



# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY

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Did you enjoy our First Annual UUCOP Thanksgiving feast? WHAT?!, you didn't show up?! Well, for those of you that couldn't make it, you missed a really nice time with some very good Thanksgiving food. We had a major change of plans on the day before due to the ball being loudly and painfully dropped by Holiday Inn Express, who ended up being double booked for some reason,, although they forgot to mention it, until the day before, even though we confirmed with them many times...yada, yada, yada...ARGH! We regrouped ourselves to the Chapel and made that work just fine, except for those poor folks that didn't find the stuffing, gravy or green beans in the other room when we ran out of space in the chapel. Anyway, it was a great success, so you can start looking forward to next year's Second Annual UUCOP Feast of Thanksgiving. Let's make it even bigger and better.

I'm printing a correction to our last newsletter where I told you all that we just don't have the energy to take on the UUA's "Welcoming Congregation" process right now. I'm happy to report that we had a committee come forth with the desire to work us through the process. You will see more on this soon. The committee is working to plan services, movie showings, discussion groups, etc. If you would like to join this committee, please see Betty, Joe or Audrey. They would love to have your input and your help. It may take us a while to achieve the official "Welcoming" status, but with this committee leading the charge, we have a good chance of succeeding. Thanks to those that have volunteered to lead us along.

We just had a service honoring the Festival of Lights, with Conrad Gold from Temple B'nai Israel providing wonderful music - AND we will have another great, musically inclined service from Weaving the Wind on Dec 15 (harp included), and then we have a winter holiday break until Jan 5 when we will turn ourselves around for the new year and ponder the question "*Is the Hokey Pokey really what it's all about?!*" I suspect that Audrey has something exciting up her sleeve for that service, and you won't want to miss it!

Our next book for UU book club is "*The Second Mountain, The Quest for a Moral Life*" by David Brooks. One review describes this book as "*The New York Times columnist's best book yet*" and says that Brooks "*argues that we won't find midlife satisfaction until we commit to a cause or community.*" Have you found your own *midlife satisfaction*? Read the book with us and learn more about it. We will meet on Jan 26 at 1:30 pm in the second floor conference room of the Petoskey Library. Hope to see you there.

I'll leave you with a wintery quote from poet Edith Sitwell:

*“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand  
and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”*

Happy, Happy Holidays to you all and see you in church. Kim

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