



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY NEWSLETTER - JUNE/JULY 2021



Hello UU Friends!

Did you attend our “Freedom Picnic” last weekend? We had a great turnout and picture-perfect 4th of July weather. Our setting at the Lakes home was just lovely with the gardens in full bloom and the waves lapping at the shoreline in the background. Once again, our group came through with some good food in a nice variety, so we had a complete delicious meal. The group was ambitious enough to get out the kayaks and clean them up, but no one paddled away! What’s up with that?! I guess we were enjoying each other’s company and our conversation instead. All good! Thanks to the Lakes for being such gracious hosts. It was a nice feeling of normalcy to attend this traditional event once again. Oh, and we even zoomed in some remote picnickers although our conversational abilities were limited.

We had a great annual meeting on June 20th. We had more than a quorum and there was some lively discussion about the budget and other topics. Seems like even though we try, our trolling motor always gets stuck in the proverbial weeds and this meeting was no exception. We got ourselves unstuck and had a good productive meeting. No pizza lunch this time, but hopefully next year. Our slate of officers was elected unanimously. New board members are Gary as Vice Prez , Audrey as program chair, Roger as treasurer and Joe as trustee. Thanks to you all for filling our slate and congratulations on winning your elections!

Our next service is a “triangle service” on the 11th, with Marquette and Bay De Noc. Rev. Alice will be leading this service for the three congregations. She will lead us

in exploring “finding kindness in the face of evil”. The Sunday following that we will be led by Sally McCoy in a discussion of the “sacred feminine in modern spiritual belief.” I hope you can join us on zoom for these services.

Rev Alice was nice enough to share her two-part presentation about the history of our UU religion. This was on May 30th and June 6th. The videos of those history discussions are on our website; go to the “About” tab and scroll down to UU history. The password is UUHistory. Thanks to Rev. Alice for sharing this with UUCOP and the triangle group.

Our current quarterly giving is for Rev. Alice’s prison ministry that supports formerly incarcerated women in their re-entry process. To learn more about this charity, visit:

<http://circlesofspirit.org/>

If you have a charity you would like to suggest for our future giving, we would love to learn about it.

UUCOP Book club meets this month on the 25th at the Petoskey library. We are reading *The Human Cosmos: Civilization and the Stars* by Jo Marchant. I am finding the book very interesting, but wishing it had pictures since it describes many places and things I would love to see. You will be getting an email from Tom with details of the meeting which will be **both in person and by zoom.**

Speaking of in person meetings, we continue to look for a meeting place for UUCOP. Your board has visited many places and searched many sites online. Our traveling church in boxes resides in our new storage unit for the time being.

I found a fun quote to end with today. *“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken.”* I should not wish for you a broken lawnmower, but you get the drift. Soak up the summer (while protecting your skin and not soaking up the sun). We need to cherish this beautiful weather while it graces us with its presence.

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

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