



*Virtual!*

## Sunday Worship Services

Begin at 10:30 am

Request an email with the  
Zoom Link

## January 2021 Newsletter

# HARBOR Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION

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### *HUUC Mission Statement:*

Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a safe haven inspiring people to seek their own spiritual truths through worship and learning in community as we build a better world together.

### *HUUC Vision Statement:*

The people of Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation envision a community where connections are strengthened and deepened, where families are supported, and where diversity is celebrated.

Sue McIntire, *Music Director*

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### January 3rd

*"This Time"*

Peggy Humphreys

Having gotten ourselves through one of the roughest years in current memory, we look for a new year and hope for what we need to repair our ravaged country and world. What resolutions will actually help us?

### January 10th

*"Gardening Takes Years"*

Dr. Lou Yock

Life is like gardening, or perhaps, is gardening. Much comes before, much effort goes into the present and what happens in the future remains a promise. In every case, it is slow and steady effort that yields the best fruits.

### January 17th

*"Stability"*

Jones Barton

A sermon presented as written by the Rev. John A. Buehrens

### January 24th

*"These Truths"*

Tim Hamlin

Based on a book by Jill Lepore. An expiration of UU values and the values that birthed and maintained modern Representative Democracy.

### January 31st

Rev. Mimi Bush

## HUUC is looking for Virtual Speakers!

Looking for persons to present a  
Sunday morning service

**Contact a member of worship  
committee to sign up today!**

Carolyn Holmes • Anna EldenBrady • Peggy  
Humphreys • Arionna Huffman • Jessica Sheldon  
Sue McIntire • Kwame James • Rebecca St. Clair  
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## Note from the Board

My dearest friends, family and members of Harbor UU,

This year has certainly been a year. I really don't think there's any adjective or string of adjectives I could add to that sentence to truly encompass the experience that we have lived for the last twelve months. 2020 has been a roller coaster on so many levels. For the world, the United States, the State of Michigan, I don't think anybody could have ever predicted accurately the amounts of highs and lows that have occurred.

We opened this year unveiling the lift that was installed at the church, helping us support our goals of respecting the inherent worth and dignity of every person as well as promoting justice, equity and compassion in human relations (the 1st and 2nd Unitarian Universalist Principles).

Shortly after, we transitioned into the experience that we've all been living for the majority of this year. Since March, all of our services have been occurring virtually and we have become rather adept at providing the most spiritually fulfilling experience we are able to and holding some sense of normalcy in our services. Over the summer we also took advantage of the nice weather to host several socially distanced opportunities to see each other face to face and participate in some of the fellowship we so dearly missed.

We elected a new board in May, upon which I have been very blessed to serve. We have been working behind the scenes to evaluate the best course of action in regard to handling the global pandemic and services moving forward. There has been much work done on the building this year and I am personally beyond excited to be able to return to services in our beautiful spiritual home. Be on the lookout for a survey coming to your email that will help us decide when and how to return to in person services. We are dedicated to taking the safest and most prudent way of returning to in person services and are committing to provide an experience that is equitable to the entire congregation.

As we march onward and upward into this new year, I hope we hold tight to the sense of community and charity that was fostered in 2020. I will cherish the good times and learn from the bad; honor those we lost and celebrate those who have joined us anew.

I hope all of your holidays have been safe and fulfilling and can't wait to see you all again.

Yours Truly,

Jones Barton  
HUUC Board of Trustees

Please submit information for the **February Newsletter** by Monday, February 1st to Jessica at [gingermajick@hotmail.com](mailto:gingermajick@hotmail.com) • text or call 231.206.4947

