



Marquette  
Unitarian  
Universalist  
Congregation

NOVEMBER 2015

# CHRONICLE

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## COMING UP...

### November 1

#### 9:45am Forum

“Congregational Conversations about...”

Host: MqtUU Board of Trustees

#### 11am Service

“This I Do Believe,”

by Rev. Roger Greeley,  
retired UU minister.

Service Leader: Tim VanderVeen

### November 8

#### 9:45 Forum

“Cultural Literacy for Religion:  
Hinduism: Foundational Texts and  
Teachings:” (video). Host: Tom  
Sullivan

#### 11am Service

“The Conversation Project.” Service  
Leader: gg Gordon

### November 15

#### 9:45 Forum

“Estate Giving.”

Hosts: gg gordon and Mike White

#### 11am Service

“Our Church is Anywhere  
We Sing”

Presenters: February Sky  
(Phil Cooper & Susan Urban)

### November 22

#### 9:45 Forum

SAC. Host: Megan Foulks

#### 11am Service

“Thanksgiving Bread Service.”

Service Leaders: Children, Youth and  
Religious Exploration Committee

### November 29

#### 9:45 Forum

“No Way to Treat a Child” (UUs for  
Justice in the Middle East).

Host: Barb Michael

#### 11am Service

“Chalica.”

Service Leader: Heidi Gould

## A NOTE FROM MqtUU PRESIDENT:



The busyness and stress of the holidays is upon us. The month of November is a time to continue inner reflections, but also a time to appreciate the good and positive in our life. The days are getting shorter so it can be easy to focus on the long nights, rather than the warm rays of sunlight shining down on us. But that can be helpful in aiding in our appreciation. In the darkness, the

small candle flame becomes a beacon. While in the light of day, the flame blends into the surrounding brightness. We can take this opportunity to wholly appreciate those small flames in our lives and how important they can be.

The board is gearing up for, and is excited about, the upcoming Leadership Conference. It will be held on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> 9 – noon. It will be a great opportunity for the board and the committee chairs and members to touch base, share and build goals and visions. All are welcome to attend, and I hope we have a large turnout!

One of the interesting things about a small church organization is that it is only as strong as those who attend and participate. If you are passionate about a topic or have a talent to share, consider speaking with myself, a fellow board member, or a committee chair – there are so many different ways each of us can make this organization shine! In many ways it is that beacon of light, and each of us can make that flame burn brighter.

Dea Kowalczyk

## MqtUU Hosts Room at the Inn

### MqtUU is hosting Room at the Inn, November 1 – November 8!

Volunteers are needed to fill shifts and sign-up sheets are at the Meeting House! For more information please contact Sarah Johnson, [iamsarahjeanjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:iamsarahjeanjohnson@gmail.com) or call 458-3915 or Michelle Halley, [michelle.halley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michelle.halley@sbcglobal.net) or call 361-0520.

For more information about Room at the Inn: [roomattheinn.org/](http://roomattheinn.org/)

**MqtUU Leadership Conference** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14 from 9am –Noon**. Lunch will be provided! The attendance of committee chairs, members and everyone interested in getting involved is encouraged!

## FROM: Tim VanderVeen

As hosts of The Room at the Inn starting on Sunday, Nov. 1st, we are holding a "Warm Winter Clothing Drive." People can leave their clean, warm donations on the bench in the Entree Way of the Meeting House. We will offer items to our guests when they arrive during that first week in November.



## FROM: Religious Exploration Committee

### 7 Principles of UU

#### Children

#### We believe:

that each and every person is important;

that all people should be treated fairly and kindly;

that we should accept one another and keep on learning together;

that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life;

that all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them;

in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world;

in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things

RE has gotten off to a great start. Youth aged 4-7 have been exploring The 7 Principles through story, song and crafts. Youth aged 8-12 have been exploring World Religions. Thus far, we have had an introduction to religions, brainstormed what the kids already know and what they want to know. The group is curious and things are going very well! Thus far, volunteers have led lessons on come in and shared stories and information about Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Polytheism. Taoism is slotted for November and then we will begin prep for the Bread Service and Heifer Dinner. We plan to continue our World Religions exploration in December and need volunteers. All you need to do is choose a religion in which you have interest or expertise OR share your personal story about finding/embracing UU. RE will help you with planning and support you by volunteering with you, if desired. If you have not yet volunteered with RE, you will find it incredibly rewarding and simple.

We are serving a meal for Room at the Inn on November 6<sup>th</sup> and a food sign up is available, if you would like to help. RE is also leading the Intergenerational Bread Service on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you Dharmini Robertson, gg gordon, Jacob Studinger, and Simone Chiodini for leading sessions in RE.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On December 5, RE Youth are hosting our annual Heifer Dinner from 5pm - 7pm. Many more details to come, but please save the date so you can join us for any evening of delicious food and social action.

Jill Mielcarek-RE Chair, Sarah Johnson-Secretary, Cara Brunk and Tim VanderVeen-Members

## MqtUU Evening Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 3 @ 7 pm

at the home of Jeanne Trost (911 W. Kaye in Marquette).



Rehearsals last about an hour and a half, so you are on your way home by 8:30 pm.

We will be rehearsing musical offerings for upcoming Sunday services, including holiday music.



Come alone or bring a friend or family member(s).  
You are most welcome!

### FROM: Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee is busy acting to promote justice and equality in our local community and around the world! The SAC committed to

- paying laundry fees for this session of Room at the Inn
- planning the Fundraiser for the Marquette Women's Center, scheduled for February 28 @ 4pm
- organizing a UUJME (UUsw for Justice in the Middle East) Chapter here in Marquette
- and encouraging the Marquette city commissioners to enact the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance to include LGBTQ.

#### The November "Share the Plate" Recipient is:

**Al Rowwad Arts and Culture Center at the Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem**

Founded to "provide an alternative to the spiraling violence resulting from the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and to create a safe, child-centered space where the children of the camp could "be children again"

<http://www.alrowwad.org/en/>

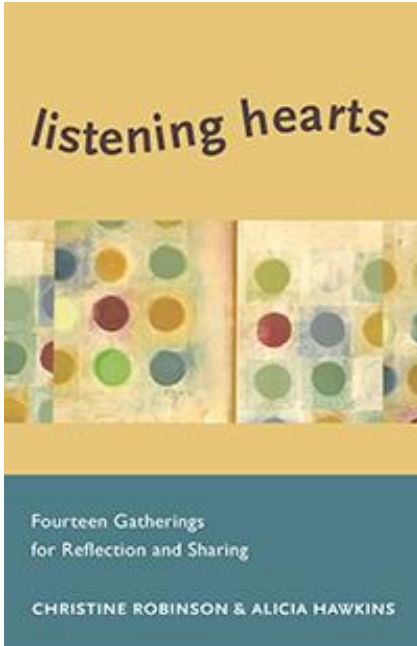
The Next SAC meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 @ 12:30pm.

Please join us for the  
MqtUU Community Thanksgiving Potluck  
Thursday, November 26 @ 3pm

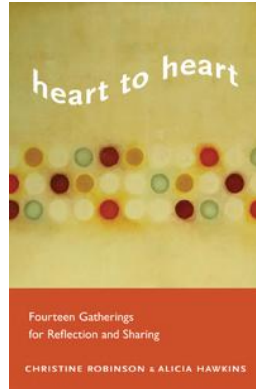


Please bring a family favorite, a traditional dish  
or some new recipe you would like to share and bring a friend!

# FROM: The UUA Bookstore

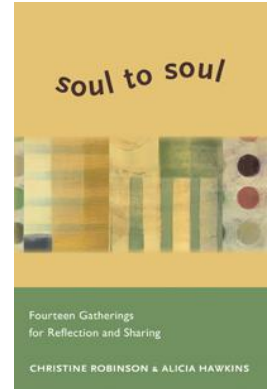


In their Deep Connections series, authors Christine Robison and Alicia Hawkins present a reimagined model of small group ministry. Their program invites participants to explore a wide range of life topics in a format that promotes sharing and listening rather than back-and-forth discussion. The newest book in the series, *Listening Hearts*, is just out. Be sure to check out the other volumes if you haven't already!



If you are interested in participating in small group programs please contact:

Barb Michael  
michael.barbara.102@gmail.com



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## MqtUU November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					RE hosts RATI Dinner	Community Development Committee Mtg 10am
MqtUU Hosts ROOM AT THE INN ~ RATI ~ MqtUU Hosts ROOM AT THE INN ~ RATI ~ MqtUU Hosts RATI						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
RATI  MqtUU Board Mtg 1 – 3pm Green Team Mtg 12:15pm			OWL Parent Orientation 7pm			MqtUU Leadership Conference 9am-Noon
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Social Action Committee Mtg 12:30pm						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				MqtUU Community Thanksgiving Dinner @ 3pm		
29	30		<b>All are welcome to 9:45 am Adult Forums and 11am Sunday Services ☺ Meetings @ the Metting House (unless otherwise specified)</b>			

# OWL

## OUR WHOLE LIVES

A Human Sexuality course for 7th-9th Graders

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**BEGINNING  
NOVEMBER  
FREE CLASSES**

**ORIENTATION  
SESSIONS:**

THURSDAY, OCT 29 7PM  
WEDNESDAY, NOV 11 7PM

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The Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation is proud to offer (at no cost) Our Whole Lives: a comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education curriculum based on the National Guidelines Taskforce's Guidelines for Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

OWL provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about a range of topics, including relationships, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual health, and cultural influences on sexuality. Parents must attend an orientation session before enrolling a student.

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:  
UUA.ORG/RE/OWL  
OR CONTACT  
PLUMSKITER@GMAIL.COM  
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## FROM: Marquette Interfaith Forum

### NEXT MEETING: Friday, Nov. 6, at "Little Jimmie's"

Our next MIF "First Friday" open forum will be on November 6 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The venue will be at "Little Jimmie's", the St. James the Less building in Harvey on US 41/M 28 just past the Family Dollar sign on the SW side of the highway across from Shaw's Phillips 66 service station. Please feel free to bring your lunch &/or a beverage. Also, please bring any friends or acquaintances who might be interested.

Our guest this month will be **NMU Professor Tony Aumann**. He will talk about and facilitate our discussion on **The Cognitive Science of Religion** -- that is, recent work being done on scientific and (more specifically) evolutionary explanations of religious belief. Please plan to attend what promises to be a fascinating topic that looks at religion and faith from a different perspective than most of our discussions. (We have touched on this aspect of faith in discussing Merton's Stages or Levels of Belief and our more recent discussion of How Religious Belief Develops in Children.)

In recognition of  
**National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month**  
PWPL Friends & Room at the Inn host the  
Marquette Premiere of  
**Time Out of Mind**



Starring:  
Richard Gere  
Ben Vereen  
Jena Malone  
Kyra Sedgwick

2015, PG-13, 120 min.

George seeks refuge at Bellevue Hospital, a Manhattan intake center for homeless men, where his friendship with a fellow client helps him try to repair his relationship with his estranged daughter.

**Thursday Nov. 5** @ 6:30 pm  
Admission: one nonperishable food item for the TV6 Marathon  
Peter White Public Library  
Community Room  
Shown by special arrangement with IFC Films  
www.pwpl.info or 228-9510

## November is Homeless Awareness Month

On November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm Peter White Public Library will be showing a new movie, "Time Out of Mind," with Richard Gere playing a homeless man living in New York City.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm, there will be a reception to honor all volunteers who work with the homeless in Marquette County.

The reception will take place in the Great Lakes Rooms at Northern Michigan University. All are cordially invited to attend. The Volunteer of the Year will be recognized.

## FROM: Northern Climate Network

Our last brown-bag lunch seminar of the semester is quickly approaching. Please join us for:

U.S. Forest Service Climate Change Specialist, Stephen Handler Presents  
U.P. Forests & Climate Change: Opportunities and Ways to Adapt  
Friday, November 13 at Noon in the Jamrich Building, room 1318.

Additionally, Transition Marquette County (<http://www.transitionmqt.org/>) is hosting a fall/winter film series at the Peter White Public Library. The first film of the season is "Symphony of the Soil" and will be shown next Tuesday at 6:30PM in the Community Room. Everyone is invited to bring dinner and enjoy a community-style gathering at 6:00pm.