



Marquette
Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation

August 2019

CHRONICLE

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	Sundays in July
4	11am Service: "The Divinity of Sound" Kerry Yost & Michael Bjella
11	11am Service: "General Assembly Dust- up: The Gadfly Papers" Paul Mitchell
18	11am Service: TBA UU/UP Family Camp @ Van Riper State Park
25	11am Service: "Seeking Commonality: Finding Pain" Paul Mitchell

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Happy Lammas! - August 1 Best wishes for a Blessed First Harvest!

It was customary to bring to church a loaf made from the new crop, which began to be harvested at Lammastide, which falls at the halfway point between the summer Solstice and Autumn September Equinox.

FROM: Spiritual Exploration Committee



August SE Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 8 @ 7pm ~ 218 W. Nicolet Blvd. Marquette

For more information please contact Nicole Harrington

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LET'S GO
Camping!

Join UU Families for a weekend of
Camping and Connecting!
Campfires, Music, Hiking,
Creating, Swimming, Games
All Ages Welcome!
Saturday Night Potluck!
Sunday Morning UU Worship

AUGUST 16-18, 2019
Van Riper State Park
Rustic Campground
Contact: teri.rockwood@gmail.com
For More Information or to Reserve
a Spot: Need Gear, We Can Help!

Sundays in August @ MqtUU...

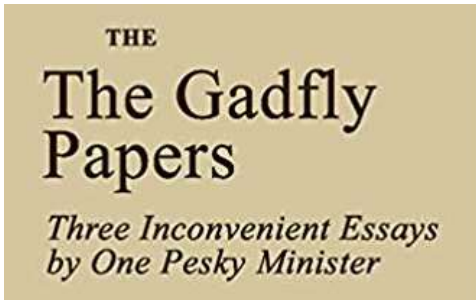
August 4

“Divinity of Sound” Kerry Yost & Micahel Bjella

We'll lead the congregation through an exploration of sound and music. Using our ears and intuition to commune together, we'll dive into deep listening and group singing.



August 11



“General Assembly Dust-up--- The Gadfly Papers”

Paul Mitchell

At the 2019, a minister from the Spokane UU Congregation distributed a free book to all at the GA. It was entitled the “Gadfly Papers, *Three inconvenient Essays by one Pesky Minister.*” The response to his thoughts and the way he distributed his book was swift and resounding. 500 White UU Ministers published an open letter repudiating his efforts. I hope to use the disagreement around the book to reveal the core message of the future of Unitarian Universalism.

Followed by...

Q&A w/ Paul

Then...

MqtUU Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Teri Rockwood, President
Desi Mims, Trustee
Jason Harrington, Treasurer
Anne Stark, Secretary
Mary Maki, Vice President

All members are invited to consider volunteering as a member of the Board of Trustees. Trustees serve two year terms. There are monthly meetings and lots of opportunity to make a difference in your congregation! Please contact Teri Rockwood if you are interested in volunteering as a member of the Board of Trustees!

August 18



Let's Go Camping! August 16 – 18

@ Van Riper State Park Rustic Campground

Join UU Families & Friends for a weekend of Camping and Connecting!

August 25

“Seeking Commonality--Finding Pain” Paul Mitchell

The compelling work of Unitarian Universalism today is to recognize the lived experience of people and ideas that have been systemically marginalized. I believe this effort will eventually lead to a deeper understanding of our common humanity. Navigating our path to that deeper understanding includes encountering pain, but more than that pain may be the most powerful tool we have to build that connection.



A Letter from MqtUU President, Teri Rockwood

Greetings MQT UU Congregants and Friends,

We would like to give a Big Welcome to Paul Mitchell, who will be our Part-time Lay Minister starting this Month of July.

We are excited to work with him in making our Beloved Community stronger and helping us offer Relevant programming and activities that give us a stronger connection to our surrounding Community.

We would love for you to participate in this New Relationship and Help us Grow in our own understanding of who we are and who we want to become.

Please be patient as we work out the details of this venture and feel free to email me any thoughts or questions you may have.

I would also like to welcome you to our New Board of Trustees for the 2019-2020 Year:

Teri Rockwood	President
Mary Maki	Vice-President
Anne Stark	Secretary
Jason Harrington	Treasurer
Desi Mims	Trustee

Here is some of what Paul will be ministering to:

Leading services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

He is also available for pastoral care conversations in-person on those Sundays after the services. Phone or ZOOM meetings are available during the week.

Each Wednesday from 3pm to 6pm Paul will be available for "drop-in" calls. Appointments can be made at other times during the week. Please email Paul at pmitchtools@gmail.com or text/call at 928-533-2258 to set an appointment.

Paul will hold an introductory question and answer time following the service on August 11th. We invite you to get to know Paul and our creative ministry effort!

Sincerely,
Teri Rockwood
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Paul Mitchell is the current Lay Minister at the Keweenaw UU Fellowship [& part time lay consulting minister for MqtUU]. 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 Michigamme and his family's roots go back several generations in the UP.



Memorial Service

Daniel W. Redmond

AUGUST 11, 1947

~ JULY 18, 2019

Monday, August 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Marquette Unitarian Universalist Church

A fellowship gathering will take place following the service.

MqtUU members are asked to bring a dish for the Fellowship Gathering to follow the service. Please contact Sari Embley to volunteer a dish email: allifelover@gmail.com or call: 906-360-6776.



Daniel W. Redmond, age 71, of Shelter Bay, MI and Summerville, SC died unexpectedly at his home in Shelter Bay on Thursday afternoon, July 18, 2019. He was born in East Detroit, Michigan on August 11, 1947 to the late William and Geraldine (Morrison) Redmond. Dan grew up in East Detroit and went to school at St. Peter's Lutheran School and then graduated from East Detroit High School in 1965. Being a "car guy" and following graduation, he gained an apprenticeship with Chrysler and mastered the tool and die trade which was a skill he carried throughout his life. Dan married Sarah J. Smith on May 28, 1988 and together raised their family. While working, Dan earned his Bachelor's in Industrial Management from Central Michigan University. He had worked for General Dynamics, Davis Industries and Transform Automotive. During his career he became an engineer program manager and his specialty was transmissions. Dan has his name on a transmission patent with the Ford Motor Company. He and Sarah enjoyed spending their retirement time between their beloved Shelter Bay community and Summerville, SC. He was a long-time member of the Hiawatha Interpretive Association Board and the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Church in Harvey. He enjoyed the outdoors and especially loved tennis, golf, and fishing.

Dan is survived by his wife of over thirty-one years – Sarah Smith Redmond of Shelter Bay, MI; children – Jennifer Lynn Hale of Summerville, SC, Jeffery D. (Stephanie Stockwell) Hogg of East China, MI, and Karen M. (Fergal) Murphy of Kensington, MD; six grandchildren – Justin David Hogg, Cassandra Jade Hogg, Katherine Francis Murphy, Brendan Bartlett Murphy, Loren Charles Hale, and Ashlee Marie Hale; sisters – Nancy (Bruce) Vick of Grosse Pointe Shores, MI and Carole (Bill) Schram of Carmel, IN; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Geraldine Redmond.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be directed to the Hiawatha Interpretive Association, 400 E. Munising Avenue, Munising, MI 49862.



FROM:



Sunday Service Committee Meeting

Stayed tuned for more info on the September 1 Sunday Service when the Morskis will be leading the service with music!

Volunteers are Needed to lead Sunday Services
September 15 & October 6.

For more information please contact Teri Rockwood teri.rockwood@gmail.com



FROM: Daily Compass



“Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of [our] desire to understand.”

—Neil Armstrong

What mystery makes you long to understand something?

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!**



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Building & Grounds – General maintenance and upkeep of building and property

Nominating Committee - Survey the congregation and recommend volunteers to serve as members of the board of trustees.

Faith in Action - educate the congregation about social justice issues, including those named by the UUA as priorities for action. FIA also initiates social action programs, events and projects within the congregation and in coalition with other community and religious groups.

Stewardship Committee – Plan and implement the annual budget drive campaign that reflects the congregation’s mission, vision, and priorities, gather financial commitments from congregants.

And so much more...

MqtUU Sunday Stats July 2019 Attendance and Sunday Collection

Date	Adults	Youth	Pledges	Collection Basket
07/28/19	20	2	---	\$61
07/21/19	22	7	---	\$20
(\$20 check to MqtUU & \$60 cash collected and donated to Lakenenland.)				
07/14/19	22	8	\$1025	\$80
07/07/19	24	5	\$210	\$62



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!

Keep bringing in those receipts.

THANK YOU!

GAME NIGHT @ The Meeting House

Tuesdays @ 6pm

For Teens & Adults

Games played depend on interest of participants. Board games, role playing games etc.

For more information contact Desi Mims.



FROM: Brave/Wiser

"Be your own worst critic and your own biggest fan."

—Stephen Curry

Someone Loved by Someone Else

Once, while in sixth grade, I brought home a quiz in which I'd gotten the highest score in the class: a 98%. When I proudly handed the paper to my mother, she asked, "Where's the other two percent?" Mom believed that by training her children to aim for perfection we would be more successful.

Academically, her strategy worked. Unfortunately, it also resulted in neurotic offspring who tend to dwell on our failings. Over the years, I've learned that many people share these nagging feelings of constantly falling short. Most of us have also learned to censor our internalized critic in front of others.

One day, however, after I'd gotten myself into a serious jam that required a friend to help me out, my inner critic could no longer be contained. I let loose an unrelenting stream of self-reproach, ignoring Shelley's repeated attempts to assure me things would be okay.

Finally, she yelled, "STOP BEATING UP MY FRIEND!"

Taken aback, I stopped. Then the words sank in and I laughed. Her uncharacteristic outburst and choice of words allowed me to see what I otherwise could not. I saw myself not as myself but as Shelley's friend—someone loved by someone else—and realized that I was being harsher on myself than I ever would be on a friend. If a friend were in my situation, I would have genuinely seen their failings as human and focused instead on how to make things better. So why hold someone to an unforgiving standard just because that someone is *me*?

It sounds corny, but in that moment I finally understood the popular adage that you have to love yourself, so that even when friends aren't there to defend you, you can be your own advocate, friend, and fan.

I will always have that voice telling me, *You could have done better*. That's okay and maybe even beneficial, so long as it's not the only voice we hear. Occasionally, when the first voice gets to be too much, I say, "Stop beating up my friend!" And it works. ~ **Kat Liu**

Prayer

As we extend loving kindness and compassion towards others in ever-widening circles, may we also extend them to ourselves. Amen.



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

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