



Sunday Worship Services

Begin at 10:30 am

Zoom With Us at

<https://zoom.us/j/91447658076>

Virtual!

August 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*

Kim Burr, *Coordinator of Religious Education*

HUUC Board of Trustees

Poppy Sias Hernandez, *President*

Robin Dennany, *Vice President*

Kurt Troutman, *Treasurer*

Jones Barton, *Secretary*

Member at Large:

Carolyn Holmes • Rebecca St. Clair • Jim Stier

August 1st

"Intersections and Interdependence--Reflections on Disability and Ableism in Unitarian Universalism"

Rowan Van Ness

Rowan Van Ness (she/her) is the 2021 Carolyn Cartland Sermon Award Winner. A Credentialed Religious Educator (Associates Level) and Candidate for Unitarian Universalist Ministry, Rowan earned her Master of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School in May 2021 and will be the ministerial intern at the First UU Society of Burlington, VT in 2021-2022.

August 8th

TBD

Robin Dennany

Back To In Person!

August 15th

"The Cradle Will Fall"

Rev. Fred Wooden

Thoughts on what that old and morbid song says about the times we live in.

This is our first service back in our sanctuary but will also be available on Zoom.

August 22nd

"Our Constitution and the Common Good"

Rev. Hal Porter

How has our nation fared since we finally came together "to form a more perfect Union?" Have we promoted "the general welfare?" Is "Originalism" the only way to interpret our Constitution?

August 29th

"Feathers and Rocks: What We Gather at the Waters Edge"

Rev. Kristen Orion

Walking along the beach where the water meets the sand is such a simple yet startlingly meaningful experience for so many of us. From summer to winter, childhood to yesterday, memories of walking the waters edge tumble before us, as plentiful as the treasures we have gathered through the years: bits of shell and smoothed pebbles, driftwood pieces and sleek feathers. We will listen to these gifts from the waters edge and gather their wisdom for the seasons of our lives.

Next HUUC Board Meeting: Monday August 9 • 7:30 pm
via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/93775234810> or room code 9377-5234-810
All are welcome!

Greetings from the Board of Trustees!

Hello HUUC Members & Friends,

After seemingly a lifetime of online services (1 ½ years), we are in the very home stretch of preparing to return to our building to worship together! The building is being thoroughly cleaned- **thank you Barbra Staffen**, we have new finished floors to show off and most importantly we will all be together. Our August 15 cannot come quickly enough! It has been so long we all need to become reacquainted.

Your HUUC Board has experienced slight changes. We welcome the addition of long time member, **Jim Stier**. His institutional expertise will help to guide the future of our congregation. We also extend our eternal thanks to departing board member & secretary, **Eli Fox**.

Poppy Sias-Hernandez has been retained as our congregational President. **Robin Dennany** is serving as the Vice-President. **Jones Barton** graciously accepted the position as the HUUC Secretary. **Carolyn Holmes** and **Rebecca St. Clair** maintain their positions as members-at-large. Our congregation is well served by the care and devotion of all of the board members.

Sue McIntire & the HUUC Choir are ready to share their voices of joy as we worship together through music. **David McIntire** continues to support HUUC through his enduring work as bookkeeper. He diligently handles all of the accounts payable; thus, he *"keeps the lights on."* We bid **Kate Huizinga** goodbye for now as she departs for California. Amazing that she would chose a state of perpetual sunshine over Michigan's 6 months of clouds & snow. Sue & Dave will rejoice with more frequent visits from **Jamie Huizinga**.

Jeff Ochsner's contributions in building maintenance are immense and illuminating. **Marie Cisneros** has artfully painted UUA logo's to the kitchen cabinets during the Covid pause. **Anna Elden-Brady** and the entire **City of the Dead Team** are preparing for yet another extraordinary year of historical theater. We are grateful for **Kim Burr's** extended contributions to HUUC over the past several years.

Our HUUC commitment to MAP (Mission Area People) is skillfully managed under **Kwame James'** stewardship. It does take a village! **Susan Fabrick, Tom Warner, Tim Hamlin** and **Alfredo Hernandez** are a large part of our HUUC village-we are all eager to welcome everyone back to Sunday services in August.

Angelo Hernandez is currently experiencing affairs of the heart in South Africa. **Carlos Hernandez**

brings his mother joy each time he raids the house for vittles and clean laundry.

The HUUC Lift is ready to bring all who enter our building to a place of comfort and joy- **Dale & Peggy Humphreys** will be among the first to ride the **Paul Kidd Memorial Lift**. We are grateful to **Marcia Hovey-Wright** for continually defending our HUUC inclusive values in the political arena.

Justin Holmes is forever in our thoughts as he is involved in some type of top secret government spy work at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. **Jenna Holmes** is a Peace Ambassador. She works with the Lansing School District on developing a safe and supportive environment for students who have been exposed to traumatic/toxic stress.

We are glad to have **Nancy Stier** in Muskegon permanently; less she melt in the Arizona sun-thank you for keeping HUUC in perpetual flowers. Keeping up with **Jim Thompson & Nancy Johnson** does not appear possible-they seem to have discovered a fountain of youth!

Michelle Martin-Mills & Dan Mills are both needed back at HUUC on Sundays. **Evelyn Petersen**, your seat at HUUC is waiting to be filled. **Jessica Cook**, your seats are also waiting. The entire **Fox-Forquer** pew is waiting to be filled by **Kali Forquer** and family. **Isy Collinge-Stahl**, your voice is requested in the choir.

Congrats to **Mary Van Slooten** for securing employment. **Gwen Williams** is an enduring pillar of mental health promotion and practice in our community. It was a joy to see **Darlene VanderKolk** join us at outdoor service in Kruse Park.

Deborah Margules, Ed Hasse and **Tyler Newton** you all have been gone too long from HUUC...but the path back is very short. **Jackie MacDonald**, we need a wild flower report. **Jerry Bakke** and the **Tuesday Lunch Buddies** continue to express unique UU fellowship. **Christine Cleary, Janet & Arielle Perreault**-everyone is welcome to return to service on August 15.

Scott Sheldon, our community needs the joy exuded by your guitar. **Jessica Sheldon**, your many long time commitments to HUUC, including a monthly newsletter, are inspiring.

For anyone I may have forgotten I apologize. The true joy of HUUC is that all are welcome and none are forgotten. I look forward to seeing everyone very soon.

Sincerely, Kurt Troutman
HUUC Treasurer

Please submit information for the **September Newsletter** by Monday, August 30th to Jessica at gingermajick@hotmail.com • text or call 231.206.4947