



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY

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Hi Everyone,

Since our last newsletter, we have lost a long-time UUCOP member and great friend to us all, Bob Elliott. Bob will be missed in our services and around our community. I, for one, will be missing him at Blissfest next year, since he was such a Bliss enthusiast, as am I, and we used to run into each other several times during the weekend. Bob's family has announced that an outdoor celebration of life will be held in Cheboygan, MI on Saturday, October 3rd at 11:00am. Please RSVP to J. Elliott at jcelliottpac@yahoo.com for the address and to help the family plan social distancing.

Your minister search committee has been working diligently and is almost done crafting our UUCOP profile for posting on the UUA minister search web site. This will tell prospective ministers what we are like as a congregation and what we would like in a minister. Once the committee has our profile polished up, they will recommend to the board that it be "published". This means it will be available online to ministers searching for a congregation. Then the contacts will come rolling in . . . or not. We've been told that a quarter-time minister might be hard to fill, but I'm thinking positively about that. You will be hearing much more about this in the coming months.

The Board has been searching for a physical home for UUCOP. We have some good leads and have made some visits. Since we will not be meeting physically until at least April, we have some time, but we want to keep the momentum going. Please let a board member know if you see a building, store front, etc. that might fit our needs.

Once we have a physical home and start in-person services, we would like to also continue in some kind of virtual fashion. This might be broadcasting our services or using zoom in some way. We have had some nice attendance from our more remote members and would hope to continue this. If you have any skills in this technical area or know of someone that does (your fifth grade niece for example), we are interested to hear from you.

We are just finishing up on quarterly giving program with Michigan Covid-19 Initiative and Response Recovery. I'm sure our donation will be well received to help support Covid efforts in our home state. Next quarter, we will be collecting for the *Petoskey Interfaith Common Ground*, a recently formed coalition of the Petoskey downtown faith-based congregations including pastors and lay leaders that are exploring ways that the downtown faith congregations might help the larger community mitigate the social and economic impact of the virus pandemic. We are a member of this group, and one of their first projects will be to bring water into the schools since the drinking fountains are off limits during Covid.

Do you need a long walk? I know I do. Sitting at my home computer for 8 hours a day or more, has my back in a knot that just won't quit. Come and walk with us as we pick up trash near Cross Village in the tunnel of trees next weekend, Sunday the 27. We will meet at the Legs Inn parking lot at 10am. We missed the first two pickups of the year due to the virus, so this will be the only one of 2020. Bring your mask and hand sanitizer.

Hope you can check out the great programs coming up in our zoom services. They are listed on the website.

It's hard to say goodbye to summer, but I hope you can enjoy the cooler days and beautiful, changing trees. See you in (zoom) church, Kim

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