



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2021

Happy Valentine Month!

We can all use some hearts, some chocolate and general loving feelings, so Valentine's Day is very welcome indeed. Are you lucky enough to be home bound with your Valentine? I will be flying solo and sharing my Valentine's day with you all on our Sunday service this weekend. Wish I had little cards to pass out to you all like the fun we had in grade school. Will you be my Valentine?!



We have sold our Wildwood property! Can you say, woo hoo! We have a closing date scheduled and everything looks very promising. Our only task after the sale will be to clean out the shed in the springtime. I am hoping we can have one last picnic there to say goodbye to Wildwood and to say goodbye to our long ago dream of building a UUCOP church there. We will try to make the picnic happen and maybe invite the new owners. Might be a nice way to pass it along to them and let them know what the property meant to us.

More good news, this time on the programming front. We will be joining into a pilot project with Marquette UU Congregation and the UU Bay de Noc Fellowship to share some Sunday services. On March 14, April 11, and May 9 we will have joint services lead by Phil Lund, who is our Congregational Life Consultant from the MidAmerican Region of the UUA. He specializes in small congregations and is helping us figure out how to reduce our service costs and the energy it takes to keep our programming going. The goal is to see if we can eventually share minister services for one Sunday a month. We would share the cost of the minister and share in planning the service, but only 1/3 of the service, if you catch my drift, since three of us are working together. It will be like tripling our attendance once a month. Imagine all the new friends we can meet in our zoom chats! And the things we can learn. So many possibilities. More to come on this exciting collaboration. One thing you need to be aware of now is that we will be changing our service time for March, April and May to 11 am. Did you catch that?

*****11 AM - MARCH, APRIL, MAY*****

Don't forget that our current quarterly giving is for food insecurity. We are splitting our quarterly collection evenly between Manna Food and the North Central Michigan College Campus Cupboard.

The Welcoming Committee has been working since early Fall of 2019 to become an officially recognized Welcoming Congregation with the UUA. Recently committee members have met via Zoom with Rev. Michael J. Crumpler who is Program Director for LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs at UUA to prepare for submitting our application which is complete except for the final step of approval for submission by our congregation. The committee plans to take that final step at our 2021 annual meeting or before.

Are you looking for love? Check out the Valentine's Day program, Feb 14, with Alice Diebel and learn how to look for love in all the right places. On Feb 21 we will explore "Living the UU Legacy". And don't forget our coffee hour on Feb 28. Hope you can join us at 1pm on each of those Sundays in February.

Here is a lovely "Valentine ish" quote from Alfred Tennyson, "*If I had a flower for every time I thought of you... I could walk through my garden forever.*" You are all flowers in our greater interdependent web of all existence. Keep your roots planted in solid ground, your face turned towards the sun, and keep on blooming!

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

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