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Hi Fellow UUers,

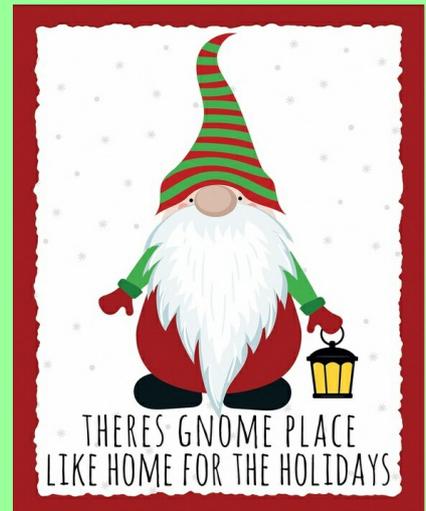
Congratulations! We are making it to the end of 2020. Just a little bit more to go and we can wave good-bye to this amazing, unbelievable, very bad year. We also made it through the craziest election in history (I think). At least we can say that the end is in sight if we can hold it together another month until inauguration.

It is very tempting to give in to our “Covid fatigue” and gather with family and friends for the holidays. That is an irresistible carrot dangling out there that we would all love to grab. We need to resist expanding our personal Covid bubbles until we are all vaccinated and safe to breath the same air once again.

Our minister search UUCOP profile is currently “under review” on the UUA minister search web site. We are being put in the same scheduling hopper with the other congregations looking for ministers. This means getting approved for publishing in late December or January. We were hoping to get a head start, but alas, no. We will make the profile available to the congregation after our reviews are done. Stay tuned!

We are finishing up collecting for the *Petoskey Interfaith Common Ground* this month. This group, of which we are a member, created “take out” Thanksgiving dinners and UUCOP helped. We provided some food supplies with our donation money and several members baked pumpkin desserts to go with the meals. Common Ground will be having an event called “The Longest Night” on Dec 21 at 7pm. It will be a virtual event hosted on the YouTube channel of the First Presbyterian Church. You will be getting a flyer about it closer to the date. Please attend and watch closely because you just might see someone you recognize from our congregation in the video presentation for the evening.

Our next quarterly giving will be related to food insecurity. We are splitting our quarterly collection evenly between UUA’s Guest at Your Table and the North Central Michigan



College Campus Cupboard. The NCMC Cupboard is a food pantry for students. All walks of life are experiencing food insecurity during the pandemic, some for the first times in their lives. Our money will be helping this situation locally and for the UUA's long standing program of Guest at Your Table.

UUA recommends that we don't meet in person until after May 21, and we are taking that advice. We are still on the lookout for a meeting place, so please let us know if you see something that would work for our needs. And please speak up if you know someone that could help us broadcast our services while also having them in person. We want to keep our distant members attached!

Check out the great programs coming up in our zoom services. To finish out December, we will hear stories of the heavens from Mary Stewart Adams and have a solstice service lead by Marla. More info is listed on our website. Hope you can join us.

In closing, I leave you with a quote from Sarah Kay, *"It is December, and nobody asked if I was ready."* Are you ready for this December, the ending to our year of pandemic and political mayhem? Let's be ready to say good-bye to 2020 and say hello to the hope of 2021. May we be uplifted towards our new Covid-free future.

See you in (zoom) church, Kim Nowack, your UUCOP Board President

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