



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2019



I'm happy to announce that you have a new, FULL, board of directors for the coming year! We had our annual meeting a couple of weeks ago and the proposed slate of officers was elected unanimously. We elected Roger Srigley as treasurer, Betty Palm as program chair, Audrey McMullen as secretary and Joe Palm as website trustee. John Lake will continue as vice president and myself as president. It has been a while since we have had a full board, so we should pat ourselves on that back for that accomplishment. Thanks to all of you that stepped up to the plate. It is much appreciated!

We were also successful in voting in our new budget and in making some by-law changes to make the process easier for us to speak out on social issues as a congregation. We heard reports from our board members and committees. You'll be interested to hear that the Wildwood property sale is progressing. We didn't get any real nibbles from the neighbors and are now pursuing a realtor for the sale.

Betty reported on her involvement with the Interfaith Power and Light committee in town. I hope you attended the recent event at Bay View called, "*Answering the Call: An Interfaith Response for Climate Action*". UUCOP was one of the local, faith-based sponsors of this event. We will continue to be associated with this group in a local way and through our membership in the Michigan chapter.

Many of you have been faithful attendees of our annual "Freedom Picnic". This year, we have two picnics to offer you! On July 4th from 2-5pm, Gwen Wyatt and John Schaefer are hosting us at their home (see recent UUCOP email for more details) and on July 7th, we will have a service entitled "*Proud to be an American*" before we have another

picnic. The service will be at the Chapel and then the picnic, complete with kite flying, will be at East Park.

Later, on July 14 we will hear from Rev. Tom Swears about forgiveness. On July 21 writer and gardener, Mary Agria will speak about a "*Gardeners Approach to Community Service*" which is based on her new novel "*Range of Motion*". I know July can be a busy month, but I hope you're able to attend some of these nice events.

Have you picked up your copy of the latest UUCOP book club selection? We are reading "*The Death of Truth*" (subtitled, "*Notes on Falsehood in the Age of Trump*") by Michiko Kakutani for our July 28 book club meeting at 1:30pm in the second-floor meeting room of the Petoskey Library. Hope you can join us for our discussion.

As we enjoy our summertime weather, I hope to see you soon at our UUCOP summer gatherings.

Kim

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