JOHN KUMJIAN & DAVE VISWAT Special Guests Henry McKean & Billy Rosa

Saturday, June 11th at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$15 advance / \$20 at the door
Tickets available at UUCGT
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Connemara Concerts and WNMC 90.7 FM are pleased to announce an upcoming concert performance by John Kumjian and Dave Viswat on Saturday, June 11th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. This will be a unique evening of music showing the combined music talents of John Kumjian and Dave Viswat.

John Kumjian is a retired music/band instructor with over 28 years of teaching experience. Born and raised in the Detroit area, he earned Bachelor and Master's degrees in Music Education from Northern Michigan University and has been a professional performing musician for over 30 years. His work in guitar, percussion, bass, piano, and singing/songwriting can be found on over 30 local and regional CD releases and has toured nationally with several artists. He has penned two of his own solo CD's, including "To Be So Blue" (2005) and "Vulnerable" (2016). Currently, John plays guitar, percussion and keyboards with the New Third Coast, bass guitar with the Dune Brothers, and performs solo concerts throughout the region. He also "sits in" with other local and regional bands as needed. When not performing, John continues to teach private music lessons in the area. John is also an active songwriter, a founding member of the L.A. North Songwriters Collective, an active participant in Northern Michigan Songwriters in the Round, and attends Lamb's Songwriters Retreat in Harbor Springs each November.

Sharing the stage with John will be Dave Viswat who was born in Detroit and began to study classical piano at a very early age. He was lured and influenced by the "Motown Sound" during the 60's and 70's ... at age 15 he formed his first band called "The Continentals," where he began to develop his technique in blues and classic rock. The Continentals became a house band for a local Detroit television show that showcased Detroit talent. Dave once even visited the famed Motown studios, where he actually played a duet with "Marvin" (yes, Marvin Gaye!), and did a little recording there as well. Dave attended University of Michigan and eventually moved to Traverse City in 1977. His bands included the Crow-Mag Blues Band, the Corvairs, and he currently plays keyboards and sings with Traverse City's own "Dune Brothers". His bands have opened often at the National Cherry Festival for artists including Little Feat, Southside Johnny, The Romantics and others. Dave is celebrated as one of the regions better rhythm and blues keyboardists and is also an excellent songwriter.

Joining John and Dave for part of the evening's performance will be the talented young musicians, Henry McKean, a keyboard wizard, and Billy Rosa on guitar. The combination of these four fine performers - these young and old musicians - will make for a great evening of music at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.