



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Winter is upon us and as we enjoy the left-overs from our Thanksgiving dinners, we can look forward to holiday gatherings at UUCOP for some seasonal services and social events.

In our December services, we will find out what Roger learned at General Assembly, and enjoy a Solstice service with Mary Stewart Adams and practice some mindful meditations to calm our spirits during this busy holiday season. On the 5th Sunday of December, we will have a holiday potluck at the chapel at noon. Bring your favorite dish to share and your cheerful holiday attitude. HO, HO, HO.....

Did you read to the end of your recent edition of UUWorld? Poring through the classified ads, you will find an ad for UUCOP, asking for interest from visiting ministers. We will see what this generates and will let you know if we get any nibbles on the ad we placed.

What do you think of our “Silent Service” concept? Are you loving it, or indifferent? Your board and the programming committee want to find out, so you will see a survey at the end of this newsletter for that purpose. Please write down your thoughts for us, and we will consider these when planning our upcoming season of programs.

Speaking of programs, I was able to add seven new programs onto our yearly calendar the other day and that was very satisfying for me to change the dates from “open” to “spoken for”. We would love to hear your suggestions for programs and speakers. You can always learn more about the upcoming programs at <http://unitarianpetoskey.org/>

We’ve had a “howdy” note from April Myers, our past program chair, hospitality crew leader, and overall “do everything” person for UUCOP, who is now watching us from Texas. She misses us and wishes us well. Right back at you, April! We are soldiering on without you, but certainly miss you too.

If you haven’t seen the new paint job at the chapel yet, you are in for a treat. I won’t give away too many details -- you’ll have to come see for yourself!

Happy Holidays and see you in church!

Sincerely, Kim Nowack

UUCOP “Silent Service” Survey

As you know, several times over the past year UUCOP has held “silent services”. In each of these attendees were asked to spend about twenty minutes meditating on a given theme or subject. The Board decided to hold these on a trial basis.

The time has come to request your feedback regarding the value of such services. Please take a couple of minutes to respond to this brief survey, which will help the Board decide whether – and how, if at all – to continue this type of service. Please answer each of the four questions by marking the option you think *best* describes your experience; and feel free to add any comments that you believe could guide the Board regarding the decision.

How *comfortable* did you generally feel during the extended silence?

- Very comfortable
- Fairly comfortable
- Neutral
- Fairly uncomfortable
- Very uncomfortable

Comments:

How much were you generally able to *focus* on the given topic over twenty minutes?

- Almost all or all the time
- Most of the time
- About half the time
- Less than half the time
- Very little or not at all

Comments:

Overall, how much have you *valued* the experiences of the “silent services”?

- Quite a lot
- A fair amount
- Neutral
- Not that much
- Very little or none at all

Comments:

About how often would you like UUCOP to continue “Silent Services” each year?

- 10-12 times (or more)
- 7-9 times
- 4-6 times
- 1-3 times
- Not at all

Comments:

Other observations, ideas, or comments:

Please bring the completed survey to the next UUCOP service you attend *or* mail it to Tom Beukema at 510 W

Jefferson, Petoskey 49770 or email it to Tom at tforb@core.com. He can be reached at 231.347.3802 with any questions or additional comments.

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