



# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY

## NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2020

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2020 is starting out with some positive energy on our UUCOP Welcoming Committee. They have lots of exciting plans for us coming up in the next few months. The committee will submit press releases to local newspapers about everything we will be doing. There is a free film event planned on March 22nd at 3pm at the Chapel. This is an award-winning movie showing how gay and straight groups worked together in Great Britain in 1984. Yes, it's based on a true story! I really loved this movie and I'm sure you will too. We will have a kickoff "Welcoming service" on March 8th and a presentation on March 15th by Barb Barton, a self-proclaimed "lesbian in bell bottoms" who faced challenges as she began her ministry in a small town. Our current quarterly charity is to purchase LGBTQ+ themed books to donate to the Petoskey Public Library for their collection. We have found that they are lacking in these books, and the library director is tickled that we will be helping to fill out this subject matter for them. If you have book title ideas for us, please send them to [uucop@icloud.com](mailto:uucop@icloud.com) We will be updating our name tags towards our welcoming status, and you will be able to show your preferred "pronouns" on your name tag. You have probably run across this concept already, and UUCOP is now jumping on that band wagon.

I'm afraid I have skipped right over February in my excitement about the Welcoming Committee. February's concept of the month is "trust". We will talk about "Truth and Lies" in a snack and discussion format for Feb 2nd, a contemplative service about "Why Trust is Worth it" on Feb 9th and to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote (YAY!) , a service titled "Failure is Impossible" on Feb 16th. Explore your thoughts about

“trust” with us in February. With the services above you will be able to discuss, contemplate and celebrate all in the same month!

We had a nice discussion at UU book club recently when we talked about “*The Second Mountain, The Quest for a Moral Life*” by David Brooks. The group decided that not everyone takes the same path from mountain to valley to second mountain, but they could relate to many of the concepts presented. It was a good discussion and well attended. For the April book club, we will read “*Believers: Faith in Human Nature*” by Melvin Konner. In this book he explores the psychology, development, brain science, evolution and genetics of the religious impulses we experience. Sounds like a lot to explore, so I invite you to read the book with us and learn more about it. We will meet on April 26th at 1:30 pm in the second floor conference room of the Petoskey Library. Get your reading glasses polished up!

I'll leave you with a gem you might not know. January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one. I wish you many fond memories to look back on and hopeful plans to look forward to.

See you in church, Kim

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