



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY

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Hi UU Friends!

Big, big news this month for you. You'd better pay attention to this!

After a year-long UUA-defined process of profile building, questionnaires, and discussions with several candidates, and with two formal interviews with Reverend Amy Brooks, the Board has accepted the Minister Search Committee recommendation that the congregation consider her for part-time contracted service. On the third and fourth Sundays of August, the Committee members will share background and impressions, and facilitate a full discussion of questions raised. There will be a special meeting and a vote on August 22nd, and we hope you will choose to affirm the work of the Minister Search Committee.

For our Sunday Service August 15 at 11 am, UUCoP will introduce Reverend Amy Brooks. Due to the difficulty of travel at this time, we cannot present her in person, so we will be offering her digitized sermon, "The Spirit of Life." For our Sunday Service August 22 at 11 am, UUCoP will convene a special congregational meeting for the purpose of addressing the recommendations from the Minister Search Committee and the UUCoP Board of Directors. The agenda for this meeting will be simple and will include two items: A presentation from the Minister Search Committee/Board detailing their recommendation for Rev. Amy Brooks, and a vote on acceptance of the recommendation. If you wish to see more, Rev. Brooks' sermons are posted on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Assistant+minister+amy+brooks

In other news, our next service is a "triangle service" on the 8th, with Marquette and Bay De Noc. Rev. Alice Diebel will be leading this service for the three congregations. She will speak about "Water Quality Month" and help us to understand how we can all become better water protectors in our own communities. I hope you can join us on zoom for these services.

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/> Don't forget to drop your check in the mail for your usual UUCoP contribution and our quarterly charity. If you have a charity you would like to suggest for our future giving, we would love to learn about it.

UUCOP Book club met on the 25th of July, and they report great success with a hybrid meeting that involved both in person attendees and zoom attendees. This is very encouraging and will open the book club to those both near and far. We are reading *Quiet: The power of introverts that can't stop talking* by Susan Cain for the next UUCoP book club. This book made the cover of *Time* magazine, spent weeks on the *New York Times* best-sellers list and was the subject of one of the most-watched TED Talks, with more than 13 million views. It must be good then, right? You'd better order your book now so you can get started reading. You will be getting an email from Tom with details of the meeting which will again be both in person and by zoom.

Speaking of in person meetings, we have a good lead on a meeting place for UUCoP. Your board is close to sealing a deal on that and is making their final visits and arrangements. Keep your fingers crossed that we will have good news to share on that front soon.

Here's a quote appropriate for the above UUCOP news of change. *"Your life does not get better by chance. It gets better by change."* We have worked as a group towards these proposed changes, so let's jump bravely forward and embrace our future. Let the change make us better!

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

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