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or In Person!*

Sunday Worship Services

Begin at 10:30 am

Zoom With Us at

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

October 2021 Newsletter

H A R B O R Unitarian Universalist C O N G R E G A T I O N

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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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October 3rd

"Talking to the Headstones -or-

Why I Spend Months in a Cemetery"

Anna Elden Brady

Learn why ze has been the director of City of the Dead for the past 11 years of the event's 12 year history. Through ups and downs, the draw to the graveyard goes beyond the event itself, and while this meaning differs for every cast and crew member, ze will be sharing a window into zir beliefs on the value of this production on a personal level and zir relationship to the fading time of the year that anchors this production in zir heart.

October 10th

"What Holds?"

Rev. Kristen Orion

Fall is falling. Autumn, the season which speaks change like no other, is scattering her gold and orange and bronze promises of loss. The sage trees offer their timeless wisdom: let go, let go. And we will, and we do. And then ... ? May we discover also amidst the falling beauty of what holds.

October 17th

"Did the Lord Send Donald Trump?"

Dr. Brent Smith

Well, did God send Donald Trump, as a newspaper opinion piece asked during the last election? I think Donald Trump was sent by God. It was the country that voted him in and out as President. But, the meaning for our common life of his 4-year tenure as President and Tweeter-in-Chief, is a necessary analysis and not one that could be addressed in the heat of an election. Not how he became President, but the meaning of his becoming and serving as President. And now with his Presidency passing on, we can ask questions of significance in much the same way as is done with a life in a Memorial Service. On this Sunday we are intentionally pondering in awe the meaning of the life and events before us. The ultimate question remains the same in each: Wherein doth hope lie?

October 24th

"The Reformation and Beyond"

Jim Stier

October 31st

"Halloween"

Jessica Mae Sheldon

What is Halloween? Old or New? Christian or Pagan? Holy or Fun? Whether you're zooming or in-person wear your favorite seasonal get-up and join us for exploring this holiday!





Next HUUC Board Meeting: Monday October 11 • 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,

Most people content to remain living in Michigan mention the change in seasons as a reason for staying. **What does the transition from summer to fall mean to you?** Tees and shorts to long pants and knits? Lilies to mums? Baseball to football? To me it means all that and more, though I'm slow to embrace all the changes. Autumn is to people like spring is to plants. **It's all about beginnings** - new school year, new fiscal year for most governments and in general just back to business after taking the summer off for fun.

One of the things I look forward to at the end of summer is the **increased church attendance**. It's fun to meet new people and catch up on the lives of friends who were absent most of the summer. That kind of socializing does not work well for me on Zoom. Regarding the Sunday services, I know that most are not happy with the addition of a mask requirement and the subtraction of refreshments but we will continue to err on the side of your safety. No one will be happier than your HUUC Board when scientific consensus on guidelines and government regulation permits us to relax restrictions.

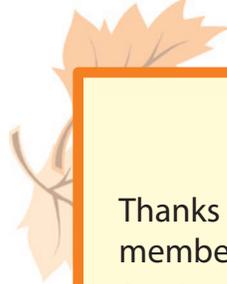
The pandemic's curtailment of our operations has actually made it easier to do some **important work on the building**. Many of you have already seen the resurfaced social hall floor. In addition to that, you will find a new floor and fresh paint in the basement bathroom, thanks to Nancy Stier. As Board liaison to Space and Grace, I would like to mention a few other things in the works. A contractor has looked at the leaky roof over the kitchen/restroom/back stairs area and he will be applying a temporary patch soon. Hopefully that will be followed with a new roof there next year. Apologies to those requiring use of the new lift and found it inoperable. The contractor asks for our patience as we await service. In the meantime, the lift is functioning but the user must open and close the door manually at the top level.

It's worth mentioning again the **volunteer opportunities** that exist at HUUC, particularly on the program committee. Sound/video and worship assistants are always welcome. Before closing, let me point out that it's not too early to think about your wish list for 2022. I'm sure the Endowment Committee will be sending out that reminder soon.

All the best to UU!

Jim Stier
Board Member





Get Funding for Your Vision!

Thanks to the inspired giving of past members and the continuing stewardship of present members, Harbor UU is blessed with the opportunity to award grants from our endowment fund each year to support special projects aligned with our mission. The **Endowment Committee** is accepting grant applications from now until December 1.

Our mission is to be "... a safe haven inspiring people to seek their own spiritual truths through worship and learning in community as we build a better world together." If you have something you'd like to do that would benefit from our community's financial support, please apply!

Applications can be downloaded at harboruu.org/endowment. Email completed applications to endowment@harboruu.org, or deliver hard copy applications to the Endowment Committee's mailbox in the office at the church.

Most of Us are Familiar with the UU Seven Principles:

Unitarian Universalists hold the Principles as strong values and moral teachings. The 7 Principles are a guide for those who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

But Did You Know.... There's an Eighth Principle?



The 8th Principle:

“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

From Jenny Teed, MUUSJN Special Projects Coordinator:

If you have not yet responded please do, the survey is quick and easy!

<https://forms.gle/Qzg6VCfpGHpWAEDKA>

Also curious if any of you attended the 8th Principle national call this month, or plan to attend in the future?

Looking forward to sharing more info and connections between our congregations and this work of racial justice. If you'd be interested in sharing what your congregation has done in a future MUUSJN Webinar, that would be super helpful- Let me know!

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HALLOWEEN ON!
October 31st
Wear your fave
seasonal attire!



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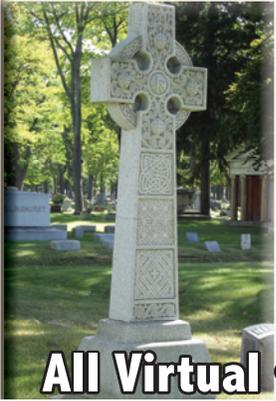
Please submit information for the **November Newsletter** by Monday, October 25th to
Jessica at gingermajick@hotmail.com • text or call 231.206.4947



**Premiering Saturday, October 9th 5pm
on our YouTube Channel**

**Cemetery Tours and Historical
Re-enactment of Our Local
Founders & Fellows**

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

Tour guides walk their groups 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 walk through this Victorian garden cemetery.