



Unitarian
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Petoskey

NEWSLETTER August 2025

Sunday, August 17, Planning

UUCOP's Future

Come spend the day with us!

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service. Rev. Alice Diebel will be in the pulpit, in-person, at the Carnegie Building. She will prepare us for our afternoon planning session by discussing how we meet the moment and create an inspiring vision for UUCOP.

12:00 noon - Potluck Lunch. Please bring a dish to share.

1:00 p.m. - Planning Session. Bob Lewis will facilitate our discussion to plan for UUCOP's future. EVERYONE, members and non-members alike, are invited to share hopes and dreams that might help to shape UUCOP's plans for the coming year(s). We'll make a full afternoon of it, ending around 4:00 p.m.



Two Fun Events

Let's enjoy some quality time together! We'd love to have you join us.

Saturday, August 9, 1:00 p.m. - Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow

LTBB Pow Wow Grounds, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, 49740 (Rain Site: Petoskey High School)

This is a free, public event. Let's get to know our native American neighbors while we enjoy an afternoon of colorful dancing and powerful drumming. Grand Entry takes place at 1:00 p.m.; don't miss it! Then, wander the food and craft stalls for interesting finds.

Before you come, check out the Odawa pow wow webpage at <https://odawahomecoming>.

weebly.com/ to learn about the dances that you will see and proper etiquette for attending a pow wow, as well as the latest updates to the schedule.



Saturday, August 16, 10:00 a.m. - Brunch at the Bakery

The Dutch Oven Bakery, 7611 US 31, Alanson, MI

Join Rev. Alice Diebel and host Gary Sydow for coffee and conversation at this tiny, much-loved bakery, in business for 90 years. You'll find a menu offering a selection of coffee and other beverages, doughnuts, French pastries, and even a full breakfast. Knitters and crocheters, note that a yarn shop is attached!

A Special Summer Service

We'll join with our Common Ground partners at an outdoor service in Pennsylvania Park at **1:00 p.m. Friday, August 8**, to honor the waters.

Wear your blue t-shirt to let everyone know we are there to support them!

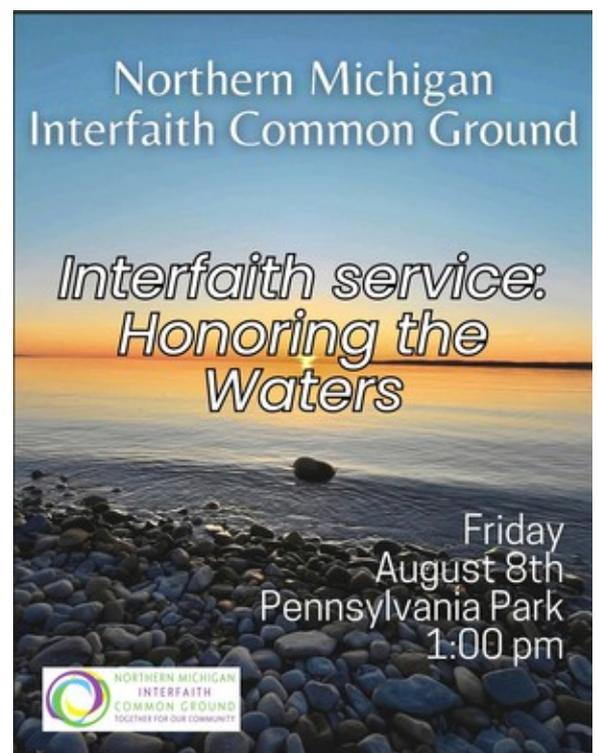
Book Group

The Book Group will meet **Saturday, August 23, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Charlevoix home of Barbara Sugden and Ron Vargason. Email bsugden@astound.net for directions. We will discuss The Power of Ideals: The Real Story of Moral Choice by William Damon and Anne Colby, which examines the lives and work of six 20th century leaders who pursued moral causes ranging from world peace to social justice and human rights and uses those cases to illustrate how we, too, can make choices based on moral conviction.

Sunday Services

All Sunday services in August meet at 11:00 a.m. in-person at the Carnegie Building, 451 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey, MI 49770, AND on Zoom.

August 10 - Meet the Moment--How Our Association is Helping Us Do Just That. Rev. Alice Diebel, Kim Nowack, & Audrey McMullen attended the UUA General



Assembly this year, and they will discuss how UUs are preparing to "meet the moment," armed with the powerful inspiration of our faith lived loud.

August 17 - Future Thinking: How do we create and catch an inspiring vision of UUCOP? See above.

August 24 - Charlevoix and Chicago resident Sam Williamson will talk about notable activities of UUs in the Chicago area.

August 31 - Centering Love Through Liberation

"Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love." Martin Luther King Jr.

It's Not Too Late to Register for the Fall Retreat

Plan to meet UUs from Petoskey, Marquette, and Bay de Noc for a weekend of fun and fellowship **September 19-21** at Garden Grove Retreat and Lodging, 6411 State Street, Garden, MI, 49836 in the Upper Peninsula. Register to attend [HERE](#).

Room discounts of 15% are available until August 18. You may make a room reservation [HERE](#) or by calling 231-622-5026.

Delicious meals are available for \$65: Friday supper, veggie lasagna, \$25; Saturday lunch, build your own slider & potato salad, \$15; Saturday supper, chicken alfredo (or vegetarian), \$25. Meals include beverages, salad, & dessert. Complimentary breakfasts are provided, or you may purchase a hot breakfast from the Grove Coffee & Cafe. (For dietary concerns, please contact Garden Grove at least two weeks in advance.)

Consider a Gift to UUCOP

UUCOP is us! That means, it's our time and talent as volunteers that make things happen. And, it's our treasure that pays our operating expenses. If you are wondering how you might help, please talk with any member of the board. If you would like to make a contribution, please mail your check to UUCOP, P.O. Box 873, Petoskey, MI 49770. Thank you!



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