



Unitarian Congregation of Petoskey April 2018 Newsletter

I wish I didn't have to include snow in my picture for this month, but it wouldn't be an accurate representation of April 2018 if it didn't have snow. My month had some trip delays, cancelled meetings (and services) and white knuckle rides. How about you? I know we all were sad about missing Marla's annual poetry service due to the snowstorm. You probably had your poems all memorized and ready to go! Let's put the snow behind us and look forward to spring and upcoming events at UUCOP.

We are approaching our annual meeting which will be June 3rd. We have several positions open on the board and will be electing a President (2 yr.), Vice President (2 yr.), Secretary (2 yr.) and Program Chair (1 yr.). If you'd like to serve as a board member or help with the nominating committee, please let us know. Also, if you have an agenda item for the board to consider, please let one of the board members know about that. We are working on creating the agenda right now.

We have several congregational questions we would like input on, and you will be seeing an email soon directing you to an online poll for our members with questions about our Wildwood property, our goals for a permanent building or part-time minister, and our possible membership in [Michigan Interfaith Power and Light](#). Our idea is to get a feel for the direction our members are interested in going with these topics prior to our annual meeting.

The flowers will really bloom in May after all of those "April showers" (I mean snowstorms), and we will have our annual flower service on May 20th. Mother's Day will be celebrated May 13th, and we will celebrate our UUCOP congregation on membership/stewardship Sunday, May 6th.

Your stewardship can help fuel our congregation in many ways such as helping brew coffee on Sundays or donating money or serving on our board of directors or attending GA or playing piano or presenting services or managing our website and many other ways, large and small. All are greatly appreciated. For myself, I find great satisfaction in helping on the board, and I enjoy and look forward to our board meetings, especially if we are sharing a meal in the process. I have also enjoyed keeping track of our upcoming services with the help of our energetic programming committee. I encourage each of you to consider joining in the fun and important work of being on our UUCOP board.

With a sincere wish for your continued support of UUCOP, Kim Nowack