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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, July 1, 2026

With Love from Rev. Alice Diebel



Dear Friends,

On Sunday we welcomed a new member. Membership confirms both rights and responsibilities. As members, we enter into a covenant of care and of values. You are all valued. We care for each other.

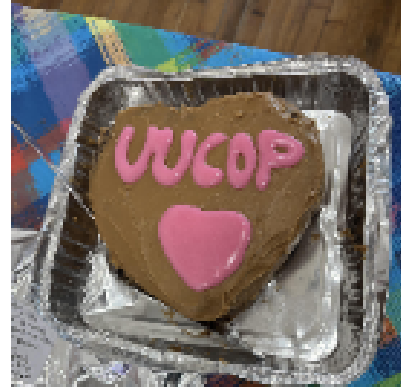
We also expressed our gratitude to our leaders, incoming and outgoing. Your contributions are vital to the functioning of this congregation. And to all of you, you make us who we are. We are grateful for your participation and your care.

In the spirit,
Rev. Alice

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



July 5: Freedom Picnic.

Join us in celebrating 250 years with a focused discussion and potluck hosted by Gwen Wyatt. This event is ***in-person only***, no Zoom will be available. Pulled pork is on the menu. Coleslaw, iced tea, and pies will be generously provided! Everyone is invited to bring a side dish, and vegetarian fare is welcomed. As always, bring your own tableware. The event begins at 11 AM to leave ample time for discussion and conversation. Gwen's address is 211 West Lake Street, Petoskey. Look for a two-story dark green house with light green shutters. Street parking is limited. Two spots will be reserved near the garage with those with mobility concerns. If you are coming from the intersection of US-31 and West Lake Street, you can find community parking nearby behind and adjacent to the fire station (100 West Lake Street).

July 12: Triangle Service: Hope is a Thing with Feathers with Rev. Ruth Riedel.

Hope is delicate, but it is not fragile. Let us find the beauty and strength in a hope that nurtures and sustains us. *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.

Welcome & Congratulations to Our New Officers

At the UUCOP Annual Meeting on June 28th, we welcomed a new member to our congregation: Tiahna Pantovich. Welcome Tiahna!

Following the elections conducted during the UUCOP Annual Meeting, members voted into leadership positions are:

President (2-year term): Larry Dyer

Vice President (2-year term): Gary Sydow

Secretary (2-year term): Kim Nowack

Program Chair (1-year terms): Audrey McMullen

Diane Lake continues as Treasurer (2-year term) until next year.

Congratulations and thanks to all the members who voted.

2025-2026 Quarterly Giving Update

First Quarter: WCMU; \$1960

Second Quarter: Transforming Hearts; \$1040

Third Quarter: World Central Kitchen; \$3770

Fourth Quarter: Manna Food; \$700

Total: \$7470

Thank you for your contributions! If you have ideas for Quarterly Giving Partners for 2026-2027, please let Larry Dyer know.

Interdependence Day Gathering



Northern Michigan Interfaith Common Group invites everyone to share in community, creation and interdependence to honor our relationship to the land and how we came to live here together.

Date: Friday, July 3

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Pennsylvania Park, Petoskey

UUCOPers: This is a blue tee-shirt opportunity.



Radical Reimagining: Reclaiming the American Dream (UU Ministry for Earth)

we honor our country's past while addressing its harm then and now in an effort to transmute our future into the loving and liberatory place we know that it can be so that we may reclaim "The American Dream". When we heal ourselves, we heal seven generations backward and forward, so please join us as we transform ourselves in order to transform the world. Our featured speaker for this special event is Chelsea McCoy. *Pre-registration is required.*

Date: Sunday, July 5

Time: 8pm ET

Location: Zoom

Registration Link

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

Wednesday, August 12—Petoskey Farms, Petoskey

Thursday, September 17—Julienne Tomatoes, Petoskey

Register for the 2026 Triangle Congregations Retreat

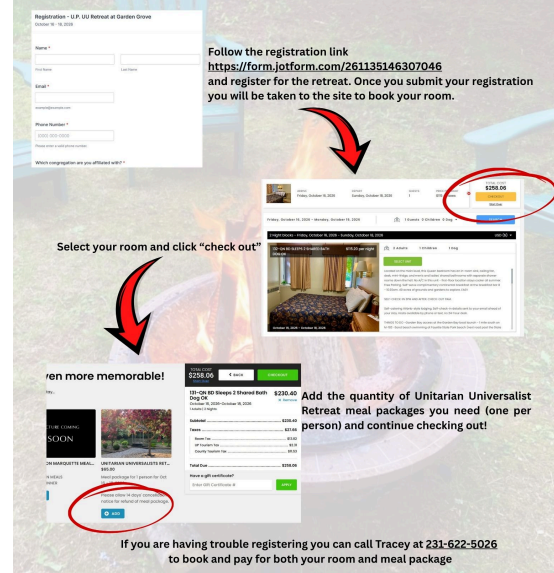
Dates: Friday, October 16 (evening) to Sunday, October 18, 2026

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.

How to book your room and meals for the October retreat



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

Click on the above image to view or download it as a PDF.

Registration Form

Event Information

UUCOP Dinner Out

Friday, July 31: UUCOP Dinner Out. Details coming soon!

UUCOP Book



The UUCOP Book Club is undergoing some changes. The previously scheduled Book Club session scheduled for August 16th has been cancelled.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: If you know of a book that you would like to recommend for reading and review by the UUCOP community, please contact Tom Beukema at tforb@core.com or 231.550.1403 by July 21st.

The next scheduled Book Club Meeting is September 20th @ 2 PM. Location TBA.

Place, date, and time are subject to change. If you are interested in hosting a Book Club meeting, please contact Tom.



Summer Hiatus

**UUMFE Climate Grief Support Group Sessions
Resume August 7**

Eco-Action: Making an Impact

LESS LAWN MORE LIFE

Webinar: How to Talk to Your Neighbors (and Your HOA) About Your Garden

Details: Author and activist **Lorraine Johnson** gets into the how: how to talk to neighbors who don't get it yet, how to respond to HOA complaints or bylaw challenges, and how to build support in your community for the kind of garden that actually does something for the ecosystem. This **free** webinar is sponsored by Wild Ones International.

Date: Wednesday, July 22

Time: 7:00 PM ET

Location: Online

Register using the button below.

Register



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