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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, May 27, 2026

**With Love from Rev.
Alice Diebel**



Dear Friends,

Next Sunday we celebrate Pride, with our Fifth Sunday service. Pride is an opportunity to celebrate our diversity in gender, sexual orientation, and more. At a time when rights are being eroded, Pride becomes more important than ever. Let us be countercultural. Wear your rainbows!

Rev. Alice

Upcoming UUCOP Services

Regular services are held by Zoom and in-person on **Sundays at 11:00 AM.**

On May 31, we will meet at 10:30 AM.

Our physical meeting location is **North Coast Works Building, 417 Howard Street, Petoskey** and will be followed by a social gathering with refreshments.



Street view image of 417 Howard Street, Petoskey

May 31: Fifth Sunday: A Transition in and Through Faith with Mary Almay.

SCHEDULING NOTICE: The May 31 service will meet at 10:30 AM.

Zoom link for May 31 only: <https://zoom.us/j/97307923998?pwd=vFd0syF4W2QbgW6a4CenYRmFjZUeAk.1>

Zoom Password: UUG

This special Pride service features guest speaker, Mary Almay, who will discuss how we are all interconnected through our creation and how the Universe's desire is to honor that interconnectedness. When we are true to ourselves and live in the light of who we truly are, we open ourselves up to that connectedness. But when we live in

service.

June 7: A Mind Like Compost with Larry Dyer.

We will spend time this week in silent reflection, opening ourselves to insights from the “inner teacher.” If you wish to have a point of contemplation in your meditation, consider compost. We are buried daily in political and social refuse that can suffocate us with feelings of fear, anger, dread and despair. But what if we could turn the world's detritus like compost? Its decay has clearly already begun. What things of beauty and hope might emerge from that steaming pile? *Zoom and in-person service.*

June 14: Triangle Service: Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Rev. Alice Diebel.

What lessons can a Lutheran theologian and an anti-Nazi dissident teach us today? *Zoom and in-person service.*

June 21: GA Watch Party.

The Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu (she/her). Born in Seoul and raised in Ohio, she found UUism as a young adult in Baltimore. She was drawn to a faith that honors both the tough mind and the tender heart. *Zoom and in-person service.*

June 28: UUCOP Annual Meeting.

See the full notice below for the meeting agenda.

Joining the May 31 Service by Zoom

This link is only for the upcoming May 31 service. Password is UUG.

Join the Service

Sunday, June 28:
UUCOP Annual Meeting & Potluck

UUCOP's Annual Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, June 28, at our 417 Howard Street, Petoskey location. Come to vote on next year's officers and budget; hear about this year's accomplishments, plans for the summer, and next year's goals; and then enjoy a potluck lunch.

Members may submit agenda items to the board up to ten days before the scheduled meeting. A packet of information will be emailed to members prior to the meeting. Provision will be made for absentee voting.

Visitors and friends are invited to participate in all discussions but may not vote. So, if you're thinking of joining, please consider doing so by June 1, the date on which membership for the annual meeting is established, in order to cast your vote. We'd be delighted to welcome you!

Inaugural Potluck in Our New Space

Thank you to everyone who participated in the potluck in our new space after the Memorial Day service on May 24. We hope it will be first of many more to come.



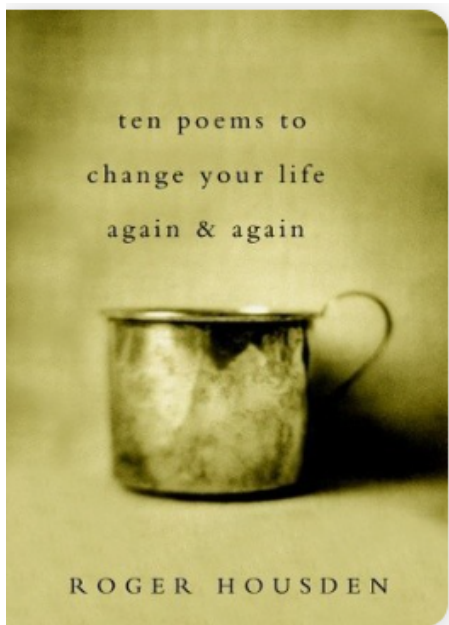


4th Quarter Giving

A reminder that our 4th Quarter Giving is earmarked for the [Manna Food Project](#), a local nonprofit food bank and partner of the Feeding American network that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties. The current giving period ends on June 30, 2026.

Registration Information for the 2026 Triangle Congregations Retreat

UUCOP Book Club



June 13: *Update!!* Book Club Meeting

Time: *Update!!* 2:30 PM

Location: *Update!!* Diane Lake will host the June session at her home.

Please email Diane for directions:
dianelake1222@gmail.com.

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. If you are interested in hosting a future Book Club meeting, please let Tom know.

UUMFE Climate Grief Support Group

When: Every Friday; Last session is May 29th. The meetings continue in Fridays in June.

Location: Online Drop-In Sessions

Time: 1:00-2:00 PM

RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/9K2XT3A9JgEtDAyZ8>

concerned about the coming generations, or a young adult with anxiety about the future our living world, the **Climate Grief Support Group** will provide a space for you to process your experiences with others in a ritualized, trauma-informed, and mindful way. We recommend that you bring a stone or similar grounding object for our time together. Please [register](#) beforehand if you would like to participate. **UUMFE website:** <https://www.uumfe.org/#>.

RSVP

Petoskey Community Events



May 26: The Gathering: The Magic of Movement

Location: Carnegie Building

Time: 6:00 PM

Details: Aleece Balchik of Connected Healing Arts & Movement Design will lead the session.

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

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