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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 22, 2026

With Love from Rev. Alice Diebel

Dear Friends,

Over the past year, a small team interviewed nearly everyone in the congregation!

One thing we learned is that you want more time for discussion. This Sunday, our service will be about Artificial Intelligence. We will set aside some time for discussion of this important, rapidly-changing topic.

We also have coffee and conversation time scheduled at various places around town. Join us!

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 above: 417 Howard Street, Petoskey

July 26: Artificial Intelligence with Rev. Alice Diebel.

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

August 2: Water Communion with Rev. Alice Diebel.

This summer, we want to focus on the environment. Climate change is causing 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.*

Programming note: Rev. Alice plans on joining us in-person on July 26 and August 2.

August 9: Triangle Service with Rev. Ruth Riedel.

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.

Calling & Connection: Invitation from Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)

Details: This gathering is a chance to join with other Michigan UUs and friends who care about justice and want to do something tangible. Together, we will:

- Share information and practical strategies
- Build supportive relationships across our congregations and communities
- Practice how to communicate clearly and effectively with elected officials
- Take action together—right then and there.

Date: Wednesday, July 22 (Look for meetings on the 4th Wednesday)

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom; register using the button below to obtain the link.

REGISTER



UUCOP Request for Proposals

First Round Deadline: August 1, 2026

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. We are looking forward hearing your ideas!

July 25: Remembering Gustav Uhlich



Celebration of life for Gustav Uhlich will be held this **Saturday, July 25, 10am to noon**, at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey. Gus was a long time member of our UU congregation. Many of us remember Gus for his practical wisdom and for championing the introduction of [dawn redwood trees](#) to the region.

July 28: UUCOP Coffee & Conversation @ Roast & Toast



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

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

In 1993, Bob and Mary Keedy had a vision: offer the best, house-roasted coffee, house-made foodie creations, all in a comfortable and fun atmosphere. **Roast & Toast** was born. And now, 25 years later with Ben Walker as partner, Roast & Toast has become a local's favorite and visitor's destination spot. Explore the menu [here](#).



July 31: UUCOP Dinner Out



The UUCOP Dinner Out is scheduled for **Friday, July 31** @ Vivio's (4531 S Straits Hwy) Indian River. Please plan to be there at **4:00 PM** (when they open) to ensure that we get a table to accommodate our group. The menu—from most-ordered, to appetizers, salads, and dinner entrees—is available [here](#).

Summer Events in 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.

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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