



Virtual!

Sunday Worship Services

Begin at 10:30 am

**Request an email with the
Zoom Link**

March 2021 Newsletter

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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.

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March 7th

"Exploring UU Principles through the Lens of Modern Children's Media"
Robin Dennany

March 14th

"Waist Deep in the Big Muddy" Rev. Fred Wooden

We live in interesting times, which is said to be a curse. Whether that's true or not, we have a lot on our plates right now. A story from my earliest years came to mind as I contemplated this message, which evoked a later memory of a song by Pete Seeger, which is the title of this message. Let's see what both the story and song have to teach us.

March 21st

"Welcoming Spring" Eli Fox

The last year and the last winter have felt especially long. As the first hints of green begin to emerge, join us to accept the turning of the seasons and welcome the spring equinox.

March 28th

Rev. Kristen Orion

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
email Jessica at gingermajick@hotmail.com



Hello friends,

Note from the Board

It is hard to believe that this month marks one year since we have been together in our beautiful building. What a year it has been! I am proud of the fact that we were able to transition to a virtual platform so quickly and I know the change has not been easy for many. I miss our building and I miss sharing physical space with you all. I also miss those who have not made the transition to meeting virtually and am looking forward to a time that we can safely return home together. Please know that the board is working to bring us back into our sanctuary as soon as possible and that as soon as the weather allows we will be planning outdoor activities to help bridge the gap. Until then, stay safe and know you are loved.

In Peace,
Rebecca StClair
HUUC Board Trustee

Greetings, everyone, from your Harbor UU Endowment Committee!

Although we're a little behind schedule this year, not even all the trials of 2020 have kept us from the very rewarding work of awarding grants in support of our congregation's mission of safe space, inspiration, truth-seeking, worship, learning, and building together.

This year we awarded a total of \$6468 to seven grant recipients, which included an award for each of the seven applications we received. We also welcomed our newest committee member, Nancy Steir, who replaces Sue McIntire. We hope Sue enjoys a well-earned break after her years of outstanding service!

You can learn about our endowment and how it works at <harboruu.org/interests/endowment/>. If you have further questions, comments, or interest in participating, please email endowment@harboruu.org

Please submit information for the **March Newsletter** by Monday, March 29th to Jessica at gingermajick@hotmail.com • text or call 231.206.4947



"Reflection & Connection Opportunities for March 2021"



Wednesday 3/3 - Reflection & Connection:

Do Tell ... (Virtual) Storytelling Circle

Simple storytelling prompts and questions will spark some spontaneous storytelling among friends. Come listen, share and connect in the comfort of your own home!
6-7pm zoom

SPECIAL OFFERING:

Sunday 3/7 - Harbor Family Fun Time!

Beachwood Park Snow Play Day

This local park has a walking trail, sliding hills, fire pit, and ice skating rink - perfect for a Harbor Family Play Day! Dress for the weather, bring camp chairs if desired; hot cocoa and cider provided. Help with set-up welcome, contact Kim Burr to assist.
2-5pm outdoors at 3157 Dune Street,
Muskegon 49441 (Beach Street at Resort)

Wednesday 3/10 - Reflection & Connection:

Three Simple Lines - (Virtual) Haiku Session

"old pond/ frog leaps in/ water's sound"

This well-known Japanese haiku by Bashō illustrates the simple beauty of this ancient poetry form.

With playful prompts and a meditative exercise we will explore the creative wonders of "three simple lines."

6-7pm zoom

Wednesday 3/17 - Reflection & Connection:

Winter Wandering -

Lost Lake Trail at Muskegon State Park

A moderately easy hiking trail, the Lost Lake Trail is a short 0.75 mile hike that winds through deep lowland to Lost Lake, a

pond-like lake known for its wide variety of wildflowers and native plants. This trail also connects to two other park trails, if you'd like a longer journey.

1-2pm weather permitting; meet at North Parking Lot, Snug Harbor

Wednesday 3/24 - Reflection & Connection:

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee - (Virtual) Book Group Discussion

With her brilliant analysis of how our country is divided and self-destructing, materially rich but spiritually starved and unequal, economist and cultural critic McGhee paints an irrefutable story of racism's costs - as well as her startling discovery of what she calls the Solidarity Dividend: gains that come when we join across race to accomplish together what we cannot alone. *Book can be ordered over Amazon, as well as Audible. If you'd like the book but would need a donated copy, contact Kim Burr.

6-7pm zoom

SPECIAL OFFERING:

Friday 3/26 - Harbor Family Fun Time!

ZOOM Game Night

Yahtzee, Bingo, and a few new games too! Join us for some plain old-fashioned fun in our new-fashioned virtual community, with a game night oriented toward adults and youth with adult assistance as needed. Simple supplies may be needed: paper, pens or pencils, dice. Online links or email resources may also be provided.

7-830pm zoom

All Zoom sessions will take place via Zoom Meeting

ID: 872 6765 3544; Passcode: HUUC

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87267653544?pwd=dUEzNmJNWw0YmhFQy9sSWVUZ29iZz09>





UU CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Dear UU Climate Action Network Members,

I am excited to announce that one month from now, on March 20, the UUA Green Sanctuary Program and UU Ministry for Earth are co-hosting the Whole Earth, Whole Church Congregational Climate Convergence directly following the Spring Equinox Worship and Opening Ceremony for the 2021 [Spring for Change - A Season of Sacred Activism](#). Please forward this information to your congregation's climate team and leadership and start assembling your cohort to attend together!

In faith,
Aly Tharp
Program Director, UU Ministry for Earth
Create Climate Justice manager, UUA Organizing Strategy Team



WHOLE EARTH, WHOLE CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL CLIMATE CONVERGENCE



Whole Earth, Whole Church Congregational Climate Convergence 11am-2pm PT / 12-3 MT / 1-4 CT / 2-5 ET

Calling all congregations committed to climate justice! This program, offered by the UUA Green Sanctuary Program & UU Ministry for Earth, is designed for congregational leaders to attend together to inspire and support congregational climate action. Ministers, religious educators, and lay leaders are encouraged to attend in teams of two to five people, but individual participants are welcome. *Sign up below!*

The Whole Earth, Whole Church Congregational Climate Convergence will begin with a session of inspirational grounding and a shared sense of the urgent need for this work, followed by a plenary session presented by Green Sanctuary 2030: Mobilizing for Climate Justice. This program provides a roadmap for congregations to really engage with climate activism and will focus on tools to build capacity for environmental justice work. Green Sanctuary 2030 will share inspiring stories of partnerships with frontline groups who are battling environmental injustices and new resources that can be useful for everyone, even congregations who were previously accredited or who choose not to pursue accreditation.

After the presentation we will offer place-based, congregational role-based, as well as BIPOC and Young Adult small breakout group sessions where participants will be invited to envision what transformative climate work would look like for them, followed by mixed listening circles where people can learn from each other's experience and vision. The final piece is a guided debriefing for congregational teams where you plan next steps and identify how UU Ministry for Earth and/or Green Sanctuary can help your group move forward.

Everyone who is concerned about the greatest physical, moral and spiritual challenge of our time is encouraged to attend whether or not your congregation is already involved.



HUUC'S VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER



CITY of the DEAD MUSKEGON

NOW AIRING ON YOUTUBE!

OUR FIRST VIRTUAL HISTORIC CEMETERY TOUR



Meet

Charlotte Marsh

George Outhwaite

The Hume Sisters

Charles Hackley

and

Many More!



*A historical tour of Muskegon's
oldest city-owned cemetery.*

Tour guides lead our virtual walking tour through towering monuments and towering trees while introducing guests to some of Evergreen Cemetery's residents. A full cast interprets Muskegon's former members through historical documentation, time-period clothing, context and language as we interpret this Victorian garden cemetery.



**Big Thanks to all of our
interpreters, organizers,
donators, coordinators:
Friends and Family of
HUUC and Beyond.**

**Deepest Gratitude to
Director Anna EldenBrady
and
Videographer Ray Williams**

*We could not have done this
production without any of you!*



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