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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, August 5, 2026



With Love from Rev. Alice Diebel

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, we had a water communion. You shared why you love water and your words flowed together in this poem.

In the spirit,
Rev. Alice

From the August 2, 2026 service.

I love water because it supports life.

I love water because it keeps all of us alive.

I love water because it grows plants.

I love water because it makes my garden grow.

I love water because it nourishes, refreshes and sustains.

I love water because it floats my boat and makes coffee.

I love water because I can sail on it.

I love water because I swim in it and play with friends.

I love water because it is treasured and feared.

I love water because it sustains us, moves thunderstorms and hurricanes. It is a center for meditation.

I love water because it is powerful.

I love water because it is rare where I live.

I love water because it cycles. We may not have enough sometimes, and sometimes too much.

I love water because it refreshes and changes me for the better.

I love water because it causes me to learn. It is a magical fluid that can suddenly drop ten degrees and turn upside down.

I love water because it is beauty outside my window.

I love water because it calms me.

I love water because it opens and releases.

Upcoming UUCOP Services

Regular 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.** Come in-person and
stay for coffee and conversation



Image above: 417 Howard Street, Petoskey

August 9: Triangle Service: Tending the Garden with Ruth Riedel.

How are we called to be faithful stewards of the earth?

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](#)

Quarterly Giving Update

We are pleased to announce that the recipient of our first quarter shared offering is the **Water Is Life Festival**.



The 8th annual **Water Is Life Festival** celebrates our connection to the water and builds power through community so we can work towards living in a holistic way with the water and protect it from those who seek to exploit or endanger it. The festival, featuring eclectic music, art, and food, is held the Saturday before Labor Day in Petoskey.

When: Saturday, September 5

Where: 200 Wachtel Ave, Petoskey

Open to the public!



UUCOP Request for Proposals

DEADLINE EXTENDED: September 30, 2026

Please share!

UUCOP is accepting proposals for projects intended to improve and enrich the lives of people in the Petoskey and surrounding areas, especially addressing the needs of:

- Children and families
- Youth
- Community.

That said, we will consider other ideas that address environmental or social justice concerns. We are interested in meaningful engagement, and not simply charity.

Initially we are seeking initiatives with a projected 1-year timeline, with the potential for something longer term. **Any proposed project should be consistent with the UU values.**

You are invited to share this RFP widely with your personal and/or community networks.

Send your initial proposal (up to 2 pages) to petoskeyunitarians@gmail.com or to PO Box 873, Petoskey, MI 49770, by **September 30, 2026**. We will review all proposals received by that date.

Please see the **revised** [request for proposals](#) for more information about this UUCOP community initiative. We are looking forward hearing your ideas!

**August 12:
UUCOP Coffee &**



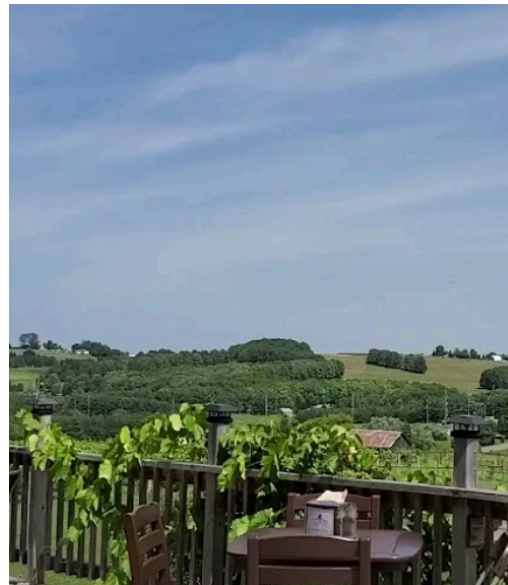
Petoskey Farms

Mark your calendar for **10:00 AM** on the following dates for our UUCOP summer coffee get-togethers.

Wednesday, August 12—Petoskey Farms, 3720 Atkins Rd, Petoskey

Thursday, September 17—Julienne Tomatoes, 421 Howard St, Petoskey

Petoskey Farms a vineyard, winery, coffeehouse, and lavender farm overlooking 22 acres of rolling countryside. [Coffee menu here.](#) [Food menu here.](#)



August 30: Labyrinth Walk



Join us after the service for a guided Labyrinth Walk on August 30 at 12:30 PM at the Petoskey District Library (500 E. Mitchell Street). The library is about 3 blocks from our UUCOP Howard Street location and we can walk over together after the service. Parking is available near the library.

again.

Petoskey Events

First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey: 150 Years

Details: The community is invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey with worship and/or an ice cream celebration with live music.

Date: Sunday, August 9

Time: 9:45 AM (service); 11:00 AM (celebration)

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey, 501 E. Mitchell Street.

No RSVP necessary.

UUCOP celebrates the 150-year legacy of love, faith and service of the First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey.

Rock Your Rainbows

Details: Share your fears and frustrations about our uncertain future. Lean into community and draw strength from our solidarity. Together, we will support each other. And we will celebrate the rainbows despite the storms.

Date: Sunday, August 9

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Carnegie Building, 415 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey.

Register for the 2026 Triangle Congregations Retreat

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

If you haven't already, please complete the [Triangle Retreat Registration](#) (red button). This link will ask about your preferences for retreat sessions and take you directly to the site to book your room and choose your meal options.

For more information about the retreat, click on [Event Information](#) (black button) for details about the meal plan. The Triangle Retreat Registration form can also be accessed via this page.

Remember to book your room and choose the meal options for each member of your party.

meals for the October retreat

Follow the registration link
<https://form.jotform.com/261135146307046>
and register for the retreat. Once you submit your registration
you will be taken to the site to book your room.

Select your room and click "check out"

ren more memorable!

Add the quantity of Unitarian Universalist
Retreat meal packages you need (one per
person) and continue checking out!

If you are having trouble registering you can call Tracey at 231-622-5026
to book and pay for both your room and meal package

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download it as a PDF.](#)

Registration Form

Event Information

Eco-Action: Making an Impact



Free Webinar: Wild Ones Presents: The Ecology of Home: Creating Habitat That Works

Details: Join landscape ecologist, Certified Wildlife Biologist, and author **Shaun McCoshum**, PhD, for an exploration of how natural ecosystems function and how those same ecological principles can be applied in home landscapes. Drawing on more than 20 years of conservation, restoration, and research experience, Shaun will share practical, evidence-based strategies for creating habitat that works for pollinators, birds, amphibians, and other wildlife.

Date: Wednesday, August 19

Time: 7:00 PM ET

Location: Online

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