

March/April 2022 UUCOP Newsletter

Hello UUCOP,

Today, I'm writing on Easter Day 2022. It's a beautiful day and I hope you have a chocolate bunny to nibble on or maybe some jellybeans. We just had a thought-provoking Easter Day Service by Rev Diebel. It left me with some new concepts to use when thinking about Easter and what it could mean in my life.

I mentioned at today's service that there are board positions available this year. We will need a President, Vice President and Secretary starting in July. This energetic board has gotten UUCOP to a great place of forward momentum. Can you offer your time to keep the momentum going? **Please** consider stepping up for one of these positions. You can easily be an effective board member from another town or state since we zoom all the meetings.

We are looking for a home for our UUCOP piano that currently resides in the Chapel of our Guardian Angels. We were hoping to move it along with us to another location eventually. We'd rather not pay to store it, and no one seems to need one in town. We've tried many places. Do you have any ideas for us? We are even looking at recycling the parts and pieces or offering them for artworks. Maybe you've always wanted to learn piano and need one? Any ideas are appreciated.

We are recording our services now and I invite you to check these out on our website. Last week's triangle service was all about the proposed 8th UU Principle. This has come up in conversations from time to time, so if you want to learn more about it, please look up that service. It was presented to us by Bay De Noc congregation.

We have tested our lovely worship setting in the First Presbyterian by doing a "hybrid" service April 10. By hybrid, we mean both in-person and Zoom broadcasting combined! I attended in person, and it worked! We are still at a point where we feel we should wear masks, but the hope of Covid ending is in us all.

We are getting back into the Adopt-a-Highway pickups and will have our first one April 23rd. As usual, we will meet in the parking lot of Legs Inn at 10:30am before we drive to our pickup location. Cross your fingers for nice weather!

Speaking of Cross Village, remember the letter that your UUCOP board wrote concerning the ballot box tampering attempt in Cross Village? Well, UUCOP's letter continues to garner attention. On April 5th a reporter from the Reuters news agency contacted us about our letter. The reporter Nathan Layne was interested in why our congregation felt it important to write about the issue and how it was decided to send it. He was intrigued by the fact that the letter was put before all congregation members before sending. Reuters is doing ongoing research to determine if there is national organizing behind these kinds of incidents. Congratulations to us for gaining so much interest in this and thanks to Joe for drafting the letter and broadcasting it widely. Very worthwhile!

Next Sunday we will have a religious education by Rev Diebel, "*Lectio Divina*". That's Latin for "divine reading" for those of us who do not speak Latin. We will learn about this "communion of reading" and I hope you will join us.

As is my habit, today I will end with a quote for you. From Clarence Holt, "*Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.*" Rev Diebel taught us all about that concept in today's service.

Have a great Easter day and enjoy the springtime as we allow it into our hearts to make our spirits rise,
See you in (zoom) church, Your UUCOP President, Kim Nowack