

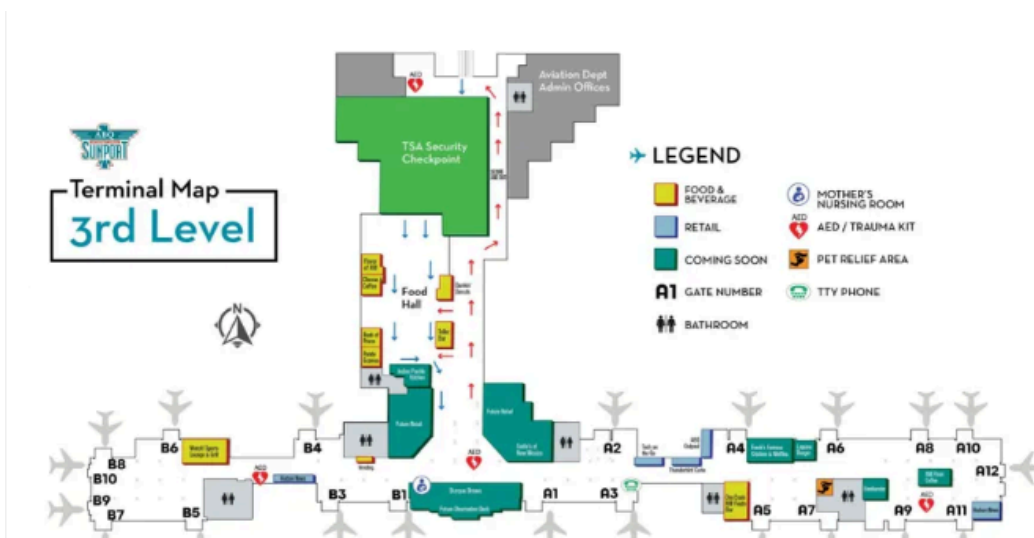
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*We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates diversity,  
strives to advance equity, and is all about inclusion.*

# UUCOP This Week

Wednesday, April 1, 2026



**With Love from Rev. Alice Diebel**

On Sunday I shared Naomi Shihab Nye's story, "[Gate A4](#)." In it, she tells of a Palestinian woman in a panic thinking her flight had been cancelled. Lost, confused, and wailing, Naomi offered familiar words of comfort, connected her with others, and transformed an airport gate into a community of love.

We do that when we join together at UUCOP.

Join us in our new, shared physical space on April 5 at 11:00 AM. Meet you at 417 Howard Street in Petoskey, online or in-person. Building community is a radical act!

With love,  
Rev. Alice

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## Upcoming UUCOP Services

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

### **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.*

### **April 19:** *Poetry Month*

UUCOP marks National Poetry Month with Marla Houghteling: UU communities have a tradition of integrating National Poetry Month celebrations into our shared spiritual and civic life, often focusing on poetry as a tool for social justice and community engagement. *Zoom and in-person service.*

### Introducing our new location for in-person services

Starting **April 5**, UUCOP services will be held in the **North Coast Works Building, 417 Howard Street, Petoskey**, allowing us to gather both in-person and on Zoom. Stay for our after-service social gathering.



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

## Joining Sunday Services by Zoom

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.

Join the Service



# Opportunity: UUA General Assembly Delegate

Would you like to serve as one of UUCOP's delegates to the UUA General Assembly? This opportunity is open to a MEMBER of UUCOP who is eager to gather online to worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy decisions for the UUA. You must be able to spend a good portion of time at your computer June 14-16 attending general sessions, which conduct UUA business, and June 19-21 at worship and learning sessions. Our UUCOP budget contains funds which will assist with your registration fee. Learn more here: <https://www.uua.org/ga>. If you'd like to explore this opportunity, please contact UUCOP board president, Barbara Sugden at [bsugden@astound.net](mailto:bsugden@astound.net).

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## UUCOP Special Offerings



Until April 5, the special offering is designated for the World Central Kitchen. Our 4th quarter giving partner will be the Manna Food Project.

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



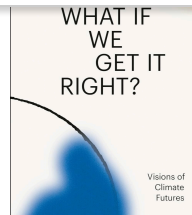
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## UUCOP Book Club

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



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.

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## Petoskey Community Events

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### **April 7: Meet the Candidates Forum**

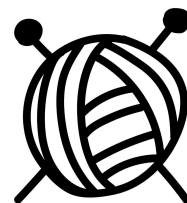
**Location:** Carnegie Building

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

**Sponsor:** NoMi-Indivisible

**Co-sponsors:**

Between the Covers



### **April 14: The Gathering: Creative Outlet**

**Location:** Carnegie Building

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Details:** The theme is “yarn arts.”

Whether you are working on your own project, curious about crafts, or would like to enjoy the company, join us for an evening of creative focus. Craft materials, coloring pages jigsaw puzzles will be available.

*events at the Carnegie Building on 2nd  
and 4th Tuesdays.*

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# 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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