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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 15, 2026

With Love from Rev. Alice Diebel



Dear Friends,

As many of you know, my partner Bob was hospitalized for a few days in early July. He is fine now, and home.

I am grateful to you all who called, sent cards, and just generally kept us in your hearts. The love of community and the care of this congregation kept us going.

May we always extend that love to one another in difficult times. May we also find the joy that keeps us going in good times, too.

We belong.

In the spirit,
Rev. Alice

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 below: Hilary Lake, MDiv

Image above: 417 Howard Street, Petoskey



July 19: Being a Community of Care with Hilary Lake, MDiv.

Amidst the great uncertainties that we are facing for our collective future, it's undeniable that we will need each other and to remember how to care for each other and the Earth. All of us have ancestors who lived this wisdom somewhere in the world, and there are teachers we can look to who teach and or have taught aspects of it from their own cultures. Drawing on her lived experience, Hilary will show us how we can tend to each other and our own local community in the face of all the unknowns of our lives. *Zoom and in-person service.*

July 26: Artificial Intelligence with Rev. Alice Diebel.

What's real? What do we need to watch for? *Zoom and in-person service.*

disasters of drought and flooding. Let us begin our focus with water communion. Please bring water from your home to share in this sacred ritual. *Zoom and in-person service.*

Rev. Alice plans on being with us in-person on July 26 and August 2.

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 Request for Proposals

First Round Deadline: August 1, 2026

You are invited to send us ideas, proposals, and plans for programs that address concerns about local children, youth, or other environmental and social justice needs in this community.

Send your initial proposal (up to 2 pages) to petoskeyunitarians@gmail.com or to PO Box 873, Petoskey, MI 49770, by August 1, 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.

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, 7611 US-31, Alanson

Tuesday, July 28—Roast & Toast, 309 E Lake Street, Petoskey

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

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

Our first Coffee & Conversation will meet at **The Dutch Oven Bakery**, a historic bakery and cafe located in Alanson, Michigan, famous for its unique European pastries, a wide array of breads, including its trademark cinnamon loaf.



UUCOP Dinner Out



The UUCOP Dinner Out is scheduled for **Friday, July 31 @ Vivio's** (4531 S Straits Hwy) Indian River. Our meeting time is TBD and look for updates as plans firm up.

We've all been seeing a bit more junk mail lately. To help keep your digital space clean and secure, here is a quick guide on managing unwanted messages:

1. **Mark, Don't Just Delete:** When you see a suspicious email, use your email app's **"Report Spam"** or **"Block"** feature. This helps the system filter them out automatically next time.
2. **Avoid the Bait:** Never click on links, download attachments, or reply to messages that look sketchy—even if they claim to be from a company you know.
3. **The Unsubscribe Rule:** Only use the "Unsubscribe" link if it's from a legitimate business you recognize (like a store you've shopped at). If it's a random, shady email, clicking unsubscribe can actually lead to *more* spam.
4. **Guard Your Info:** Treat your email address and phone number like private information. Only share them with trusted sources.

As Rev. Alice noted in prior emails, there is a known "Punchbowl" scam that is going around. To verify if a "Punchbowl" invitation is real, check that the sender email is **mail@mail.punchbowl.com** and that the link domain is **punchbowl.com**. If you notice a suspect email, use the **"Report Spam"** or **"Block"** option on your email platform (e.g., Gmail, Outlook). Future emails from this address will go to your "Spam" folder. Reporting spam or blocking will not prevent messages from being sent but it does reduce the clutter in your "In" box.

Lastly, do not reply to a suspicious email! Replying to a scam or phishing email confirms that your email address is active and monitored, marking you as a high-priority target for future, more sophisticated attacks.

UUCOP Book Club News

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

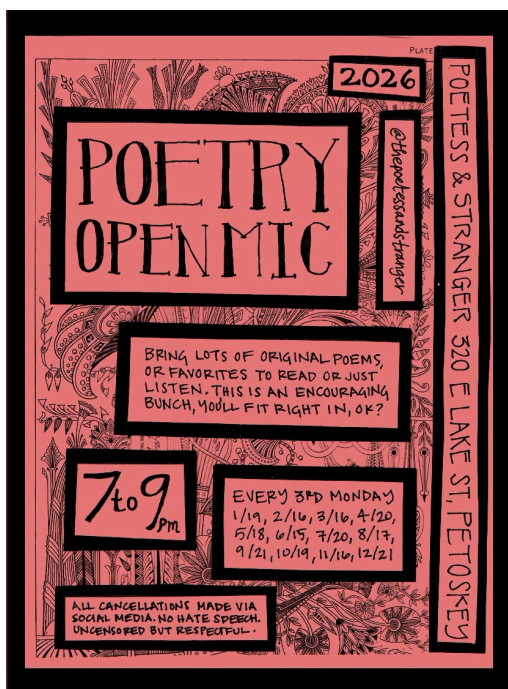
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: If you know of a book that you would like to recommend for reading and review by the UUCOP community, please contact Tom Beukema at tforb@core.com or 231.550.1403 by July 21st.

The next scheduled Book Club Meeting is September 20th @ 2:00 PM. Location TBA.

Club meeting, please contact Tom.

Summer Events in Petoskey

Poetry Open Mic



Details:

Oi! It's summer! This is really one of the best groups that comes together, reads and listens to poetry, and in general, pals around. We're an encouraging bunch, you'll fit right in. Bring lots of poems!

Date: Monday, July 20

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Location: *Poetess and Stranger*, 320 E. Lake Street

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



First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey Marks 150 Years

UUCOP celebrates the 150-year legacy of love, faith, and service of the First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey. Thank you for being the heart of our community since 1876.

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.



First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bring Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors and
celebrate **Cool Treats & Cool Jazz!**

This event is free to the public
Music by Owen James & Friends

AUG | 9 | 11 AM

**First Presbyterian Church of
Petoskey Parking Lot**

501 E Mitchell St, 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.

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.

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"

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

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

Eco-Action: Making an Impact

LESS LAWN
 MORE LIFE

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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