

March 2019

# **CHRONICLE**

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	Sundays in March
3	11am Service:  "Stewardship: Making Change" Heidi Gould & Teri Rockwood
10	11am Service:  "What Isn't Faith Development in a UU Congregation?" Paul Mitchell
17	"Holi & The Advent of Spring" Spiritual Exploration
24	11am Service:  Tentative Topic "UUSC Justice Sunday" Volunteer Leader Needed!
31	11am Service:  "Spring Forward Slowly"  Mary Maki

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# IN THIS TIME OF ANTICIPATED SPRING

#### By Terasa Cooley

In this time of anticipated spring let us allow ourselves to extend the anticipation—to value the time of budding before blooming, of seeding before sprouting.

This is a time of revelation: the revealing of that which is eternal, which we see every year, but still need to be reminded to see it in a new way.

There is also the revelation of that which is new. Every spring we encounter something never before seen. It is that very newness which embodies hope and potential for the wholeness which is yet to be.

Let us allow spring to unfold slowly that we may appreciate the true mystery of rebirth and renewal.

#### **Soul Matters March Theme: Journey**

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. - *Ralph Waldo Emerson* 





#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

# Sunday, March 10

Don't Forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!



Wednesday, March 20 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring Happy Spring Equinox & Blessed Ostara!







#### Sunday, March 3

"Stewardship: Making Change" Teri Rockwood and Heidi Gould share Soul Matters materials to kick off the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Pledge Drive!

Stay after the service to enjoy a warm chili lunch with all the fixins'!

#### Sunday, March 10

"What Isn't Faith Development in a UU Congregation?" Paul Mitchell, KUUF Unitarian Universalists often talk about "Adult Faith Development" or "Lifespan Faith Development" as if it was something standing alone in the corner of the meeting house. I recognize the Spiritual Exploration effort at MUUC as a vibrant, integrated part of congregational life. On this Sunday, we'll talk about the intersection between spiritual exploration and religious identity. Additionally, we'll start a conversation about how our faith development informs our outward looking work of building a beloved community.



Followed by discussion with Paul about the future of MqtUU. All are encouraged to stay after the service to ask questions about the potential position of part time consulting minister!



# Sunday, March 17

"Holi & the Advent of Spring"

Jamie and the MqtUU youth will lead the intergenerational celebration! Holi is considered as one of the most revered and celebrated festivals of India and it is celebrated in almost every part of the country. It is also sometimes called as the "festival of love" as on this day people get to unite together forgetting all resentments and all types of bad feeling towards each other.

Please stay after the service to learn more about the Mission Trip to Haiti and enjoy a Haitian Potluck Lunch. Cookbooks featuring recipes from Haiti are available on the Haiti Information Table to borrow. Get adventurous and try a new recipe or bring your favorite potluck dish to share and learn more about the planned Mission Trip in 2020!



#### Sunday, March 24



Suggested date for "Justice Sunday" UUSC provides all the materials! A volunteer service leader is needed!

If you are interested in leading a service please contact Teri Rockwood teri.rockwood@gmail.com.



Sunday, March 31 "Spring Forward Slowly" Mary Maki



# **FROM:** Spiritual Exploration (SE)

#### MARCH SE PROGRAMMING

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes: **every Sunday** 

P-K classes: 3/3 & 3/31

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade classes: 3/10 & 3/24

\*\*NOTE\*\* Holi Celebration with pOwDeR fUn is on 3/17—please dress accordingly!

#### Super Special SE and FAMILY-Related Dates COMING UP:

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Brief Haiti Mission Trip Meeting after service

March 10th Zumba! Special Guest Alesia Braund

March 17<sup>th</sup> Holi/Spring Equinox Intergenerational Service w/SE & ggg

March 31<sup>st</sup> Minister Viability Forum with CHILDCARE available

#### A peep ahead:

Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> "Give Peeps a Chance!" Peeps Art Challenge/Silent Auction/Concert/and

4-6 pm Haiti Fundraiser in the PWPL Community Room

Thursday, April 21st Special Guest for 4th graders through teenagers: for yoga and breath work with

Kristen Erdmann from Rohana Yoga & Welness!

Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> Special Guest for P-K class: **Papa Crow for music and singing!** 

#### **Some March Highlights:**

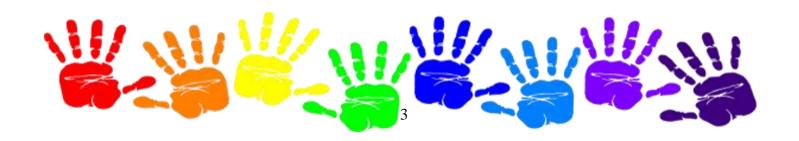
ZUMBA on March 10th will be for 1<sup>st</sup> grades and on up to any adults who might want to join in for some family-style Zumba! Our guest, Alicia, was here in February, doing Zumbini with our P-K class, and now, she brings this high-energy dance/movement to our older kids.

For the Spring Equinox SE Service, we'll have a slightly extended service, which will emphasize the ancient Indian tradition of Holi. It will be a shorter service, followed by a Haitian Pot Luck Luncheon (bring whatever Haitian dish you would like to share/try out!). While we are trying out the foods, there will be an Introductory Meeting to our Haitian Mission Trip for the whole congregation, and THEN....ANYone and EVERYone who wants to will partake in the Holi tradition of throwing colored powders to celebrate the coming colors of spring!

\*Important Note\* While the colors are non-toxic and non-staining, they WILL get everywhere if you partake, so please choose clothing for self and kiddos wisely!

Next SE Committee Meeting is March 14th 5:30-6:30 in the Dandelion Cottage Room of the PWPL.

We are looking for make our space, especially the teen room, more comfy, so if you are looking to get rid of any lightly used bean bags, comfy chairs and/or couches, please let Jamie or Ray know. Thank you.



# **March Special Collection Recipient:**



The <u>City of Joy</u> is a place where women *turn their pain into power*. A place where inner and outer evolution is evident. A place that restores women's sense of agency over their lives as they learn real, practical life skills to feed their futures, and connects them to the global V-Day movement, one billion strong.

From the return of warmth and joy into women's lives, to a reconnection to their bodies, to the feeling of empowerment each woman feels when she masters a new skill or acquires life-changing knowledge, the City of Joy gives women a platform to transform their pasts into fuel for a revolution of the mind, body, and community.

Please make checks out to MqtUU and add contributions to the containor on the Faith in Action table.

# **MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting**



Saturday, March 16 @ 11am Dandelion Room, 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**

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#### GENDER PRONOUN PROJECT

A change is underway! In order to be more inclusive and welcoming we are adding preferred gender pronouns to our nametags! You are invited to SIDE WITH LOVE and join in this movement forward!

Please email mqtuuadassist@gmail.com or talk with Heidi about your preferred pronouns.

Thank you, Heidi Gould (She/Her/Hers)





#### 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!



**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 <a href="majtuuadassist@gmail.com">mqtuuadassist@gmail.com</a> for more information! **THANK YOU!** 

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER:**

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 contact Heidi mqtuuadassist@gmail.com.



#### **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.

# In the Community:



# **MIF First Friday Meeting**

March 1 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Shiras Room of the Peter White Public Library

Our topic will involve whether stories in our religious texts are scientific or historical "Facts" or stories and myths with allegorical and metaphorical content.

Check the weekly This 'n' That for more Community Events and share events of interest by emailing info to mqtuuadassist@gmail.com. **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 <a href="mailto:mqtuuadassist@gmail.com">mqtuuadassist@gmail.com</a>.



# Give PEEPS a Chance ART CHALLENGE!

\$5 Entry if you take on the challenge & make peeps into a work of art.

Event is free and open to the public.

Prize winners in each age category:

0-5, 6-10, 11-17, 18+

with

STAN BERRY!

(Gretchen

McKenzie and

Dylan Trost)

Theme: Social Justice & Peace

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
4 - 6pm
Community Room
Peter White Public Library
Set up is from 3 - 4pm

Silent Auction
With a HUGE
variety of local
goods and services
up for bid!

For donations or any questions call or text Jamie (906) 362-2082

All proceeds go to sending a group of Marquette Unitarian Universalist youth & adults to Haiti, partnering with Youthaiti, which supports rural Haitians in many ways! Youthaiti.org

