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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, June 3, 2026



Maya Angelou (1928-2014)

With Love from Rev. Alice Diebel

Last Sunday we heard about being true to ourselves. The speaker used this poem, "**Weaving Together**" by Maya Angelou:

All across the globe, voices unite,
Threads intertwine, colors ignite.
Each individual, a vibrant hue,
Together we weave, strong and true.

Through stories, traditions, and diverse art,
We build bridges that heal, connect heart to heart.
For community is a tapestry we share,
A rich fabric of hope, in which we all declare.

No borders can bind us, no division can tear,
We stand hand in hand, our love beyond compare.
In unity we rise, breaking barriers high,
For the strength of community never runs dry.

So let us rejoice, wrapped in this weave,
May unity in diversity continue to achieve.
Together, we'll create a world anew,
Bound by one tapestry, in love that's true.

In the spirit,

Rev. Alice

Upcoming UUCOP Services

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

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

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 worlds 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.*

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 & Potluck

Please mark your calendar to attend UUCOP's Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, June 28, at our 417 Howard Street, Petoskey, location or on Zoom. A potluck lunch will follow. Members may submit agenda items to the board up to ten days before the meeting (no later than June 18).

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



UUCOP Coffee & Conversation

Our popular coffee get-togethers will be back this summer! This year, we will return to our favorite venues and explore a couple additional coffee shops in our area. Mark your calendar now to save **10:00 AM** on the following dates!

Friday, July 17—Dutch Oven, Alanson
Tuesday, July 28—Roast & Toast, Petoskey

UUCOP Task Force Update

Last year, the congregation budgeted a small amount of money for an assistant minister. The congregation grappled through planning and discussion sessions with what sort of ministry we should have. We agreed we needed a local presence and greater visibility. We decided we needed more information and clarity to discern the wishes of the congregation. A small task force was formed to survey the congregation.

If you are a member or friend of UUCOP, you probably participated in this interview process. We thank you for your time and thoughtful insights.

The task force has reported the draft results of your input to the board. They listened and heard several similar themes repeatedly. Our congregation would like to serve young families or youth, and we could be more of a visible presence in social justice and environmental efforts. The Board voted to accept a creative new approach that may lead us to finding a new person who can grow to be our new assistant minister. The Board hopes that this person will serve the community and bring visibility and engagement with Unitarian Universalist values in the tip of the mitt. In that process, the Board will support the expenses of this process by allocating funds for up to three ministries. The board will operate within their decision-making authority (as per the By-laws) with the congregation.

We intend to ask for proposals from community members of how they might offer a "ministry," or a program, to serve the needs of young families, youth and social justice and environmental issues. We will review proposals we receive and may hire up to three people, part-time, to implement well-thought-out programs in these areas over the course of the coming year. They will engage the congregation and community, represent UUCoP, and be in sympathy with UU values. And who knows, perhaps one of them would be a real asset as an assistant minister in the future. That decision will probably be made next year. Meanwhile, we will be putting our money into service and growth.

The proposal, available at [this link](#), was approved by the board. We will discuss it at the annual meeting and will urge your affirmation. The full report of our survey will be

Thank you for considering this creative approach to bringing our values to a bright new light in the northern Lower Peninsula and beyond!

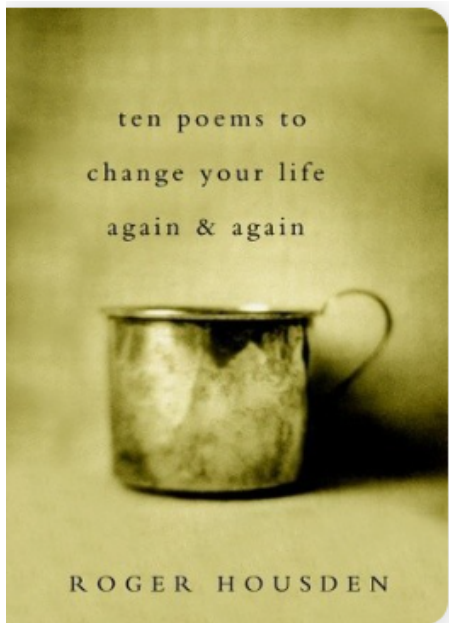


4th Quarter Giving

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; June sessions: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.

Location: Online Drop-In Sessions

Time: 1:00-2:00 PM

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

Details: If you are concerned about the state of our world, worry about how current events are intersecting with climate disturbance, are a parent or grandparent

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



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