

## Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Petoskey

### December 2018 Newsletter

Happy Holidays UUCOP! Hate to say it, but only a few more shopping days until Christmas. I hope your gifts and holiday provisions are all organized so you can enjoy the season and leave the stress behind. The chapel is now decorated with a big, beautiful Christmas tree and this will be sure to get you in the holiday spirit.

If you come to our Solstice service this weekend with Mary Stewart Adams, you will be able to sit back and let Mary weave her magic as she shares some Solstice stories from the heavens. This service will be a joint effort with several of us participating with poetry and readings. Hope you can join us. On the 30th of December, bring your favorite dish to share at our holiday potluck at the chapel at noon.

Don't forget to fill out your "Silent Service" survey. We would love to hear your thoughts about these services and it will help with the planning of our upcoming season of programs.

On the 30<sup>th</sup>, we will also have a [brief special meeting to discuss and vote on one item](#), and only one item. At this year's annual meeting, the board was tasked with exploring the sale of the Wildwood property. We have done that, and we will be reporting on our findings and asking the members to vote on proceeding with a realtor towards the sale of the property. We promise to keep this meeting very brief so please don't let that scare you away from our potluck. The business portion will be over before you know it! The agenda is attached to this newsletter for your review.

During this time of the year, we may think about Mary and Joseph searching for a room at the Inn and finding none. In the spirit of hospitality and welcoming, we are again supporting our immigrant community with our next quarterly giving. Last Fall we learned about the [Green Valley-Sahuarita Samaritans](#) at one of our services and this is the organization we will be supporting next quarter. This group operates in the Arizona-Sonora borderlands and they believe in "respect for human rights, the rendering of humanitarian aid, and one's ethical responsibility to assist those who are suffering." They do this in the form of bringing food, water and medical assistance to those in need. For us "northerner's" way up here in Michigan, this is a good way for us to support some boots on the ground helping those in need on our southern border.

Here's hoping that Santa finds you all on the "nice list" and see you in church!

Sincerely, Kim Nowack