

Nov/Dec 2017 UUCOP Newsletter

Happy Holidays to all at UUCOP!

This season presents us with some good news and some bad news. The bad news first; we find ourselves with two vacant board positions. We will be missing our program chair and secretary for the remainder of this year. We wholeheartedly thank Diane and Pat for all their past contributions. They will be missed. The board has decided to soldier onward by sharing the programming duties (along with the programming committee) and Joe has agreed to wear the secretary hat as well as the website trustee hat until our annual meeting and election of officers. Thanks Joe!

Now some good news. Most of you listen to Interlochen Public Radio now you may just catch an ad for UUCOP while you are enjoying your favorite shows. Our ad will run on Sundays between 9am and noon during The Sunday Baroque show and Sunday afternoons between 4-5pm during Interfaith Voices on stations 88.5, 88.7, and 90.1. Keep your dial set to those stations and let us know if you hear the ad. It should be starting within a couple of weeks. Thanks to Roger for taking care of all these arrangements and drafting the wording for our ad. We hope to see some new faces as a result. It is exciting news, for sure!

Have you seen our new chalice and candle bowl? They have been used for the past few services and are a beautiful addition to our altar set up. Diane and Alan worked with Otis pottery to come up with these pieces and they are much appreciated.

Are you in need of some quiet time? We can help with that. During our Dec 3rd service where we explored congregational desires for services, the concept of "silent services" was offered. There appeared to be a strong desire for this kind of thing, so we will be trying it once a month to see how it goes. For these "silent services", the main part of the service will be a brief reading, some silent contemplation time followed by thought sharing. Please join us Jan 7th to try out this new experience at UUCOP.

I hope you are all getting in the habit of checking our website, unitarianpetoskey.org, periodically for news and information about upcoming events and to see pictures of some past events. You may even see yourself doing the turkey trot in a silly hat from Betty's Thanksgiving service. We all look wonderful! You will see that we already have some nice programs planned for 2018. We are looking for more input along those lines and have planned a big programming meeting for Jan 7th following the Silent Service. You will see info about this in your emails. Our goal is to plan six months ahead and have planning committee meetings quarterly. I hope you can join us Jan 7th to help make this goal a reality.

That's it for now ... Peace to you all ... See you in church! Kim