



# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2021

Hello UU Friends!

Can you believe it is March of 2021, and that we have been slogging through Covid for a year plus?! I looked back at newsletters from a year ago and we were talking about in-person services in the summer of 2020. What were we thinking?! I feel more hopeful for this summer but I'm still crossing my fingers and I'm not placing any bets, if you know what I mean.



Our Wildwood money is in the bank! We will have a full reporting at our annual meeting, but for now, we can cross that off our list of things to do. Much thanks to Roger for handling the details for the sale. We will keep you posted on a possible picnic/service at Wildwood to say our goodbyes to that beautiful piece of property and to the congregational dream that we had to establish a church there.

Did you attend the "triangle service" with Marquette and Bay de Noc the other day? We had a meaningful service led by Phil Lund, who is our Congregational Life Consultant from the MidAmerican Region of the UUA. We tripled our attendance! Wink, wink. I met many folks from both Marquette and Escanaba. In just that short time we were able to compare notes on a lot of topics and it felt so nice to be with kindred spirits, enjoy a well-presented service and have time for conversation. We will do it again on the second Sunday in April. Don't miss it!

And don't miss our upcoming services. We have Rev. Alice Deibel on March 21, telling us about the Vernal Equinox and Balance, and April 4 will be our Easter Service with a sermon called, "Rolling Away the Stones", from Rev Leslie Takahashi.

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. Next quarter we are donating to Michigan UU Social Justice Network, or MUUSJN. If you have a charity you'd like to suggest for our future giving, we are all ears to learn about it.

Your Green Committee will have their spring trash pickup May 1<sup>st</sup>, so mark your calendars and join us at 10:30 am in the Legs Inn parking lot in Cross Village. We may also do lunch following the pickup if the group is so inclined.

A quick March Happy Birthday shout out to Hilary Lake and Rick Mazur. Hope you have great Birthdays this month. If we missed any March birthdays, just let us know. We'd love to help you celebrate.

Here is a St. Patrick's month quote for you to ponder. Irish poet, William Butler Yeats writes, "*Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy.*" How do your own tragedy/joy scales balance out? Shall we all agree to tipping our scales towards the joyful side? Keep finding your joy in all that you do and keep tipping those scales!

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