



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PETOSKEY NEWSLETTER - February 2022

Good day UUCOP,

How are you, as I write on Valentine's Day 2022? Hope you have something sweet in mind for today and have a sweetie to share it with. If we were back in our younger years, I would have a paper card for each of you and I hope you would be my valentine.



**2022 is off to a big start with some great services, RE and even UU Jeopardy!** If you missed the “Fifth Sunday Surprise” game of Jeopardy, you missed out on a lot of fun and laughter as we worked our way through the clues. The Palms crafted a game board that had written, audio and video clues to challenge our memories and intellects. What fun! That will be a hard one to beat for our next “Fifth Sunday Surprise”.

This time of year is the time for us to certify ourselves with the UUA. We’ve submitted our information regarding our finances, membership, demographics, staffing, etc. While we’ve had a small reduction in membership we remain strong and hope to reverse that trend. If you would like to help us with that on the membership committee, please let us know. We could use your help with some good ideas and energy.

**Speaking of committees, we need help on all our committees.** Our goal is to spread the fun of keeping this congregation moving along so that your board does not get overwhelmed by it all. Please check out our committees on the UUCOP website and pick out one or more that you can help with. You don’t have to be a member to help on a committee and we would really appreciate your efforts.

**There are board positions available this year. We know that we need a secretary starting in July. While we sort out the other positions, please consider stepping up for the secretary job. As we have learned during Covid, you can easily be an effective board member from another state since we zoom all the meetings.**

**How about attending the UUA General Assembly this year?** You can attend in person in Portland OR or attend virtually. We have money in our budget to sponsor attendance and it would be great to have representation from UUCOP at GA again this year. *I can confirm that the virtual attendance is very worthwhile, and you can have a great experience while sitting in your own home.* And visiting Portland would be fun too. Please think about it.

**This Sunday we will have a service by Amy Brooks, “*Truth, Lies and Humble Pies*”.**

That title grabs me, as I hope it does you, and I look forward to seeing you all at Amy’s service Feb. 20. Amy will lead our fourth Sunday (Feb. 27) Religious Exploration discussion for history buffs with some UU black history in honor of Black History Month.

Of course, today I will end with a Valentine quote for you. This, from Victor Hugo, “*The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved; loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.*”

Have a great day and hold that Valentine love in your hearts in the same way we hold our UU flame in our spirits,

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

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