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## UUCOP This Week

Wednesday, March 18, 2026



Frances E.W. Harper. 1898 Library of Congress.

# March Is Women's History Month

## Songs for the People

by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper

Let me make the songs for the people,  
 Songs for the old and young;  
 Songs to stir like a battle-cry  
 Wherever they are sung.

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Not for the clashing of sabres,  
 For carnage nor for strife;  
 But songs to thrill the hearts of men  
 With more abundant life.

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Let me make the songs for the weary,  
 Amid life's fever and fret,  
 Till hearts shall relax their tension,  
 And careworn brows forget.

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Let me sing for little children,  
 Before their footsteps stray,  
 Sweet anthems of love and duty,  
 To float o'er life's highway.

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I would sing for the poor and aged,  
 When shadows dim their sight;  
 Of the bright and restful mansions,  
 Where there shall be no night.

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Our world, so worn and weary,  
 Needs music, pure and strong,  
 To hush the jangle and discords  
 Of sorrow, pain, and wrong.

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Music to soothe all its sorrow,

## With Love from Rev.

## Alice Diebel

This Women's History month, I'm thinking about [Frances Ellen Watkins Harper](#) and this timely poem. She was an abolitionist and a suffragist. She was the first African American woman to publish a short story! Her biography is linked above.

In the spirit,  
 Rev. Alice

Girdle the world with peace.

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## Upcoming UUCOP Services

Services are held on **Sundays at 11:00 AM.**

### **March 22:** *Transgender Rights and Politics.*

Imara Jones was the honored Ware Lecturer at last year's UU general assembly. We will share a video of her compelling comments this week. Jones has won both Emmy and Peabody awards for her work as a political journalist and transgender rights advocate.

### **March 29:** *Paying Attention Mindfulness in Trying Times*

In difficult times, how do we stay cool when the world is on fire? Rev. Alice is the speaker for this Mid-America Fifth Sunday Fellowship Service.

### **April 5:** *A Unitarian Easter Service*

You've **got** to see this! Rev. Alice dives into the spiritual words of prophetic people who challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil and justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

## Service Scheduling News

**April 5: DOOR BREAKER!!** Today is the first day of the rest of our lives in our new unofficially named meeting place—"COP House." (*This is our attempt at humor. No actual cops are involved. UUCOP is the acronym for Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Petoskey; we just needed a snappier name so we took out some letters.*) The new location is the **North Coast Works Building, 417 Howard Street** (near Julienne Tomatoes). Look for our Beautiful Blue Banner.

You can still watch online if you don't mind missing out on coffee, cheesecake, cookies, and community. Live or streaming, bring some patience. We are still "striving

### Zoom to Join Sunday Services

To join, click [here](#) for or follow the “Join the Service” button below for Zoom gathering information. Once you have accessed the webpage, click on the red “here” to join.

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## 2026 Triangle Congregations Retreat



**Mark Your Calendars for Our 2026  
Triangle Congregations Retreat!**

**Dates:** Friday, October 16 (evening) to  
Sunday, October 18, 2026

Registration information coming soon!

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## UU Webinar Series

### **The UUA Is Working For Us: It's Small Congregations Month!**

Time for us to strengthen our strengths. [Register](#) on the UUA website for one or all of the online workshops that are being offered in March and we'll share notes in April.

#### **Dates & Times:**

Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm EDT

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 7:30 pm - 8:45 pm EDT

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### April 12: Book Club Meeting

The Petoskey UU book group will be discussing [What if We Get it Right](#) by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson.

**Time:** 1:30-3:00 PM

**Location:** Petoskey Public Library, Lower Level Classroom



### Attention Booklovers:

McLean & Eakin Bookstore is ordering several copies of the April featured volume, with expected delivery of 7-10 days. Tom will alert you all when they've arrived.

Keep in mind that it's 400 pp. long. Questions, invitations, etc., call Tom Beukema at 231.550.1403. *Place, date, and time are subject to change.*

## Petoskey Community Events

### March 24: Spring Block Party @ The Gathering

**Location:** Carnegie Building

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Details:** Share a dish to pass, if you are able. Dinner will be followed by a Freecycle event:

### March 28: NO KINGS! Protest Rally Hosted by NoMiIndivisible

**New Location:** Arlington Park (adjacent to the Perry Hotel)

**Time:** 11:30 AM-2:00 PM

### April 7: Meet the Candidates Forum

**Location:** Carnegie Building

**Time:** 6:00-7:30 PM (doors open at 6:00)

**Sponsor:** Nomi-Indivisible

**Co-sponsors:** Between the Covers

someone who does  
need them can score a  
blessing. Keep the love  
going around!

*The Gathering hosts  
community events at  
the Carnegie Building  
on 2nd and 4th  
Tuesdays.*



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