Check out the Haitian cultural table located in the sanctuary that

features authentic Haitian art, information about Haiti as the youth research, and a lending library so that we can become knowledgeable.



Join us for a Haitian Pot Luck, January 27!



January Special Collection Recipient:

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. Our work is grounded in the belief that all people have inherent power and dignity. www.uusc.org



Memorial Service



The Griffith Family will greet relatives and friends on Friday, January 4, 2019 in the Great Lakes Rooms of Northern Michigan University. The celebration of Gail's life will begin at 1pm with a reception. At 3pm, there will be remembrances with her children Lauren, Lindsay and Leslie Griffith officiating.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Canale-Tonella Funeral Home. Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are kindly asked to consider the United Way of Marquette County, The Women's Center at NMU, the Choclay Bayou Nature Preserve and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve.

The Griffith family encourages former students, family and friends to share memories and photos they have of Dr. Griffith on the Canale-Tonella Funeral Home website, canalefuneral.com.

MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting



Saturday, January 12 @ 11am ~ 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.



MqtUU Board of Trustees

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

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!



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 mqtuuadassist@gmail.com for more information! **THANK YOU!**



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: TREASURER

A Treasurer is typically charged with overseeing the management and reporting of an organization's finances. Please email Heidi mqtuuadassist@gmail.com for more information.



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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:



MIF First Friday Meeting

January 4 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Shiras Room of the Peter White Public Library

Susy Swanson will facilitate the meeting on the topic of "**Death with Dignity**". Please invite any acquaintances who might be interested to attend and join in the discussion.

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

2018 Year in Review @ MqtUU

Child Dedication – April 15



Flea Market – Summer



Annual Traditional Bread Communion



Santa Lucia Service – December 16

