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UUCOP This Week

Wednesday, March 25, 2026



Modigliani, Amedeo. The Cellist. 1909. Oil on canvas. Paris.

With Love from Rev. Alice Diebel

Dear Friends,

In the spirit,
Rev. Alice



Boundaries divide us, lines drawn to mark our diversity, maps chartered to separate the human race from itself.

Yet a mother's grief, a father's love, a child's happy cry, a musician's sound, an artist's stroke, batter the boundaries and shatter the walls.

Strength and weakness, arrogance and humility, confidence and fear, live together in each one, reminding us that we share a common humanity. We are all more human than otherwise.

Richard S. Gilbert, adapted

Upcoming UUCOP Services

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

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. *Zoom service.*

April 5: *A Unitarian Easter Service*

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. *Zoom and in-person service.*

April 12: *Let's Talk About It*

Triangle Service with Rev. Rose Reidel: There's so much happening in our world today that is weighing heavily upon us all. Bring what is in your heart—and let's talk about it. *Zoom and in-person service.*

Service Scheduling News

Introducing our new location for in-person services

Starting **April 5**, UUCOP will be offering Petoskey's first "storefront church" located in the **North Coast Works Building, 417 Howard Street, Petoskey**, allowing us to gather both in-person and on Zoom. In this casual setting, you're invited to come as you are and be open to street-level sharing of needs, resources, ideas, and spiritual connection.

UUs don't have creeds; we have values we try to live up to (and we ask you to let us know if we slip up). We're not going to shove religion down your throat. You don't have to believe in God (but it's cool if you do), you can follow the teachings of the Buddha or Jesus, you can bow to Allah, and love the stories of Nanaboozhoo.

If you're in need of a hug, you can find them here, where we believe that all people are inherently worthy of love. We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates diversity, strives to advance equity, and is all about inclusion. We also serve coffee, and maybe some coffee cake...possibly a bite of chocolate...it's all part of building what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., called a "beloved community."



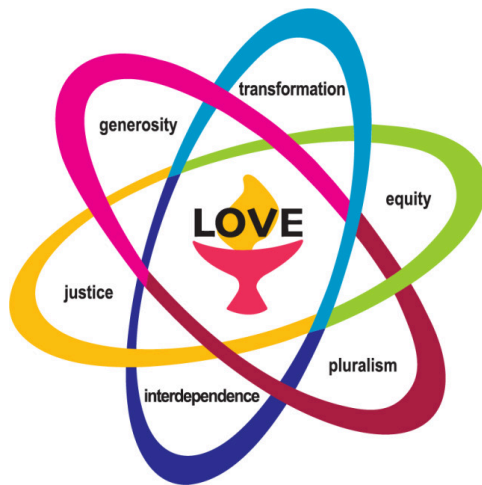
Street view of the North Coast Works Building, 417 Howard Street.

Joining Sunday Services by Zoom

information. Once you have accessed the webpage, click on the red “here” to join.

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The Path of Your Giving: Offering Update



Quarterly giving for the FY 2025-2026 *(period ending June 30, 2026)*

Quarter 1: WCMU Public Media

Quarter 2: Transforming Hearts Collective

Quarter 3: World Central Kitchen

Quarter 4: Manna Food Project

Our Commitment to Giving

In support of our UU values, UUCOP identifies a quarterly partner organization for a special offering. Total quarterly donations will be matched by congregational funds up to \$200.

This "Double Your Impact" approach allows us to provide tangible support to local, national, and global initiatives. Until April 5, the special offering is designated for the [World Central Kitchen](#).

Please note the amount you want to designate for the special offering and mail to UUCOP, PO Box 873, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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BOOK CLUB

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:**

The McLean & Eakin Bookstore now has copies of the featured book in stock.

Questions about the Book Club can be directed to Tom Beukema at 231.550.1403.

Place, date, and time are subject to change.

Petoskey Community Events



March 28: NO KINGS! Protest Rally Hosted by NoMi-Indivisible

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



April 7: Meet the Candidates Forum
Location: Carnegie Building
Time: 6:00-7:30 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM)



April 14: The Gathering: Creative Outlet
Location: Carnegie Building
Time: 6:00 PM
Details: The theme is “yarn arts.” Whether you are working on

Co-sponsors:

Between the Covers
McLean & Eakin

would like to enjoy the company, join us for an evening of creative focus. Craft materials, coloring pages jigsaw puzzles will be available.

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

Coming in October: 2026 Triangle Congregations Retreat

Mark Your Calendars for Our 2026 Triangle Congregations Retreat!

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

Watch for registration information.



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