



Sunday Services at 10:30 AM

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UUCGT Board Meeting

Monday, September 17
6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

September Theme

Seekers Together - We are All Seeking Something

Sunday, September 2 - Margaret Wozniak, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "What Are You Seeking? What have You Found?"

What am I seeking now? Personal growth, self-actualization, community, peace in a difficult situation? What have you found in the past that still influences your life today? What are our hopes and dreams for UUCGT five years from now?

For the altar setting, members are asked to bring items that reflect their journey to date, or what they are currently seeking. Altar contributions can be made throughout the month.

Sunday, September 9 - Max Old Bear, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "Resumption Sunday"

We resume our Congregation's traditional year of community after summer's "retreat!" Please bring some water that is a significant reminder of your summer activities. We will pour these waters into a common vessel - joining our experiences as we join our lives, and later sprinkle these combined waters on our congregational gardens. Together we will celebrate water - its necessity, its physical properties and its healing, soothing qualities. Let us equate these qualities of water with the life of our Congregation.

Sunday, September 16 - Hal Gurian, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "Seeking Personal Growth"

What is this yearning that creates an endless search for happiness, calm, creativity, clarity, or even perfection in our lives?

Sunday, September 23 - Andi Kramer, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "Seeking Community"

Seeking community will mean different things to many people. As we continue to engage and learn together, you will undoubtedly find what you are looking for. At the heart of community are the connections we make with those around us that help to intensify the ways in which we engage, enrich our learning, and validate what we find.

BEACON Article Deadline:
No later than the 25th of the month
preceding the issue date

Editor: Stan Cain

Send submissions to
beacon@uucgt.org

Sunday, September 30 - Amanda Mangiardi, Coordinator

10:30 Service: "Seeking Self-Actualization - Maslow"

Self-actualization is a concept derived from Humanistic psychological theory, specifically from the theory created by Abraham Maslow. This refers to the growth of an individual toward fulfillment of the highest needs - those that provide meaning in life.

OCTOBER SERVICES

October theme

A Few Civics Lessons Before November's Elections

Sunday, October 7 - Donna Stein-Harris, Coordinator

10:30 Service: "Everybody has a Voice"

Sunday, October 14 - Hal Gurian, Coordinator

10:30 Service: "Two Ways of Listening: Civil Discourse"

Sunday, October 21 - Margaret Wozniak, Coordinator

10:30 Service: "What Was the Faith of our Fathers?"

Sunday, October 28 - TBD

10:30 Service: TBD



REMINDER!

**Bring the special water you have collected for our
Water Communion to service with you on
Resumption Sunday, 9/9!**

From the President

UUCGT Board Meeting Summary for August

The UUCGT Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, August 21. Following are key items from the meeting:

- ◆ We discussed plans for the Vision / Objective Session scheduled for October 20. The Board will discuss our hopes for the session at our October 16 meeting. The Board will meet with our consultant on the evening of October 19 for final planning of the session and a potluck. The session, open to all congregants, will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 20 and will be followed by a session at 3:15 pm on Stewardship that will also be open to all who are interested.
- ◆ The Board approved moving the Sunday Service on November 18 to Twin Lakes Camp, the site of the annual Thanksgiving Feast.
- ◆ The Board also approved a second Christmas Eve service to be held at UUCGT in addition to the State Theatre Christmas Eve Service. Rabbi Chava will lead the planning for the additional service with the assistance of Sunday Services and the Vocal Ensemble.
- ◆ Mike McDonald updated the Board on Rabbi Chava following a visit the prior week. The update will be published in the August 23 Flash and read in the August 26 Service.
- ◆ The Board appointed Kay Sturgeon to a new position, Assistant Treasurer. Kay will assist Jane Fochtman, the Board Treasurer. Kay will not be a Board Member, but will have authority to sign checks if necessary.
- ◆ Tom Darnton reported on the major effort that has been underway for the last year to reformat and update the Policy and Procedures Manual. In future months the Board will be reviewing the new manual and approving any policy changes that are included.

We plan to share highlights from our monthly Board meetings throughout the year. You can also find the minutes of Board meetings on our website. Our Board meetings are open meetings and you are welcome to attend.

I would like to thank the Sunday Services Committee, the Congregational Care Team and others for stepping up during Rabbi Chava's medical leave. I would also like to recognize the congregation for "showing up" on Sundays. If you have not been coming, you have missed some good services.

Mike McDonald, President

Save the Date for UUCGT Visioning / Objective Setting Session

Your Board of Trustees is planning a day of Visioning and Objective Setting for [Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at UUCGT](#).

We plan to develop a Vision of where we should be going for the next three to five years and set some objectives for the next year to move us towards that Vision. Our session will be facilitated by UUA Consultant, Dori Davenport Thexton. Dori has served UU congregations for fifteen years and has been on the UUA Field Staff for nineteen years.

The session will be open to any congregant who wishes to participate. Board members will be attending and we would like Com-

mittee Chairs to be present or represented by someone else from their committee.

Sign-ups for the session will begin in mid-September. Watch the Flash, Beacon and Order of Service for more information in September.

In the meantime, please save the date!

Mike McDonald, President - Board of Trustees

Membership News

SEPTEMBER - How did this happen? Summer's beauty and energy is still with us, so keep on enjoying!

Greetings from the entire FUN and FRIENDLY Membership Team - Volunteer members Sherry Davis, John and Pinkie Hoffmann, Chris Lautz, Chris Walter, Rick Walter, and Jane Watts PLUS Ambassadors Jolynn Paige and Dottie Cain — who continue to Welcome, Greet, Facilitate into membership, and Nurture (in Partnership with other groups at UUCGT) prospective, new and current members.

Ambassador you ask? What is that?

An Ambassador to our committee is someone who is supportive to our work but not a full-time member. They may attend meetings or simply assist the work of our Team in various ways. Thank you Jolynn Paige and also Dottie Cain, who has been a Member Emerita for several years. We appreciate your support and enjoy working with you on developing new and creative Membership ideas! Anyone else interested? **Join Us!**

UUCGT's Meaning in Your Life: **Connecting** with your inner spirit, **Being** inspired by meaningful messages, teachings and music, **Exploring** different points of view, **Feeling** a part of a community that cares and **Enjoying** seeing friends old and new. If any of these apply to you, then we need you to **SHOW-UP** and help do the work / ministry of being a Member or Friend. One **Easy** and very **Enjoyable** way is to sign up to be a **Greeter**. Read more below.

BE A GREETER MINISTRY -

Share your smile and Welcoming Spirit. It's easy - just sign up on the bulletin board near the office. Greet just one Sunday, or sign up for a regular or semi-regular shift. Job description is posted on the bulletin board, but simply requires you to:

- 1) **Smile**
- 2) **Say** "Welcome", "Glad you're here", "How are you?", etc.
- 3) **Hand out** Order of Service
- 4) **Count** attendees
- 5) **Help** with offering

Many Thanks to August Greeters:

Joy Platteborze, Carolyn Thompson, Barb Conley, Gerry Schatz and Chris Lautz. Apologies to those missed.

WELCOME TABLE:

Welcoming first-time attenders, encouraging Name Tag and Welcome Registry sign-up, and sharing information about UUCGT and UUA is what we do every Sunday. Once a month we provide Hospitality - Coffee, Snacks and Clean-up after Service. Many thanks to Jolynn Paige, Chris Lautz, Jane Watts and Sherry Davis in August.

MEMBERSHIP TEAM UPDATES:

The Team will meet again on Sunday, September 9, 12:00 Noon at UUCGT after Service, Coffee and Fellowship. We have some fun plans to finalize. Anyone is welcome to attend.

All-Congregation Brunch Potluck - Mark your Calendars Now! Sunday, October 21, 2018, 12 Noon, Social Hall. Everyone is Invited - Families, Children, Singles, Couples - Bring something to share if you are able. Membership Committee will provide Desserts. Come to Service that morning to hear a Recap of the Visioning Session on October 20.

MEET two fairly new members who have chosen to **Show-Up** - **Carol Ritter** and **Barb Culton** - our new UUCGT Archivists.

Carol Ritter joined UUCGT along with her husband, Alan, in June 2016 after moving here from North Carolina. Carol was a founding member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of New Bern, NC. After joining UUCGT Carol responded to a call for help with the Thanksgiving Feast that year and served as a co-chair and organizer. Fast forward a year when Carol read about the need for a person or people to work on the UUCGT Archives, a job done for many years by long-time member Peg Kauffman.

Carol lives an hour away from town plus was still working at the Grand Traverse Health Department in Accounting, so she wanted to help the congregation in a way that would match her abilities, interests and schedule. Records retention and working on her own schedule appealed to Carol's expertise and lifestyle. She e-mailed Susan Sherman and got connected with all of the materials stored in a closet in the Library. Carol's skills at organizing materials and determining what is essential to keep serve her well as she has been assessing what's actually there and trying to get the materials organized. We wish Carol and Alan "**Happy Trails**" as they take some time off to travel around our beautiful country!

Of course, some of the materials that have been stored are photographs. Enter **Barb Culton** who read about the archiving opportunity at about the same time. Barb joined UUCGT along with her husband, Hugh 'Dusty', in November 2017 and was also looking for a way to serve the congregation. Once she and Carol discovered everything in the Library closet they said, "Well, we could just tidy up and dust the shelves or we could actually Do Something and get all of these materials organized!"

These two new members have enjoyed getting acquainted. Barb is finding many hard copies of photos - many unlabeled - prior to 2003 when it appears things went digital. She is using previous pictorial directories to assist in identifying people in photographs. Barb has some creative ideas, to help ID people, places and events and to add a new component to UUCGT's archival history.

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Barb is organizing her thoughts toward interviewing congregation members about *their* history with UUCGT. She can tell from the stored archives, that documents or other forms of story telling are not part of the collection. As a relatively new member, Barb looks forward to learning about UUCGT’s history from the inside out. She is in the planning stage at this point.

In her recent retirement Barb is focusing a lot of energy on the topic of creativity and feels this connects strongly with gathering stories and memories about UUCGT. Barb senses that UUCGT is a constant “work in progress” creating and recreating itself around a core set of values over time.

Are we at UUCGT lucky or what - that these two new members chose to think about how to serve and decided to **Show Up** to be archivists? Thank you Carol and Barb, we appreciate your efforts and look forward to learning more about your discoveries.

What is your Passion, Interest or Ability to serve your congregation?

How can we help you connect with a meaningful opportunity at UUCGT?

There are many ways to help and We Need You!

Please get in touch.

Chris and Rick Walter
Co-Chairs, Membership Team
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As of July 31, 2018
(8.3% of fiscal year)

	<u>Current Year</u>		<u>Prior Year</u>	
Budgeted Income Received YTD	\$ 79,977	31.4%	\$ 56,312	20.5%
Budgeted Expenses Paid YTD	\$ 16,878	6.6%	\$ 19,280	7.0%
“For Those in Need” YTD	\$ 757		\$ 567	

Budgeted income includes the total of all pledged and unpledged donations and miscellaneous income including building rent, etc. “For Those in Need” collections are in addition to Budgeted Income Received and are disbursed quarterly to worthy causes, including Congregational Care, Tuesday Community Lunch and other Community needs outside our congregation. The percentage reflects the portion of the total amount of income or expense budgeted for the fiscal year.

We are off to a strong start for the 2018-2019 fiscal year largely due to significant pre-payment of 2018-2019 pledges. If you have not prepaid your pledge, please try to keep your pledge up to date. If you want more detailed information, you can look at our website, click on Board, then on Board Packet, then on Statement of Financial Activity.

Questions can be directed to your Finance Committee Chair, Mike McDonald (m_mcdonald@charter.net) or to other members of the Finance Committee.

Announcements

UU Book Club

Fall is almost here and we are all trying to get ourselves organized again and back into the swing of things.

Our September meeting is on September 9th at our usual 2:00 p.m. Our host is Bonnie Mathias who lives at 810 Cottageview Drive #202 (in the Commons). You can RSVP to her at 392-6953 or bonniemathias5@gmail.com.

The book for September is "La Rose" by Louise Erdrich. A heads up for October: The book for the month is "*To Capture What We Cannot Keep*" by Beatrice Colin. Our hosts are H.G. and Autumn Smith. October is also the month in which we choose our books and hosts for next year. The October meeting is especially important this year because we will also be discussing whether we have enough members and energy to continue with this group which has become so important to many of us or whether it is time to consider disbanding. Be there! Let your voice be heard.



For more information please contact:

Mark Gustafson
231-929-9608

Donations

The UUCGT General Fund received a generous donation from the family of John L. Shields in honor of the gracious contributions to his Celebration of Life service by Sandra McDonald and the UUCGT Memorial Service Committee, Pat Light and the UUCGT Congregational Care Team, and Susan Sherman, office administrator, for her diligence and skill in producing the Memorial program.

Endowment Committee Membership

For the 2018-19 fiscal year, new members of the Endowment Committee are Price Watts and Karl Keinath.

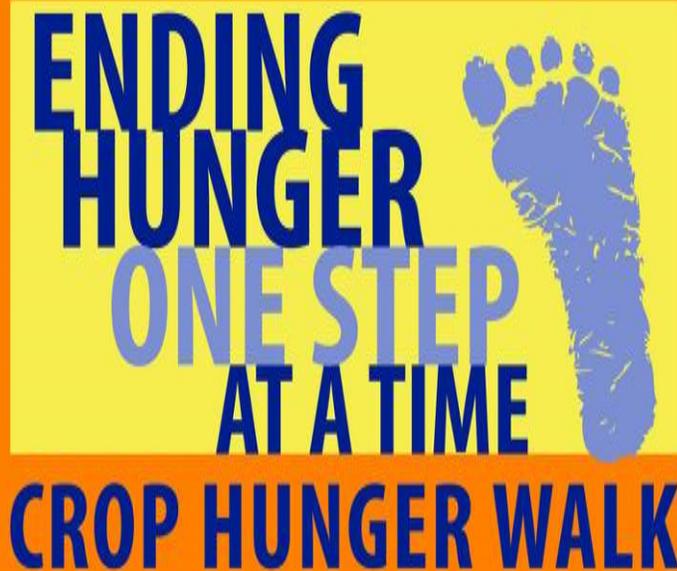
In addition, the Endowment Committee has elected new officers for the coming year. They are Chair: Price Watts, Financial Secretary: Nancy Doughty, Secretary: Ann Swaney.

Pinkie Hoffmann

A note to our fellow UUCGT congregants. First of all, I again want to thank everyone for their messages, cards, calls, personal visits, food, etc. It is all very much appreciated. Pinkie continues to be fairly stable, she sleeps/rests a great deal of the time. Her energy is low but she still has a good appetite, enjoys brief visits with friends, and has been "consulting" with our daughters as they try to put together a recipe book. Hospice is now coming Monday - Friday with nurse and aide visits. Our children/grandchildren have been a great help. If anyone is interested in coming for a visit please let me know and we can make arrangements.

Take care,

John Hoffmann
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CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 14 at GT Civic Center

Registration @ 1:30 pm - Walk at 2:00 pm



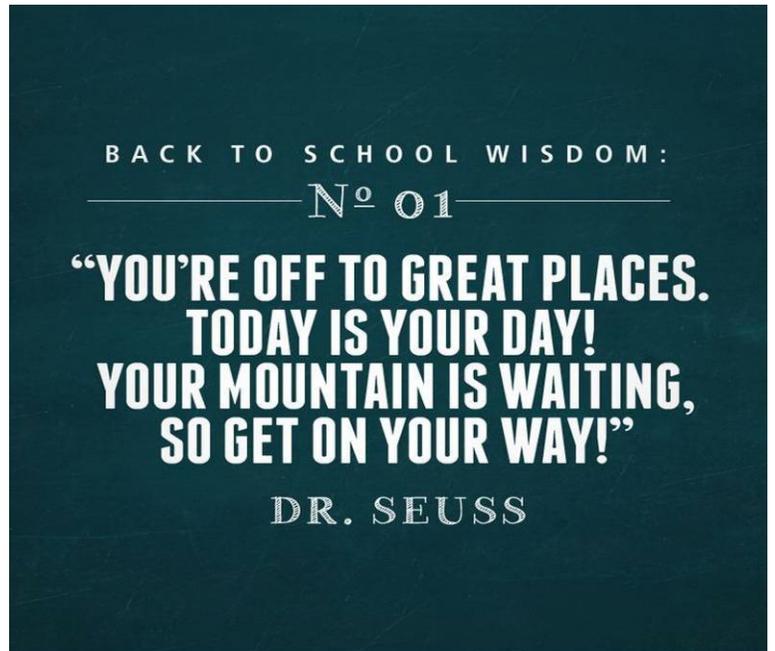
Religious Experience, September 2018

Sundays in September for pre K - 5th grade

This year, in our efforts to move to a Family Ministry model – in which members of all ages worship more regularly together in the sanctuary – things will look a little different.

1st and 3rd Sundays (and 5th if there is one) will be Religious Education Sundays. (We will start the curriculum AFTER Labor Day. Our first Religious Education Sunday will be 9/16.) On these Sundays there will be curriculum based classes for children preschool - 5th grade during the service (following the Story Wisdom). The curriculum we are using this year is Katie Covey's "Picture Book UU".

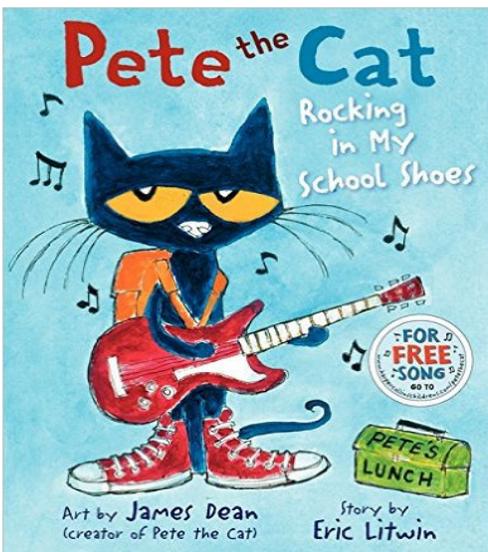
2nd and 4th Sundays will be All Congregation Sundays when all ages are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the duration of the service. Childcare will be available on these Sundays for those children preschool - 5th grade who need it (please note – this will be *childcare NOT Religious Education*). At this time, given the number of middle school - high school youth, we will have the youth remain in the service every Sunday. We can reevaluate this based on the registration forms we receive this fall. I am working with the Sunday Services Committee to find fun ways to get the children involved in these All Congregation Services. If you have ideas, or are interested in having your child do things like light the chalice, ring the bell, read, etc., please let me know! I'm really looking forward to co-creating this model with you, and am looking forward to better connecting the generations in our congregation.



QuotesIdeas.com

Registration for 2018 - 2019 Nursery and Children's Programming Begins September 2! See your FLASH, Contact Sarah, or Visit the Welcome Table for Forms!

DON'T FORGET - YOU NEED TO FILL OUT NEW REGISTRATION FORMS EVERY YEAR!



Suggested reading for families/parents this month:

This month I am suggesting a purely silly, fun book as many of our children head back to school:

Pete The Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes
by James Dean and Eric Litwin

Time to head back to school with this bestselling groovy **Pete the Cat book!**

"Pete the Cat is rocking in his school shoes. Pete discovers the library, the lunch room, the playground, and lots of other cool places at school. And no matter where he goes, Pete never stops moving and grooving and singing his song...because it's all good". <https://goo.gl/ipmkdB>

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Religious Experience (*continued*)

Family Ministry & the Future of Faith Formation:

As I mentioned last month, one way that we are working to support families as the primary providers of their children's faith formation is to provide them with a bi-monthly e-blast of resources, readings and ideas. If you are not currently signed up for this and are interested in getting on the email list, please let me know.

Friday Night Out! September 14, 5:30 - 9:00pm – Contact me ASAP to reserve a spot!

As always, be kind to yourselves, kind to each other, and send loving kindness out into the universe.

In Peace,

Sarah Montgomery-Richards
Director of Religious Experience dle@uucgt.org

Law of Attraction TC
The Thoughts You Think Create Your Life

2nd Tuesday of Every Month – Starting September 11

Find this on Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/Law-of-Attraction-TC-Meetup/>

The Law of Attraction is a universal law. Simply put, the Law of Attraction (LOA) says that you will attract into your life whatever you give your energy and attention to.

The Law of Attraction really is that simple. No matter what you want to have or achieve or be in life, if you can hold onto an idea and see it for yourself in your mind's eye, you can make it yours to have ... with some effort on your part.

Think about how great it would be to take to control of the creation of your life – to live with intention, to be conscious about what you are creating. We will explore how this law works through videos, books, and group discussion.

This is a fit for anyone interested in this exciting life practice. Come have fun with us as we learn this empowering approach to life!

WHEN: Starting September 11 and every 2nd Tuesday of the month
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

WHERE: Unitarian Universalist Church, 6726 Center Road
(please use side entrance towards back of building)

COST: No cost, but a FREE WILL DONATION will be taken and all monies will be given to the UU church to cover the cost of keeping the facility open for this Meetup.

You are creating your future with every single thought.

Sherry Davis
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Justice for Our Neighbors

JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS UPDATE

On July 30, 2017, our Sunday service speakers were Alline Beutler and Marcelo Betti from the Justice for Our Neighbors office in Traverse City. This group provides family-based and humanitarian immigration legal services throughout northern Michigan. Subsequent to that service, UUCGT hosted a JFON clinic for those needing assistance.

Margaret Wozniak, who coordinated the service and assisted at the clinic, recently received an update from Alline Beutler and thought the congregation would like to see a summary of that update.

JFON had a goal of providing a full-time immigration legal office at Central United Methodist Church in TC. This has become a reality. Marcelo Betti was hired as a full-time attorney (he formerly was part-time). Alline Beutler serves as a half-time site director. Susan Norkowski serves as a half-time case manager and USDOJ accredited representative. The program is on track to serve more than 100 clients during 2018. They hope to offer outreach clinics in Petoskey, Leland, and Beulah by the end of the year.

Alline related the case of an ‘unaccompanied minor’ client, “David,” who arrived in Michigan from Guatemala in hopes of living with an adult cousin. He was detained and placed in a child detention center in February. He was not released to his cousin until late April. In June he met Father Wayne Dziekan of the Gaylord Diocese of the Catholic Church who immediately contacted JFON. As “David’s” 18th birthday was approaching, the agency had to work hard and fast to provide necessary documents for “David” before his status changed from “minor” to “adult.” They did meet the deadline and “David’s” case is now in the months-long processing stage.

With increased staffing, it is now possible for JFON to take on these complicated cases, which sometimes arrive on very short notice.

Alline suggested some ways that we can continue to support JFON’s work:

1. Contact Alline Beutler if you work for an agency or organization in northern Michigan that provides services to the immigrant community. abeutler@jfonmi.org
2. If you know someone needing immigration legal assistance or if you have questions for an immigration attorney, sign up for an upcoming clinic by calling 231-620-1100.
3. Share JFON’s mission with family and friends. Reference the national website at <http://njfon.org> to stay current about immigration issues and events.
4. Consider supporting JFON’s work with a financial gift. The average cost of an immigration case at a law firm is \$5,000. JFON can serve multiple clients for that amount. They have set a goal to raise \$5,000 by Labor Day to support the expanding work they plan to do in Leelanau, Benzie, and Emmett counties.

Since opening the TC office three and a half years ago, JFON and its supporters have provided hope and compassion to some of our most vulnerable neighbors. JFON is an agency that lives several of our UU principles: the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity and compassion in human relations; the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Margaret Wozniak
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Social Justice

With the election just a little over two months off, it is important that we understand the proposals. There are five proposals on the ballot for our state of Michigan. Most are social justice issues. I will try to discuss them here this month and next so you can think about them and learn more. Be an informed voter.

One proposal goes under the title, "Promote the Vote."

The official language for *Promote the Vote* is pretty clear. It amends the State Constitution through Article II, Section 4.

I quote:

"If adopted the proposal would provide citizens qualified to vote in Michigan with the following rights: to vote a secret ballot; for military and overseas voters to be sent a ballot 45 days before an election; to vote straight party on all partisan general election ballots; to be automatically registered to vote when obtaining a driver's license or personal identification card from the Secretary of State, unless the person declines; to register to vote by mail on or before the 15th day before an election; to register to vote in person at any time with proof of residency; to vote an absentee ballot, by mail or in person, without giving a reason; and to have election results audited to ensure the accuracy of elections."

To me that is pretty clear and would be much fairer. Those absent from the State are assured a ballot on time, registering would be automatic, auditing would be required, etc. Agree? Or?

Michigan One Fair Wage seems pretty clear and fair also. But when examined more closely there are a lot of subtleties, and evidence of discrimination. This is its goals, quote:

"Michigan One Fair Wage is on a mission to make sure that every working person in Michigan can take care of themselves and their families. We want to raise the minimum wage to \$12, including servers, bartenders and others who make the lower subminimum wage. Our proposal would gradually raise the minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2022 and would raise the tipped wage to \$12 an hour by 2024."

White servers have greater opportunity to earn greater tips because they are disproportionately hired at fine dining restaurants than black or other minority servers. People of color are more likely to be hired at "back-of-the-house," non-tipped jobs and find it harder to move up the ranks to being a "front-of-the house" server with greater tips. White people make up 55% of all restaurant servers, but make up 78% of servers in fine restaurants.

There is also more racial and sexual discrimination. There is often a reluctance to wait on minority clients feeling they do not tip as well. There is a code often among some servers to favor the white clients and hurry the black ones out so the table can be filled again by hopefully higher tipping clientele.

To obtain the higher tips, there is pressure on the server, especially female ones, to dress more sexy and behave potentially more whatever to influence the tipping. The manager or owner usually encourages this behavior.

The restaurant industry suffers from an endemic wage theft problem. Many workers are not paid for overtime, tips can be kept by the manager and not given to the worker, and sometimes they withhold paychecks. My daughter had all of these problems when she was working in a fine bar in NYC. She knew her hours of work and kept track, but there was no formal signing in or out and no legal recourse, especially one that she could afford. She was cheated out of thousands of dollars but personally, fortunately her tips were high. Not everyone is so lucky.

There has been a proposal of having a tipping pool at a restaurant. In this method, the manager then distributes the tips at the end of the shift. There is no control or check up on this method and there develops great feelings of cheating by withholding or distributing the money unfairly.

There have also been experiments where restaurants do not allow tipping, but charge more for the food, and pay the servers and back-of-the-house workers better wages. There have been mixed results for this method, too.

What to do about raising the minimum wage can still be a question for some, especially those in the food service fields. But what about other low-income workers where tipping is not the custom? What about car service employees, orderlies and aides in hospitals, nursing homes, employees of department stores, Walmart, etc.? Do they have a right to a fair wage?

Look at <http://mionefairwage.org> for more information.

More next month on the other proposals.

But for now, are you registered to vote? Please be diligent and ask your neighbors and friends, family. Encourage all to be sure they are registered and vote. Thanks for making democracy work better! It can't work without each of us participating.

Thanks!

Emmy Lou Cholak
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COMMUNITY NEEDS - AUGUST REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of our UU Community, it is again my pleasure to share where your generous donations are heading this quarter.

Please also take a moment to read the heartwarming thank you from Reining Liberty Ranch to whom all of you donated so kindly last quarter (see next page). We receive many of these thank you notes, but this one touched us all.

Child & Family Services	\$500	20 back-to-school haircuts provided by the TC Beauty School with the balance going into their Angel Fund for shoes. These are for kiddos in the Foster Care system.
Empty Bowls	\$250	To be a table sponsor for their yearly fundraiser.
First Universalist Church of Southold, NY	\$200	To support their rebuild after a fire. Dollar amount based on \$1 for each Congregant
Justice for our Neighbors	\$1000	To support their efforts in offering legal assistance to immigrants.
The Laundry Project	\$500	Will be revving up once school starts.
Jubilee House	\$300	To assist with bus passes and gently used shoes.

You are all fabulous!
Best,

Jane Fochtman, Chair
Jane.fochtman@gmail.com



July 18, 2018



Unitarian Universalist Church
Jane Fochtman
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Traverse City, MI 49685

Dear Jane,

Thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$ 800.00 to Reining Liberty Ranch. As a 501c3, non-profit organization, we depend on the generosity and partnership of people such as yourself to fulfill our mission

Because of your donation, we have enrolled 11 children in our Camp Liberty at no cost to the camper! 10 of these are military children who would have had no opportunity to attend this camp without your support!

Two of our children come from a Gold Star Family who lost the children's father due to his service to our country. There is no mother involved and these little ones are being raised by their very loving grandmothers. In addition to blessing the kids, we were able to provide some respite for one of the grandmothers and a safe place for the children to have some great social interaction with other kids.

Three of our campers are in the process of being adopted by one of our combat veterans. All three kids come from a background of abuse and neglect. All of our kiddo's have a story.

Our Veterans say "When I began to give away what I needed, I began to heal". Thank you all for providing so much healing with what you gave away!

Thank you once again for choosing to make Reining Liberty Ranch the recipient of your donation!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becki".

Rebecca Bigelow
Executive Director
Reining Liberty Ranch
231-735-6347

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UUCGT Calendar

All events and programs take place at UUCGT unless otherwise noted

Check the weekly Flash newsletter and UUCGT website at
www.uucgt.org for calendar updates.

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| 02 | Sun | Sunday Service 10:30 AM | 16 | Sun | Sunday Service 10:30 AM |
| 02 | Sun | Mindfulness Meditation (1st Sunday) 2:30 - 6:30 PM | 16 | Sun | Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 - 7:00 PM |
| 03 | Mon | Labor Day - UU Office is closed | 17 | Mon | Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM |
| 04 | Tue | Community Lunch @ Friends Church, 10:30 AM set-up | 17 | Mon | UUCGT Board Meeting 6:00 PM 7:30 (Note day change) |
| 04 | Tue | Indivisible GT Rick Walter 11:30 AM | 18 | Tue | Community Lunch @ Friends Church, 10:30 AM set-up |
| 04 | Tue | Concerned Citizens Sinclair Media 1:00 PM | 18 | Tue | Indivisible GT Rick Walter 11:30 AM |
| 04 | Tue | Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM | 18 | Tue | Concerned Citizens Sinclair Media 1:00 PM |
| 05 | Wed | Staff Resources Phyllis Jessup/Kay Sturgeon 2:00 PM | 18 | Tue | Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM |
| 05 | Wed | No Wednesday Potluck this week | 18 | Tue | Congregation Beth Shalom set-up Terry Tarnow 4:00 PM |
| 06 | Thu | Shantideva Fan Club Chris Innes 9:30 AM | 18 | Tue | Congregation Beth Shalom Terry Tarnow 6:00 - 9:00 PM |
| 06 | Thu | Congregational Care Team Joanie Jackson/Pat Light 1:00 PM | 19 | Wed | Congregation Beth Shalom Terry Tarnow 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM |
| 06 | Thu | Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM | 19 | Wed | Wednesday Supper - TBA |
| 06 | Thu | HOA meeting (private) social hall 5:00 PM | 20 | Thu | Shantideva Fan Club Chris Innes 9:30 AM 11:00 AM |
| 06 | Thu | Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM | 20 | Thu | Congregational Care Team Joanie Jackson/Pat Light 1:00 PM |
| 06 | Thu | Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM | 20 | Thu | Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM |
| 08 | Sat | New Moon Women's Circle - contact Carolyn Kelly | 20 | Thu | Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM |
| | | | 20 | Thu | Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM |
| 09 | Sun | Program Council Rick Walter 9:00 AM | 23 | Sun | Sunday Service 10:30 AM |
| 09 | Sun | Resumption Sunday Service 10:30 AM | 23 | Sun | Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 - 7:00 PM |
| 09 | Sun | Membership Committee Chris & Rick Walter 12:00 PM | 24 | Mon | Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM |
| 09 | Sun | Congregation Beth Shalom-set-up 1:00 - 3:00 PM | 25 | Tue | Community Lunch @ Friends Church, 10:30 AM set-up |
| 09 | Sun | UU Book Club Bonnie Mathias hosts 2:00 PM | 25 | Tue | Indivisible GT Rick Walter 11:30 AM |
| 09 | Sun | Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 - 7:00 PM | 25 | Tue | Concerned Citizens Sinclair Media 1:00 PM |
| 09 | Sun | Congregation Beth Shalom Terry Tarnow 6:00 - 8:30 PM | 25 | Tue | Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM |
| 10 | Mon | Congregation Beth Shalom Terry Tarnow 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | 26 | Wed | Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM |
| 10 | Mon | UU Men's Group Dave Halsted @ Minerva's 5:30 PM | 26 | Wed | Wednesday Supper / Pizza Sandra McDonald 5:30 PM |
| 11 | Tue | Community Lunch @ Friends Church, 10:30 AM set-up | 27 | Thu | Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM |
| 11 | Tue | Indivisible GT Rick Walter 11:30 AM | 27 | Thu | Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM |
| 11 | Tue | Concerned Citizens Sinclair Media 1:00 PM | 27 | Thu | Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM |
| 11 | Tue | Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM | | | |
| 11 | Tue | Finance Committee Mike McDonald 5:30 PM | 30 | Sun | Social Justice Committee 9:15 AM |
| 11 | Tue | Law of Attraction Meet-Up Sherry Davis 6:30 - 8:30 PM | 30 | Sun | Sunday Service 10:30 AM 11:30 AM |
| 12 | Wed | Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM | 30 | Sun | Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 - 7:00 PM |
| 12 | Wed | Death Cafe Donna Stein-Harris 1:00 PM | | | |
| 12 | Wed | Wednesday Supper @ UUCGT/ \$5 Sandra McDonald 5:30 PM | | | |
| 13 | Thu | Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM | | | |
| 13 | Thu | Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM | | | |
| 13 | Thu | Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM | | | |
| 14 | Fri | Friday Night Out Sarah Montgomery-Richards 5:30 - 9:00 PM | | | |