



November 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

Sunday Worship Services

Begin at 10:30 am

Zoom With Us at

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

*Virtual!
or In Person!*

November 7th

"Death, Planet Earth, & Us"

Jim Thompson

Methods of human body disposal in the United States are poisoning our planet and depleting our natural resources. "Transformation" is a natural and beneficial process to help heal our planet earth.

November 14th

"An Eternal Verity"

Dr. Louis Yock

Liberal religious values are religious values. We see to bind our differences into a strong and dynamic community that seeks to ever inspire those we encounter, and improve the lives of those near and far.

November 21st

"Ruth: A Harvest Time Comedy"

Bro. Tom Wagner

Thanksgiving celebrates the bounty of the land and the gathering of community. The biblical Book of Ruth, is set at harvest. It may be best known for an expression of undying loyalty. Yet it is also classic comedy as characters' decisions move the storyline from scarcity to abundance and from isolation to inclusion.

November 28th

Jone Barton

HUUC Board Member Jones Barton shares his insights and thoughts

HUUC is looking for 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



Next HUUC Board Meeting: Monday November 8 • 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!

Greetings family!

Happy November! It has been such a gift to be able to gather in person over the past several months. Attendance for in-person services has been encouraging considering the collective concern regarding where we are with the state of the pandemic. Carolyn Holmes continues to track the data and is informing our plans for congregating with a strong sense of responsibility around keeping each other safe. Please know that if you can join us in person, you will be doing so with the safest measures possible as we continue to incorporate masking and social distancing. If you do not feel safe attending the in-person services, please continue to join online.

November is an exciting month because the Endowment Fund committee is accepting requests! This is a unique opportunity to amplify and extend the reach for the vision of our congregation. Please consider completing a request online to support the work of our community! Contact any of the endowment committee members with questions about the process.

If you want to stay up to date on the work of the board, please check the website to see the minutes that our trusted board secretary Jones Barton makes available online promptly every month.

I want to take a moment here to thank all the folks involved in The City of the Dead event this year! What an awesome example of our congregation's love of creativity and community engagement! Thank you Anna Eldenbrady, for your steadfast commitment to making this happen come pandemic or shine! If you haven't already seen it, you can find it on the "City of the Dead" facebook page.

Lastly, David McIntire announced a postponed event that we had planned to host at the church. I wanted to share with you all that while we are meeting in very limited ways as a full community/congregation, our building is a tremendous resource and should be used. If you have gatherings that you would like to host in the church (using covid safe protocols), please contact the board and we will do what we can to support it.

*As Always,
In gratitude and service (on behalf of the board)
Poppy*



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.

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."



FYI: there was a concert by folk musician Bill Staines scheduled for November 3rd at HUUC. That concert has been postponed. He had to cancel his remaining tour dates, which includes his concert at HUUC. Stay tuned for updates on re-scheduling!



Like Us!

Like our public page: Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation, and ask to be a member of our **GROUP Facebook page**. "Harbor UU News and Events"



MUUSJN

We need a Board member from West Michigan in addition to myself! Here is a message below from our director Randy Block about the board.

Thanks, Dave



--The MUUSJN Board adopted the attached justice goals for MUUSJN for 2021 and later identified six priorities: voting/civic engagement; racial justice/challenging racism; women's and LGBTQ+ justice; water rights and environmental justice; economic justice/poverty; and expanding the capacity of MUUSJN's statewide network.

MUUSJN Board members are persons who report on justice issues and programs that are happening in their congregations and also are asked to learn and report justice related activities happening in other UU congregations in their regions in Michigan (usually 4-5 congregations). Board reports are shared at Board meetings held every three months typically on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Board members are responsible for helping MUUSJN to be aware of UU justice concerns and for making decisions about the statewide network's priorities and plans. Board members are the eyes and ears of the Michigan UU justice communities. Board members are expected to attend at least three of the four quarterly meetings per year and are asked to review reports and recommendations in advance of Board meetings. Currently MUUSJN has six part time consultants: a Director; an Economic and Women's Justice Organizer; an LGBTQ+ Justice Organizer, a Racial Justice Organizer, a Special Projects Director (working on environmental and racial justice issues); and a Website and Social Media consultant.

I founded MUUSJN in 2002 and have been able to mobilize grants and membership support from individuals and congregations. With these resources and involvement of UU's and our allies, we have been able to expand our network statewide and expand our issue advocacy. MUUSJN has a history of doing legislative advocacy and regularly sends its statewide network of about 3,000 people Action Alerts that provide information and actions UU's can take to promote justice. For more information, you may visit our website: <http://www.uujustice.org>

If you have further questions, you may call or text me at 248-224-5572 (cell).

Together, we can do great things,
Randy Block, MSW, Director (he, him, his)
Michigan UU Social Justice Network

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

