



## February 2022 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*  
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### *Member at Large:*

Carolyn Holmes • Rebecca St. Clair • Jim Stier

## Sunday Worship Services

Begin at 10:30am

In-person at 1296 Montgomery, Muskegon, 49441

Zoom With Us at <https://zoom.us/j/91447658076>

*Virtual!  
or In Person!*

### February 6th

*"Life and Legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu"*

Kurt Troutman

Kurt has prepared a whimsical photo review of the Archbishop with some of the Archbishop's favorite verses and messages.

### February 13th

*"Love For Now"*

Rev. Matthew Cockrum

Showing up as a loving presence in our lives looks different from day to day, let alone across a lifetime. Join Rev. Matthew Cockrum in an exploration of the past, present and future of love in our liberal and liberating faith.

*Rev. Matthew Cockrum is a Unitarian Universalist minister currently serving as a hospice chaplain in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has ministered in hospitals and in congregations and also has spiritual direction and yoga instruction practices.*

### February 20th & February 27th

*"IMAGINE"*

Baba Teddy (Ted Jauw)

In two consecutive Sundays, Baba Teddy will guide us through a process of Re-Imagining what our church, our community and our selves can be and bring us to.

### February 27th

*\*Choir Sunday!*



## Greetings from the Board of Trustees!

Greetings family!

I hope everyone's 2022 is shaping up to be better than 2021! I have so appreciated being able to gather in person with all of you. I am especially grateful to our worship committee – Sue McIntire, Carolyn Holmes and Rebecca St.Clair – they have successfully curated amazing experiences for our community through extremely challenging circumstances. The choir (with Sue's leadership) and the combination of our congregational leaders and consulting ministers make me feel so grateful to have a church home.

We also want to thank Barb Witte for her service to our community. Her care of the building and the administrative services she provides are deeply appreciated. Big thank you to Jim Stier and Kim Burr for their continued efforts to work out the glitches with the elevator – being an accessible congregation is so close!!

In the spirit of keeping our community informed about our COVID safety protocols, the board continues to track the county data regarding infection rates. Currently, we are continuing with masking and social distancing as well as asking in-person service participants to continue to sign in when they enter the building. Also, if you test positive and have attended in-person services, please contact the board in case we need to notify others who were in attendance. Please keep in mind that while some of these practices may feel extreme, we are doing our best to protect those among us who are most vulnerable. If you have concerns you want the board to know about, join us for our meetings on the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm or send any of us an email. Lastly on COVID, if you are interested in a vaccine or booster, there are many opportunities to partake which you can learn about through the [maskupmuskegon.org](http://maskupmuskegon.org) website.

We recently recertified with the UUA. While we are experiencing the same challenges as many other churches during the pandemic, we remain in strong fiscal health, and I am cautiously optimistic despite lower attendance numbers. This is a time for our community to think about what we want our congregation to be moving forward. The board will spend the next several weeks in conversation and exploration on "what's possible for us" – to be followed by community conversations with our congregation.

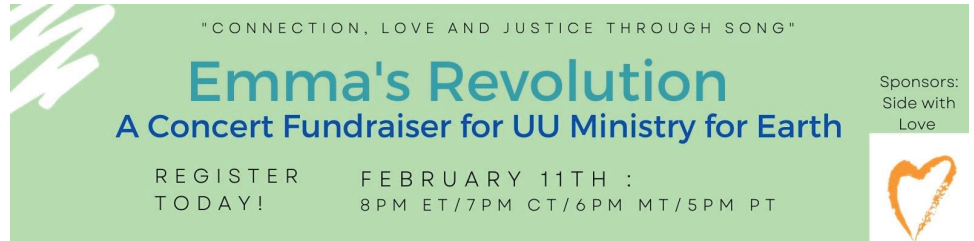
In the meantime, please take advantage of Kundalini yoga on Monday nights being offered at the church by Gretchen Cline from 5:30-6:30pm. It is open to all with a suggested donation of \$5 and don't forget to please bring your own mat.

In service and gratitude,

Poppy (on behalf of the board of directors  
Board President



Next HUUC Board Meeting: Monday February 14 • 7:30 pm  
via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/93775234810> or room code 9377-5234-810  
All are welcome!



Greetings!

I hope you are safe and well as can be at this time.

As January comes to a close, Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth and Side with Love are excited to co-sponsor a winter concert fundraiser for Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth on Friday, February 11th (8 pm ET/7pm CT/6pm MT/5pm PT) -- with the exceptional duo of Emma's Revolution!

Join UU Ministry for Earth to pause for excellent music, a conversation about music for climate justice during this moment, and to be galvanized for the work ahead!

I and the team at UU Ministry for Earth are grateful for the deep work all of you do in so many spaces for justice, equity and compassion. May we embody our principles in community in the days and weeks ahead!

In gratitude,  
Rev. Daniel Lawlor (he/him), Co-Director, UU Ministry for Earth



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Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation,  
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our **GROUP Facebook page**.  
"Harbor UU News and Events"



Starting Monday, January 31, 2022 -  
we are hosting Gretchen Cline who  
will teach Kundalini yoga from 5:30-  
6:30 at the church. Open to anyone  
interested - suggested donation of  
\$5. Be sure to bring your own mat:)



Please submit information for the **March Newsletter** by Monday, February 28th to  
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