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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 15, 2026



With Love from Rev. Alice Diebel

Dear Friends,

and grow spiritually and ethically. Openness to change is fundamental to our Unitarian and Universalist heritages, never complete and never perfect." Let us learn to grow, even if it is uneven.

In the spirit,
Rev. Alice

Upcoming UUCOP Services



Street view image of 417 Howard Street, Petoskey

Services are held by Zoom and in-person on **Sundays at 11:00 AM**. Our physical meeting location is **North Coast Works Building, 417 Howard Street, Petoskey** and will be followed by a social gathering with refreshments. The Zoom link is below.

April 19: Poet Marla Kay Houghteling of Harbor Springs will read from her original works. Houghteling is an author, poet, and educator recognized for historical fiction and memoir-driven literature. She is best known for *The Road to Pelican* (2022), which blends her own life journey with her ancestor's



April 26: Service featuring Pablo DeJesús, Executive Director, UUSJ: Justice requires us to balance belonging and belief, weaving compassion with solidarity. In a time of high tension, we must consciously rebuild our relationships and champion the fact that we belong to one another. Managing this "warp and weft" is a defiant, powerful, symbolic act that creates a stronger tapestry for all the connections we make and are part of as a community. *Zoom and in-person service. A special Zoom link will be available for this service.*

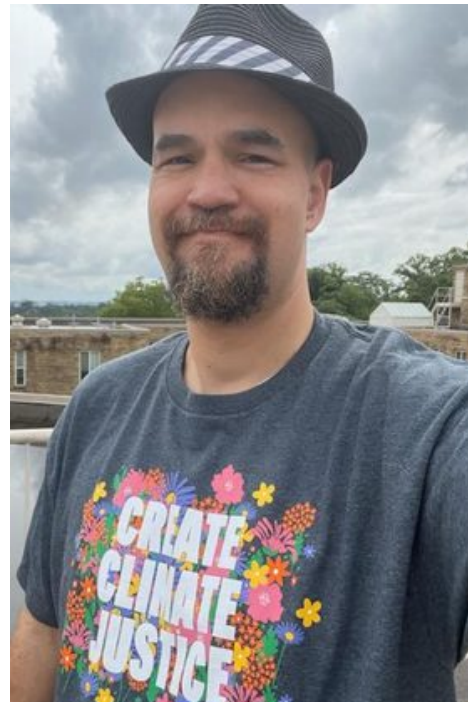


Image: Pablo DeJesus

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.

Save the Date: UUCOP Potluck

After the regular service on **May 24, 2026**, UUCOP will host a potluck at our new meeting space at 417 Howard Street. Details coming soon.



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.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JUNE 14 – 21, 2026

MEET THE MOMENT: TOGETHER EVERYWHERE

Registration Information for the 2026 Triangle Congregations Retreat



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

Location: Garden Grove Retreat, 6411 State Street, Garden, Michigan 49835

Click the button below for the Triangle Retreat Registration Information.
Please join us!

[Registration Information](#)

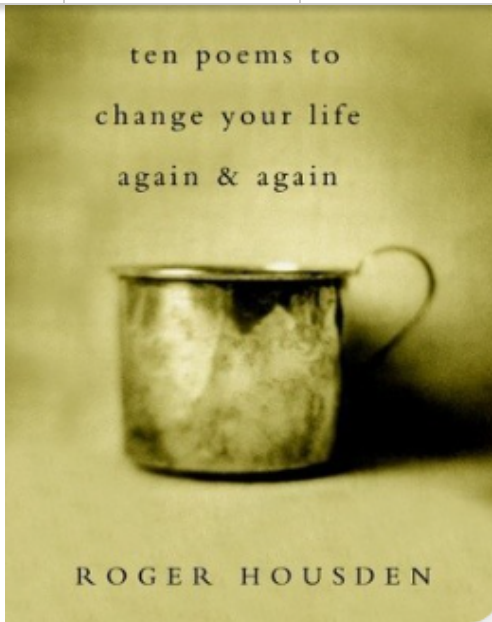
UUCOP Book Club

June 14: Book Club Meeting

Time: 1:30-3:00 PM

Location: Petoskey Public Library,
Lower Level Classroom

Details: The Petoskey UU book group
will discuss *Ten Poems to Change
Your Life Again and Again* by Roger
Housden.



Book Club to Tom Beukema at 231.550.1403.

UUA News

Registration Open: UU for Social Justice Event

May 5: Gathering: Universalist Unitarians for Social Justice with Rev. Liz Theoharis

Location: Zoom

Time: 8:00 PM

Details: Pre-register for Zoom tickets to this event using the button below.

The Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis is a theologian, author, pastor, and anti-poverty organizer. She is Founder and Executive Director of the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice. Rev. Dr. Theoharis is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), co-pastor of the Freedom Church of the Poor, and teaches at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

[Register for Zoom Tickets](#)



Ours is a mission of shared leadership, prophetic justice, and communal care driven by love of neighbor itself.

—UUA President, Rev. Dr. Sofía Betancourt, UUA President

On Monday, March 30th, the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Rev. Dr. Sofía Betancourt — delivered the first-ever “[State of the Association](#)” speech, premiering on Facebook Live. These landmark remarks denote the halfway point of President Sofía’s UUA presidency and were designed to give Unitarian Universalists (UUs) insights into both the challenges and opportunities facing the religious tradition.

Read a [full copy of the speech](#) at *UU World* and watch the [video of her remarks](#) on YouTube.

Singing Resistance

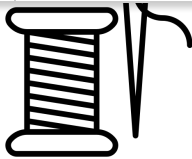
May 2: Meeting: Singing Resistance

Location: Carnegie Building

Time: 3:15 PM

Details: The group is meeting to consider what's next. Members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Petoskey Community Events



April 19: Stitched Together: A Mending and Creating Circle

Location: Petoskey Public Library, Lower Level Classroom

Time: 3:00-4:30 PM

Details: The new Tip of the Mitt Collective (TOTMC) invites people to come together to sew, knit, and and repair clothing and textiles as a way of building community. Some supplies will be available for borrowing. You are invited to bring extra materials to share, if you have them. Open to all skill levels.

Stitched Together meets every third Sunday during the spring.

April 28: The Gathering: The Wonder of Words

Location: Carnegie Building

Time: 6:00 PM

Details: The theme is “The Wonder of Words.” Explore the power of quotes and mantras.

The Gathering hosts community events around a variety of themes at the Carnegie Building on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

May 2: Meeting: Tip of the Mitt Collective (TOTMC)

Location: Carnegie Building

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM

Details: Regular meeting of TOTMC. Meeting is open to interested community members.

Singing Resistance meets at 3:15 PM following the TOTMC meeting.

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