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Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

"We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person."



Sunday Mornings at 10:30 May 2019; Vol. 34, #5

BHK Building (700 Park Ave., Houghton). Enter on North Side, off Waterworks Drive

Sunday Schedule for May 2019

May 5: "The Thought of Joanna Macy."

Paul Mitchell will discuss the three stories that describe this point in the earth's narrative: *Business as Usual*; *the Great Unraveling*; and *the Great Turning*.

All three stories are True says Buddhist scholar, eco-philosopher, and long-time environmental activist, Joanna Macy.

Her work challenges and invites us to put all our energies behind that third story, that its truth and reality might be stronger than the other two. We'll explore her writing and try to look at them from our vantage point in the Keweenaw.

May 12: Forum. "A Proposed Constitutional Convention: What's Wrong With That?" Liz Hakola, from the *League of Women Voters*, will talk to us about the Constitutional Convention movement.

What are the origins of calls for a US Constitutional Convention, objectives of its supporters and its opponents, and the current status of the ratification?

The Constitutional Convention of States is a little-known movement of major importance and impact to all Americans.

Raising awareness of this movement as a potential threat to our democracy is needed to counteract the call for a Constitutional Convention.

May 19: "Joyful in the UP" with Paul Mitchell. Sometimes it takes an outside perspective (like mine) to re-discover joy that is right in front of us. Sometimes folks (like me) don't really know joy even though it's bopping 'em on the head. Sometimes we (like me) need to talk about joy. I'm looking forward to talking about JOY with you! **Potluck Sunday. Bring a dish to pass.**

May 26: Guest minister Mark Richards will be with us on this Memorial Day weekend to say **"We Need To Talk."**

The words "white supremacy" conger up visions of shaved heads and tattooed necks. It's no wonder that we white folks resist conversations where the term is applied. But if constructive conversations about eliminating racism in America are going to be had, we need to be able to talk about a system that privileges us . . . and we need to talk about it among ourselves.

This talk will introduce some ideas about why we are so uncomfortable talking about the privilege we inherited. In the end, we will be left with a context that allows us to hold the hard truth with tenderness, so we can move forward in dismantling our system of white supremacy.



**May 12 is
Mother's Day**



Lay Minister Paul Mitchell gets help reading a book from Patrick and Cecilia during an April KUUF service.
(Photo by Bill Fink)

Spring 2019 "New To UU"

Program Set for Saturday, May 11

An information session for people interested in learning more about the Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF)

When: Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to noon

Where: BHK Child Development Center, 700 Park Avenue, Houghton. (Turn off Park Avenue on Waterworks Drive, park in the upper lot.)

What: A fun, relaxed morning with breakfast and conversation about KUUF and Unitarian Universalist principles and beliefs, led by our lay minister, Paul Mitchell.

Please let us know if you are coming and if you will be bringing children. (Child care will be available.) RSVP to Linda Belote.

Questions? Call Linda Belote at 906/483-0552, or email lsbelote@mtu.edu.

Dare to Share! Begins for 2019

In 2014 our KUUF faith group started a collaborative consumption program titled "*Dare To Share*."

The hope was to cut duplicate purchases of seldom used articles and to share services and talents. Items and service examples include tools (rototiller), outdoor & camping equipment (skis), entertainment items (card tables), helping/assisting services (rides, home maintenance), vehicles (trucks). The process is a direct person-to-person exchange.

And, of course, anything borrowed needs to be returned in better condition than when initially picked up!

A complete list of current items/services will appear on the BHK bulletin board beginning 4/28. If you have items or services you dare to share please notify the coordinator, Jan Dalquist, at jgdalquist@gmail.com

Mid-America Chalice Lighter Program Offers \$10,000 Grant to a UU Congregation

Changes are coming to the *Chalice Lighter* Program. Beginning next September, rather than awarding multiple small grants in the Fall, Winter, and Spring, we will begin awarding a single large grant of over \$10,000 to one congregation.

The goal is to reformulate the program so that congregations can receive even larger grants for starting new fellowships, acquiring meeting space, securing a minister, religious educator, or other professional staff, or providing for outreach and public relations.

Smaller grants will still be available in the form of contributions of up to \$1,000 to *Faithify* campaigns (visit <https://faithify.org> for more information on how *Faithify* is crowdfunding Unitarian Universalism).

So, for the 2019 Spring Call—the last call to give out multiple grants—the MidAmerica Region Chalice Lighter Committee is pleased to announce that these three congregations have been chosen to receive Chalice Lighter grants:

- The Hopedale UU Community in Oxford, Ohio, to assist the congregation in completing basic renovation improvements in their basement religious education area.
- The Berrien UU Fellowship in St Joseph, Michigan, to invest in their music ministry by increasing the music budget and creating a paid Music Director position.
- The All Souls Community Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to reach out to the greater community by providing a way to strengthen people's faith by making available a labyrinth for them to explore in a quiet environment.

_Rev. Philip Lund

Book Review Section

Reviewed:

***Religion for Atheists, A Non-Believer's Guide to the Uses of Religion*, by Alain de Botton, Pantheon Books, 2012.**

De Botton describes the positive contributions that organized religion has made to our civilization. Chapter titles are: Wisdom without Doctrine, Community, Kindness, Education, Tenderness, Pessimism, Perspective, Art, Architecture and Institutions.

The last chapter describes the thoughts of French sociologist August Comte, who promoted a religion for atheists entitled "Religion of Humanity." According to Wikipedia, adherents of Comte's religious views have built Chapels of LHumanity in France and Brazil.

Multiple reviews of de Botton's book are available online. I have read my copy a couple of times, and I am donating it to the KUUF library. Share you views of it with me. _Chuck Young



From Our Library

This month I have decided to give a brief overview of the UU section of our library.

I will list the items that we have, in order of

frequency, using general subject categories, not necessarily direct quotes from the catalog.

History—including commentary (16); biographies and autobiographies—including a book by Cookie Johnson (15); meditation guides and CDs—including a CD by our choir (9); worship (6); religious education—children and adult (4); poetry—including a work by Tom Hoornstra (4); leadership (2); politics (2); sermons (2); welcoming congregation (2); DVDs—introduction to UU, and welcoming the newcomer (2).

We have individual books on the following topics: church polity; contemporary issues; doctrines; death and dying; ethics; grief; hymns;

illness; interim clergy; justice; juvenile; membership; memorial information; pocket guide; same-sex marriage; spiritual life; tales and folklore; and a few other miscellaneous items. If these categories seem interesting, I encourage you to browse our library. -Bob Fiandt



Lay minister and 7 Plus Supper host Paul Mitchell declined his guests' offers to help wash dishes in April. Or at least that was what they said.

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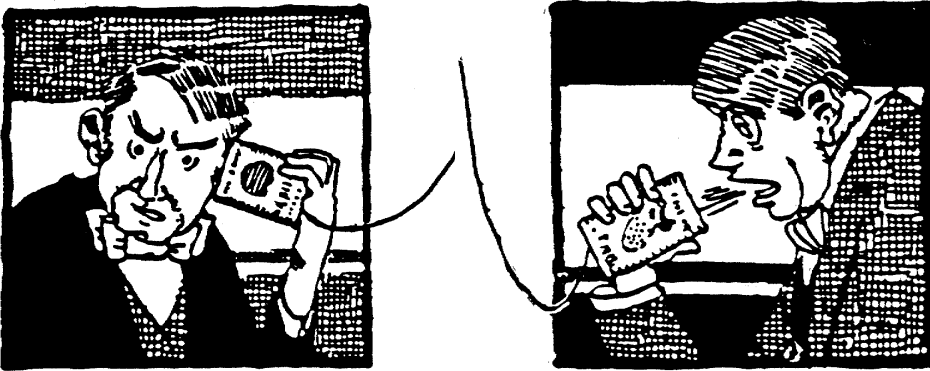
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<http://www.keweenawuu.org/>

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Koffee Klatsch: Every 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10 AM. Roy's Bakery. **For May, the dates will be the 10th and 24th.**



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