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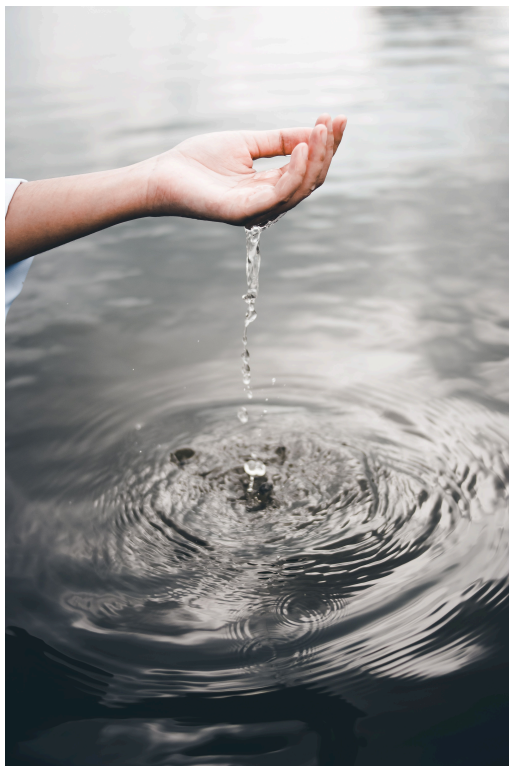
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*We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates diversity,
strives to advance equity, and is all about inclusion.*

UUCOP This Week

Wednesday, July 29, 2026



With Love from Rev. Alice Diebel

Dear Friends,

We all have a personal relationship with water. It is essential for life. Water is a sacred element and has much to teach us. Bring water from your home to the service on Sunday as we express our love and gratitude to the water.

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

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 August 2.

August 9: Triangle Service: Tending the Garden with Rev. 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



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.

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!

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](#).

August 3: Deadline for UUCOP Book Club Nominations

The UUCOP Book Club nomination deadline has been extended to Monday, August 3. Email a [completed](#) nomination to Tom Beukema : tforb@core.com

We ask that the nominations include the following details:

- Full title, name(s) of author(s)/editor(s)
- Initial publication year

- Brief summary of the work (which may include a *note* about the authors, honors, *brief* critics' summaries, and so on).

Once the nominations are in, Tom will send out a list of the suggested books with information about voting. Our goal: To have the volume selected 6 weeks before the September 20th Book Club meeting (2:00 PM @ the home of Marla Houghteling, details to follow). We want to make sure everyone interested has time to acquire and read the latest selection.

For questions, suggestions, and comments, please contact Tom at the email above or by phone (231.387.3166).

August 12: UUCOP Coffee & Conversation @ 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.](#)



Petoskey Events

**Tip of the Mitt
Collective
(TOTMC)**

**First
Presbyterian
Church of
Petoskey: 150
Years**

**Rock Your
Rainbows**

meeting of the Tip of the Mitt Collective (TOTMC); open to interested community members.

Date: Saturday, August 1

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM

Location: Carnegie Building, 415 Mitchell Street, Petoskey.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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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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