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UUCOP This Week

Wednesday, April 22, 2026



Superstition Mountains, AZ. Credit: Alex Moliski.

Dear Friends,

On April 19th, the service participants created a poem together with poet, Marla Kay Houghteling. Here it is!

If I could do it again, I would . . .

Be more open-minded
Not fall down the mountain among the cacti
Prioritize my family above all else, above myself
Start saving the world earlier!
Slow down and smell the flowers
Not change anything; I've been guided along
Be boldly true to myself
Pay attention to every little thing so much more
Decide why a green blackboard has never felt right
Stay on my meandering path, the world's hopes and aspirations
for me be damned
Be kinder in my interactions
Tell my story in a song

In the spirit,
Rev. Alice

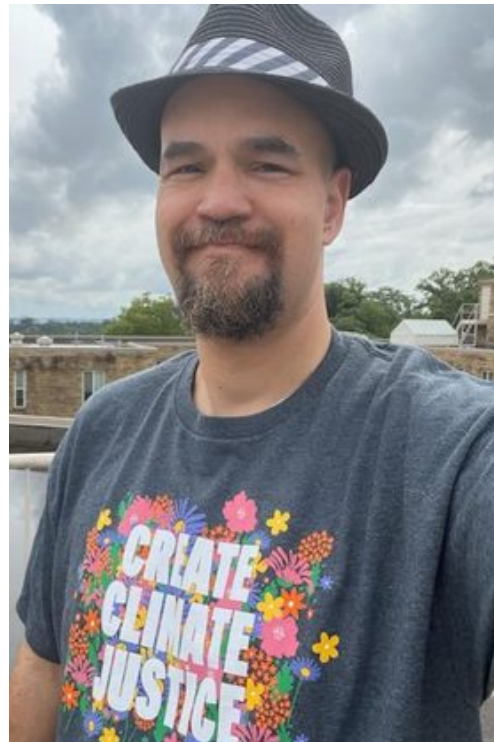
Upcoming UUCOP Services



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 dedicated UUCOP Zoom link is below. **Please note there is a special link for 11:00 AM on April 26:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWacMBPEHLoHlrno6YPdDoA>

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. *Online and in-person service.*



Special link to connect to the April 26 service at 11:00 AM only: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWacMBPEHLoHlrno6YPdDoA>

You do not need to subscribe or need a special log-in to enter the YouTube site for this service. Just

able to join the live service.

The UUCOP congregation will meet afterwards using our regular Zoom link at the button below.

Image: Pablo DeJesus

May 3: With Rev. Alice. Star Wars. People like to joke, “May the Fourth Be With You” when May 4th rolls around. A throwback to Star Wars may be just we want in this time of confusion and upheaval. Let us be the Jedi Knights! *Zoom and in-person service.*

May 10: Triangle Service with Rev. Alice. Follow the Yellow Brick Road. *The Wizard of Oz* is a lesson for our time. How do we find our way home? *Zoom and in-person service.*

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.

Special note for April 26: Use this link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWacMBPEHLoHlrno6YPdDoA> to access the main service; afterwards, we will meet using our regular UUCOP Zoom link below.

Join the Service

Save the Date: UUCOP Potluck

meeting space at 417 Howard Street. Details coming soon.



Fifth Sunday Collaboration Connects Small Congregations

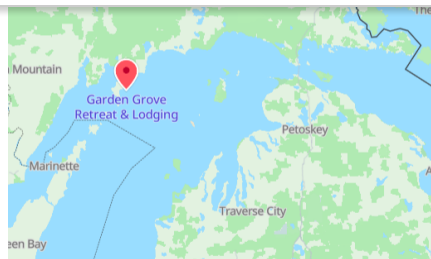
Have you seen the latest UU World, Spring/Summer 2026? This article, [Fifth Sunday Collaboration Connects Small Congregations](#) by Christian Schmidt quotes Kim Nowack and highlights our Triangle services in addition the the Fifth Sunday Fellowship.



From the [article](#):

“Congregations don’t have to do it all themselves,” member Kim Nowack said. “There is so much help for small congregations, and partnering is a wonderful thing.”

Registration Information for the 2026 Triangle Congregations Retreat



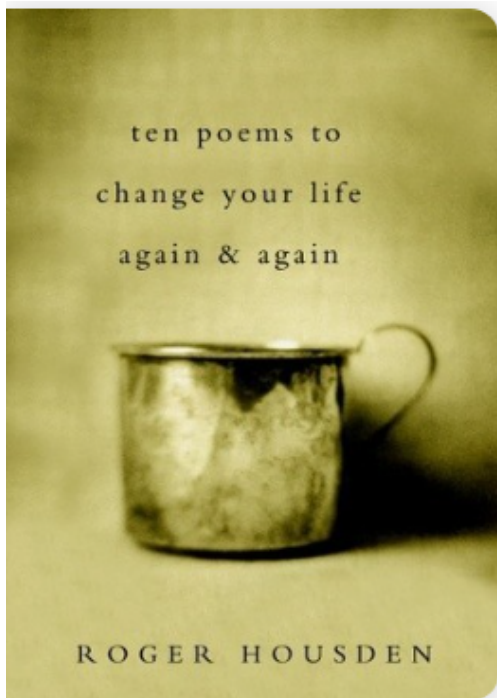
Dates: Friday, October 16 (evening) to October 18, 2026

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.

Place, date, and time are subject to change. Direct questions about the Book Club to Tom Beukema at 231.550.1403.

Earth Day: Sentience Surrounds Us



April 22: Annual Earth Day Worship Service

Location: Zoom

Time: 8:00 PM

UU Ministry for the Earth is having an on-line worship service Wednesday at 8:00 pm to honor Earth Day.

Participants must register using the Google form linked in the green button below.

[Register for the Earth Day Service](#)

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](#)

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 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



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.



May 17: 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

TOTMC meeting.

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.



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