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*Sunday Services at 10:30 AM*

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### UUCGT Board Meeting

Monday, July 17 @ 5:30 pm

All are welcome!

## JULY Sunday Services

### WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT

#### **Sunday, July 2 - Celebrating 4th of July Holiday - No Sunday Service**

We use this day to celebrate the weekly hard work of our Sunday Services Committee and wish them an enjoyable Sabbatical this week!

#### **Sunday, July 9 - Rev. Karen Mars**

#### **10:30 AM Service: "The Should'a, Would'a, Ought'as of our Lives"**

Wayne Dyer says, "Our lives are a sum total of the choices we have made." Are our lives so filled with doing those things that we are sure we MUST do that we can find no time for the small joys that can truly color our lives beautiful - such as a walk on the beach, a concert in the park, the creation of something of beauty, a gathering of friends? How can we decide what is really important for the days, weeks, or years we have left in our lives?

#### **Sunday, July 16 - Mark Dragovich and UUA Delegates**

#### **10:30 AM Service: "Report from the General Assembly"**

The General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association is an annual gathering of thousands of UUs from around the world. There were several important things that will shape the future of our Association: ideas for change to the language our Principles and Source Traditions; the election of our first woman President; and the deep call to address how white privilege cultures come into play in Unitarian Universalism. A vibrant GA!

#### **Sunday, July 23 - John Bailey and Hal Gurian**

#### **10:30 AM Service: "Gabriel's Oboe"**

Based on the 1986 film, The Mission, one special scene tells the story of how music can build bonds and bridges across cultures.

#### **Sunday, July 30 - Margaret Wozniak & Alline Beutler and Marcelo Betti from Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)**

#### **10:30 AM Service: "Justice For Our Neighbors"**

Justice For Our Neighbors West Michigan is a ministry of hospitality in Grand Rapids, Holland, Kalamazoo and Traverse City that welcomes immigrants into our communities by providing affordable, high-quality immigration legal services, engaging in advocacy for immigrant rights, and offering education to communities of faith and the public. JFON advocates for immigrants on issues of social justice and works to make our communities more welcoming to all immigrants, regardless of race or religion.

**BEACON Article Deadline:**

**No later than the 25th of the month  
preceding the issue date**

Stan Cain, Editor

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**AUGUST**  
**Sunday Services**

**A UU THEOLOGY / COSMOLOGY OF THE BEATLES**

“It is often said that each Beatles’ album utilizes tonal language that is unique from any of their other albums. Although some artists intentionally make changes in efforts to appear more towards a certain demographic, members of The Beatles have been quoted numerous times as saying they often changed musical tones and styles out of sheer boredom – they were simply interested in exploring a different musical language. Intentional or not, the tones and chords of the Beatles are both beautiful and unorthodox...”

– The Hugh A. Glauser School of Music, Kent State University

**Unorthodox, open to change, exploration, difference, beautiful .... Join us for a month of looking at UU cosmology/theology through the language and music of the Beatles!**

**Sunday, August 6 - Rabbi Chava Bahle and Andi Kramer**

**10:30 AM Service: "Love Me Do – An Ode to John Ort"**

“Reverence and respect for human nature is at the core of Unitarian Universalist (UU) faith. We believe that all the dimensions of our being carry the potential to do good. We celebrate the gifts of being human: our intelligence and capacity for observation and reason; our senses and ability to appreciate beauty; our creativity; our feelings and emotions.”

– Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker, minister, theologian, and author.

**Featuring “Love Me Do”, “I Will” and “And I Love Her”**

*Following the service, the congregation is encouraged to participate in the interment of John Ort’s remains in our Memorial Garden.*

**Sunday, August 13 - Rabbi Chava Bahle and Hal Gurian**

**10:30 AM Service: "Yesterday: Reflections and the Search for Meaning"**

The 4th Principle of Unitarian Universalism is “a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.” How do we find meaning? What is the role of reflecting upon the past? This service will offer ample time for quiet meditation.

**Featuring “The Long and Winding Road”, “Things We Said Today”, “Let It Be” and “Golden Slumbers”**

**Sunday, August 20 - Rabbi Chava Bahle and Betsy Emdin**

**10:30 AM Service: "You Say You Want a Revolution"**

UU’s 5th and 6th principles remind us to aspire to “the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.” The sixth principle encourages us to build toward “a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.”

**Featuring “We Can Work It Out”, “Eleanor Rigby” and “Here Comes the Sun”**

**Sunday, August 27 - Rabbi Chava Bahle and Mark Dragovich**

**10:30 AM Service: "All You Need is Love"**

The 7th Principle of Unitarian Universalism reminds us to have “respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” In this final service we will touch on the many themes of how awesome people can be when we think BIG.

**Featuring “I’ll Follow the Sun”, “Across the Universe” and “With a Little Help from My Friends”**

**For this last service on the Beatles, wear your ‘60s best – beads, bell bottoms and tie dye!**



# Rabbi's Reflection

## A Study Bardo, or “Where’s [Rabbi] Waldo?”

Friends –

As you know I will be spending July on my study days, what I am calling a Study Bardo – a time of devotion to reflection – between Independence Day (when we are called to explore healthy self-differentiation) and my birthday (a day when we get to think about just what that “Self” is, and feed it cake). Bardo is a Tibetan Buddhist term for the time between incarnations, the time before rebirth.

I want to express my gratitude to the staff, volunteers, and Staff Resources Committee for figuring out how to make this work smoothly for the community. I bow to the wisdom of the UU Ministers’ Association which encourages all our congregations to provide annual study time (not the same as vacation or sabbatical), so that Spiritual Leaders can recharge, reflect and learn.

My time will start with a week at the Abbey of Gethsemani, the Trappist abbey that was home to Fr. Thomas Merton, a place that has been my spiritual home away from home annually for several years. While there I (try to) maintain the monastic prayer schedule:

3:15 am Vigils – Okay I am little iffy on this one, but I will try. Two years ago, I nodded off and got sent back to rest by a friendly monk.  
5:45 am Lauds – which one of the monks calls, “Laudy Laudy!”  
6:15 am Eucharist – I can’t participate in communion but can support those who can  
7:30 am Terce  
12:15 pm Sext  
2:15 pm None  
5:30 pm Vespers  
7:00 pm Rosary  
7:30 pm Compline

In between, I will hike the hills, which the Kentuckians call “knobs,” of the monks’ 2000 acres and spend some time with the Merton collection of papers, including his correspondence on interreligious dialogue. He exchanged some letters with my Rabbi, and I am hoping to explore those in particular. I zip from there to Dayton to do the naming of my great niece, Jocelyn, and spend time with my Ohio family.

I will be here with you and the family of Mercedes Kimling on July 16 for her memorial service. I hope you can join us to hear the story of this extraordinary woman.

Later, I travel for three days to Milwaukee, to the School Sisters of Saint Francis, who are hosting an intensive weekend of interreligious dialogue between Judaism, Catholic Christianity and Islam. I have several presentations and am very excited about how

they are putting this program together. They are especially interested to hear about how a “rabbi enjoys working for a Unitarian Universalist congregation!”

Finally, at the end of month, Karl and I will go to Chicago for a few days. He has a big clothing buying trip at the Merchandise Mart (it sounds like fun shopping for three days, but he puts on about 8 miles a day!), and I will travel down to school in Hyde Park to get ready for Fall semester.

So what do I hope to bring back from all of this to benefit our community?

First and foremost, some physical rest will do me some good. We have an exciting lineup for Sunday services in August, and I am eager to be ready to go!

Second, time spent in silence and solitude for extended periods (like at Gethsemani, where they somehow magically block all cell service – maybe it’s the bourbon fruitcake?) is healing for the introverted part of my soul.

Third, I bring a new and different experience to these events in being able to reflect from “the inside” on Unitarian Universalism and how we have mutually influenced each other. Above all, I hope to come home with some good stories to share, a healthy, rested physical self and a peaceful soul amidst the busyness of all we do here at UUCGT.

Again my thanks to the congregation and the UUMA for creating and valuing study time. I cannot think of a greater gift for a book worm like me.

**In great blessing –  
Rabbi Chava**

P.S. Because this is a Study Bardo and not vacation or sabbatical, if you have an emergency need, please contact Susan Sherman or our Congregational Care Team. They will be able to reach me by phone. I am giving email a rest for the month.

# UUA and Denominational News from Rabbi Chava

The UUA has been very busy and productive at our General Assembly in New Orleans. There are several important headlines, but you can read a good deal more detail here:

<http://bit.ly/2017GAUpdates>

## Election of a New UUA President

Susan Frederick-Gray was elected UUA president. Rev. Frederick-Gray is a minister of a Phoenix, Arizona, congregation and won a three-way race to become UUA's ninth elected president and the first woman elected to the office.

## Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) 2014 - 2018: Escalating Inequality

After about an hour of debate Saturday morning, onsite and offsite General Assembly delegates overwhelmingly supported passage of the UUA Statement of Conscience Escalating Economic Inequality. The UUA writes, "Challenging extreme inequality is a moral imperative. The escalation of inequality undergirds so many injustices which our faith movement is committed to addressing: from economic injustice to mass incarceration; from migrant injustice to climate change; from sexual and gender injustice to attacks on voting rights."

A 19-page study guide can be found here:  
<http://bit.ly/EscalatingInequalityStudyGuide>

## Important UUA Board of Trustee Actions

The UUA board approved a funding plan for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism, and appointed six people to lead a two-year Commission on Institutional Change. The Commission on Institutional Change will examine the impact of white supremacy on Unitarian Universalism. The commission has been created in response to the hiring practices controversy at the UUA.

## Important Article: "White Only" Theology

I highly suggest reading this UU World article:  
<http://bit.ly/2ueWrte>

Moving beyond 'whites only' UU theology and embracing theists is essential to the cultural and spiritual health of Unitarian Universalism.

**More to come!**

**Rabbi Chava**



***Please save the date!***

Sunday, September 17, 2017

*"Reserved for Rabbi"  
Celebration of Spiritual Leadership*

Sunday Service: 10:30 - 11:45 AM

Luncheon: 12:00 - 1:30 PM

*Yes, there will be cake!*

## **All About Us - Congregational Care Team**

### **We share in the joys of:**

- ♦ Jane Watts, receiving an award from the League of Women Voters
- ♦ Karl Love, celebrating 2 ½ years cancer free
- ♦ Barb Conley, soon to be retired after years of dedicated service.

### **We hold in our hearts:**

Marge Rundell, Penny Ort, Izzy Semrau

### **We continue to remember those in care:**

Gary Harris

### **We are also mindful of:**

MaryAnn Force, Nancy Landfair, Sue Pyne, Sally Mitchell

### **We are grateful to:**

Linda Fletcher for her dedicated service as Board President.

**Pat Light**  
**patricia@light@sbcglobal.net**

# WELCOMING VERSUS OTHERING

## BASIC INTERCULTURAL HOSPITALITY

### SAY THIS

Q: Hi, I haven't met you, my name is...

Q: Welcome!  
A: Hi, I just moved here from Chicago.  
Q: I love Chicago. I'm from Portland. I moved here for a job. What brought you here?

Q: What a lovely necklace. Is there a story connected with it?

Q: Is there any kind of group I can connect you to? We have a wide variety!

Q: What lovely children! May I introduce you to our Director of Religious Education?

Q: What did you think of the worship service? I loved the story.

Q: Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your visit better.



### INSTEAD OF

Q: Hi! You must be new.

Q: Where are you from?  
A: Chicago  
Q: No, I meant, where are you *<really>* from?

Q: (keeps going until visitor claims a foreign ancestry)

Q: Your hair is really cool. Can I touch it? (or worse, touch without asking)

Q: Come meet our other transgender person!

Q: They don't look like you--are they adopted? Are they your real children? Did you use a sperm donor?

Q: What college did/do you go to? What do you do for a living?

Q: I see you have a disability, here let me help you.



## SOME MORE TIPS ON WELCOMING

Reflect on what calls you to be welcoming to all who enter your congregation. What faith value are you practicing?

Greet everyone who comes through the doorway, not just new people.

Enjoy the gifts found in inviting and listening.

Notice when you make an assumption and intentionally set that assumption aside.

Remember everyone has multiple identities and refrain from focusing on any one identity you notice or assume.

Ask open ended questions and respect people choosing not to answer.

Refrain from asking personal questions, including theology. People will reveal what they are ready to reveal.

Let the guest take the lead!

Start a conversation from a shared experience-like the morning's worship.

Find language that is inclusive including language that doesn't assume all children have a mother and a father or live with their parents, or everyone is either a man or a woman, etc.

Forgive yourself for any blunders or awkwardness. Apologize if needed and accept being human.

Help spread these practices-inviting, listening, rejecting assumptions-throughout the congregation.

This is just a step. There is always more ways we can become more welcoming and inclusive.

"In our hands is the power to craft a compelling narrative of extraordinary respect...of welcome and transformational community for our Unitarian Universalist present and future."

—Rev. Alicia Forde

# Announcements

## NEW MOON WOMEN'S GROUP

with Carolyn Kelly & Rabbi Chava Bahle

**New Moon Soul to Soul Group (meets monthly)  
Next Meeting: July 22, 3:00 - 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary**

"A New Moon marks the beginning of a new cycle, a fresh start in its cycle of waxing and waning. During this time the Moon is empty and receptive and full of potential. This is an optimum time to plant seeds of intentions for what you wish to manifest in your life.

Most of us live our lives so disconnected from the Earth, and devoid of any kind of ritual that creates the space for us to connect. So the New Moon provides us with an opportunity to take the time to create SACRED SPACE for ourselves. It is essential.

There is something so powerful when women come together to support each other on their journey, in their hopes and dreams. We are healed, we are nurtured, we feel comforted and understood. Moreover, when you share sacred space together you magnify the power of your intentions and you energetically create a web of support for not only your circle of women friends, but with women everywhere." (MysticMama)

Join us! We are using the book, *Soul to Soul: Fourteen Gatherings for Reflection and Sharing* as our guide. You can read more here

<http://www.uuabookstore.org/Soul-to-Soul-P17830.aspx>

The book is available for purchase in the UU office (\$13).

Subsequent meeting will be:      **August 19**

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[carolynk13@gmail.com](mailto:carolynk13@gmail.com)

**Rabbi Chava**  
[rabbi@uucgt.org](mailto:rabbi@uucgt.org)

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## **Wednesday Supper Potluck July 12**

WELCOME! Note from Rick and Chris Walter, hosts of Wednesday Supper Potluck on Wednesday, July 12:

We are located at 607 Arbutus Trail on small George Lake in the "Arbutus Triangle", near the 5 interconnected Arbutus Lakes and Spider Lake. Your GPS or Google Map should get you here, but call if you need more specific directions:

**Rick      989-430-5174**  
**Chris      989-430-4776**

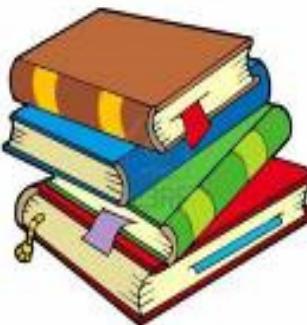
There is plenty of space for 6 cars down the driveway by the house or carriage house, so please drive on down the driveway. Up at the road there is parking for 3 cars in the paved area and additional space along Arbutus Trail for more cars.

Please bring lawn chairs, we will try to eat outdoors weather permitting. We are on a small lake and have 2 kayaks and one canoe which you are welcome to use while here. Those with children should bring child-size life jackets. There is a small area for lawn games.

Bringing your own table set ups is optional - we will have plates and silverware available. We'll provide main course of Chris' "Mom's Seasoned Chicken Drummies". Bring a dish to share and BYOB. We look forward to seeing you here!

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## **UU BOOK CLUB**



We happily take a book club break in July and August as we move into the Cherry Festival, the Film Festival, boating, fishing, camping, gardening and all the other summertime joys of Northern Michigan.

However, I wanted to let prospective new members see our lineup for Fall so you can ponder the idea of joining us as these lazy days of summer fly by.

9/10/17 - *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett

- hosted by Bonnie Mathias

10/8/17 *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini

- hosted by Barb Bloomer

11/12/17 *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift

- hosted by Stan & Dottie Cain

If you have any questions about the book club, contact Mark Gustafson at 929-9608, or [cyberfools@gmail.com](mailto:cyberfools@gmail.com).

**Karen Mars**  
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## Greetings Friends,

### Sundays in July

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Specialty Class Summer (our summer program for children pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade on Sunday mornings which runs June 1<sup>st</sup> - Resumption Sunday in September) is off to a great start! These lessons consist of fun & informative experiences led by congregants and special guests. July features lessons on beekeeping, our UU ancestor Fannie Farmer, and much more! **Youth** are invited to remain in the sanctuary throughout the summer.

Suggested readings for families / parents this month include...(this month's selections are silly and fun!):

*The Book with No Pictures* – B.J. Novak  
*Woolbur* – Leslie Helakowski

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

### Butterfly House and Bug Zoo Adventure!

We had a wonderful time during our visit to the GT Butterfly House and Bug Zoo in late June! It was an educational and lively time – children and adults alike enjoyed the outing. Many thanks to those who helped to make this trip possible!

**Don't forget...Brewing Community has switched to its summer format!** This gathering moves to the last Wednesday of the month May - August, and will include dinner out as it joins forces with the Wednesday Supper program. We will gather on **WEDNESDAY, July 26th** at **Little Fleet** from 5 - 7pm. This is a great way to meet people, laugh with friends, and is family-



friendly! RSVP to [John Hoffmann](#) if you plan to join us for dinner so we can get a general count.

### Wednesday Supper Schedule!

Make sure to read your FLASH carefully each week, and check the Congregational Calendar for the location of our summer potlucks. Remember, these gatherings are in people's homes, and we ask that you BYOB. Such a fun way to spend summer evenings!

### Summer Solstice Report!

I'm happy to report that we had a **RECORD TURN OUT** for our Summer Solstice gathering on June 21<sup>st</sup> – approximately 44 people gathered for ritual and a delicious potluck!

Special thanks to Sandra and Mike McDonald for going above and beyond to assist with the potluck, and to the CUUPS/Nature Based Spirituality Group for organizing and leading.

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 Lifespan Experience  
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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**As of May 31, 2017  
(91.7% of fiscal year)**

	<u>Current Year</u>		<u>Prior Year</u>
<b>Budgeted Income Received YTD</b>	<b>Current Year</b>		<b>Prior Year</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenses Paid YTD</b>	<b>\$261,623</b>	<b>95.7%</b>	<b>\$271,324</b>
<b>“For Those in Need” YTD</b>	<b>\$238,916</b>	<b>88.2%</b>	<b>\$265,223</b>
	<b>\$ 14,701</b>		<b>82.7%</b>
			<b>\$ 17,668</b>

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 continuing to do well year 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](mailto:m_mcdonald@charter.net)) or to other members of the Finance Committee.



## Membership News

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM** - But not be required to attend Committee Meetings?? We have a Deal for You! Sign up to be on the **Greeter List OR to Staff the Welcome Table beginning in August.**

Job Descriptions are available for both positions and Job Shadowing is provided! Put your Friendly Welcoming self forward and get a chance to meet great people!

### Membership News

**JULY - Finally! Barbecue Grills are Smokin', Campfires are Burning and Warming on Cool Evenings...And the TC Film Festival Soon will be Running. Greetings from the entire FUN and FRIENDLY Membership Team** — Sherry Davis, John and Pinkie Hoffman, Sue Pyne, Charlotte Shea, Chris Walter, Rick Walter, and Jane Watts — who continue to Welcome, Greet, Facilitate into membership, and Nurture (in Partnership with other groups at UUCGT) prospective, new and current members.

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP TEAM is ready to mellow out and relax for the Summer and won't meet again until August.**

But don't worry - we will still be our Friendly, Welcoming selves Greeting you at the doors and at the Welcome Table!

**HOWEVER - If you are interested in joining** this UU Congregation or know of attendees who may be interested, please let one of our Team or the Office know. Orientation Sessions for Prospective Members and subsequent New Member Welcome Services will be scheduled in the Fall.

**GREETER OPPORTUNITIES** - It's easy - just sign up on the bulletin board near the office or call coordinator Charlotte Shea, 883-9357. Greet just one Sunday, or sign up for a regular or semi-regular shift. Job description is posted on the bulletin board, but simply involves:

- 1) Smiling, 2) Saying "Welcome", "Glad you're here", "How are you?", 3) Handing out Order of Service, and 4) Helping with offering.

**WELCOME TABLE - Nothing to it, simply:**

- 1) Arrive 10:00 AM before service, 2) Welcome Visitors who come to the Welcome Table, 3) Invite them to make a Name Tag, 4) Answer questions they may have, 5) Encourage signing the Welcome Registry (to receive Flash, Beacon, and receive an Attendee Name Tag), 6) Repeat Steps 2, 4 and 5 after the service.

**Thanks and See you at UUCGT!**

**Chris and Rick Walter**  
**Co-Chairs, Membership Team**  
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### Benzie County Unitarian Universalists

The Benzie County Unitarian Universalists will hold its July 12 meeting at the home of Laurie Mason in Arcadia. All are welcome to join us for the 6:30 potluck. For directions or information about the event, contact Laurie at [olaurele52@charter.net](mailto:olaurele52@charter.net) or 231-889-4718.

**Marty Litherland**  
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*Please Save the Date*  
**Sunday, July 16 - 12:30 PM**

**A Celebration of the Life of**  
**Mercedes Kimling**

Mercedes will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother, for her delight in the sight and sounds of beaches, of music and books.

The answer to the question, "Where's the library?" was a compass point of her life. She agreed with Jose Borges' opinion that "I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library".

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## ***the BEACON***

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### **UUCGT Calendar**

All events and programs take place at UUCGT unless otherwise noted and are open to everyone.

#### **JULY 2017**

**02 Sun No Sunday Service - 4th of July Holiday**  
**02 Sun** Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
**03 Mon** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM  
**04 Tue** 4th of July - UUCGT Office Closed  
**04 Tue** Community Lunch 10:30 set-up @ Friends Church, 5th & Oak  
**04 Tue** Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM  
**05 Wed** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM  
**05 Wed** No Wednesday Supper this week  
**05 Wed** International Folk Dances Richard Fidler 7:00 PM  
**06 Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM  
**06 Thu** No Meditation Workshop this week  
**06 Thu** Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM  
**07 Fri** Facilities Committee Dave Halsted 10:00 AM  
**08 Sat** InterPlay Workshop Lee Edwards 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**08 Sat** Singing Sisters Linda Hebert 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sanctuary  
**09 Sun Sunday Service - Lay-led with Karen Mars 10:30 AM**  
**09 Sun** Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**10 Mon** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM  
**10 Mon** Staff Resources Karl Love 1:00 PM  
**10 Mon** UU Men's Group Dave Halsted Minerva's 5:30 PM  
**11 Tue** Community Lunch 10:30 set-up @ Friends Church, 5th & Oak  
**11 Tue** Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM  
**11 Tue** Finance Committee Mike McDonald 5:30 PM  
**11 Tue** Concert: Soprano, Sage DeAgro-Ruopp 7:00 PM Sanctuary  
**12 Wed** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM  
**12 Wed** Board Agenda Meeting 1:00 PM Library  
**12 Wed** Wednesday Potluck Chris & Rick Walter's 6:00 PM  
**12 Wed** International Folk Dances Richard Fidler 7:00 PM  
**13 Thu** Shantideva Fan Club Chris Innes 9:30 AM Sanctuary  
**13 Thu** Congregational Care Team Pat Light 1:00 PM  
**13 Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM  
**13 Thu** Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM  
**13 Thu** Music Committee Bob Hicks 6:00 PM  
**13 Thu** Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM  
**14 Fri** Friday Night Out Sarah Montgomery-Richards 5:30 - 9:00 PM  
**16 Sun Sunday Service - Lay-led with Mark Dragovich 10:30 AM**  
**16 Sun** Life Celebration - Mercedes Kimling 12:30 PM Sanctuary  
**16 Sun** Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**17 Mon** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM

**17 Mon** UUCGT Board Meeting 5:30 PM Classroom  
**18 Tue** Community Lunch 10:30 set-up @ Friends Church, 5th & Oak  
**18 Tue** Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM  
**19 Wed** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM  
**19 Wed** Sunday Services Hal Gurian/Amanda Mangiardi 4:00 PM  
**19 Wed** Community Needs Liz Bruning 4:30 PM Library  
**19 Wed** Wednesday Potluck - Price &Jane Watts 6:00 PM  
**19 Wed** International Folk Dances Richard Fidler 7:00 PM  
**20 Thu** Shantideva Fan Club Chris Innes 9:30 AM  
**20 Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM  
**20 Thu** Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM  
**20 Thu** Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM  
**22 Sat** New Moon Women's Circle Carolyn Kelly 3:00 - 5:00 PM  
**23 Sun Sunday Service - Lay-led with Hal Gurian 10:30 AM**  
**23 Sun** Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
**24 Mon** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM  
**24 Mon** Safe Harbor Meeting Mike McDonald 6:00 PM  
**25 Tue** Community Lunch 10:30 set-up @ Friends Church, 5th & Oak  
**25 Tue** Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM  
**26 Wed** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM  
**26 Wed** Brewing Community & Dinner J. Hoffmann Little Fleet 5-7:30  
**26 Wed** International Folk Dances Richard Fidler 7:00 PM  
**27 Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM  
**27 Thu** Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM  
**27 Thu** Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM  
**30 Sun Sunday Service - Lay-led with Margaret Wozniak 10:30 AM**  
**30 Sun** Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
**31 Mon** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM

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**01 Tue** Community Lunch 10:30 set-up @ Friends Church, 5th & Oak  
**01 Tue** Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM  
**01 Tue** Leadership Development 5:00 PM Classroom  
**02 Wed** Stretch & Strengthen Barb Gibson 10:30 AM  
**02 Wed** Wednesday Potluck - Ann Dressel's 6:00 PM  
**02 Wed** International Folk Dances Richard Fidler 7:00 PM  
**03 Thu** Congregational Care Team Joanie Jackson 1:00 PM  
**03 Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM  
**03 Thu** Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM  
**03 Thu** Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM  
**04 Fri** Facilities Dave Halsted 10:00 AM  
**06 Sun Sunday Service - Rabbi Chava Bahle 10:30 AM**  
**06 Sun** Interment Service for John Ort 12:00 PM  
**06 Sun** Mindfulness Meditation Fleda Brown 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM