



June 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*

HUUC Board of Trustees

Poppy Sias Hernandez, *President*
Robin Dennany, *Vice President*
Kurt Troutman, *Treasurer*
Jones Barton, *Secretary*

Members at Large:

Carolyn Holmes • Rebecca St. Clair • Jim Stier

Sunday Worship Services

*Virtual!
or In Person!*

**Begin at
10:30am**

June 5th

"Flower Communion"

Robin Dennany

Bring a flower for this annual UU tradition

June 12th

"Summer of...Love?"

Rev. Matthew Cockrum

What do the words "Summer Love" conjure up for you? Memories? Hopes? Regrets? Perhaps a song from Grease? Join Rev. Matthew Cockrum in an exploration of what it might look like to make a new kind of summer of love this year - Unitarian Universalist-style!

June 19th

"Free-ish Since 1865"

Kwame Kamau James

Let's have a look at why it's taken over 150 years for this nation to (begin to) recognize Juneteenth as a cause for celebration... and what it could mean for our next mission as "social justice warriors"!

June 26th

"Embracing the Gay Agenda"

Anna Elden Brady

While June is widely recognized as LGBTQ+ Pride Month, there are dozens of smaller commemorations and events throughout the year to acknowledge a wide range of experiences and identities. It may seem excessive to recognize every smaller subset of the queer community, but taking the time to do so can mean the world for someone who feels otherwise invisible, even within their own minority group. Join Anna L. Elden Brady for her take on why it is important to celebrate the full kaleidoscope of dates in the Gay Agenda, from January's historical court decisions and No Name Calling Week, to the anniversary of the founding of the Society for Human Rights (1924) in December.

July 3rd

"Free Speech Sunday"

Kurt Troutman

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

Greetings from the Board of Trustees!

Greetings family-

On behalf of the board, I have a few updates to share with you. The board will continue to fill the pulpit at least one Sunday per month over the next year. We are grateful to the worship committee for their work and to the members of our congregation who bring us amazing sermons every week. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carolyn Holmes or any member of the worship committee. We are also happy to share that our pledge drive was a success, and we currently have a balanced budget as we march into our next fiscal year. Thank you to all of you for your generosity!

A couple of other things of note, our kids are back, we have snacks, and the flowers are blooming!! Jakayla Lang is providing childcare during the service so be sure to welcome her if you see her. Mary Vanslooten has volunteered to be our temporary snack person and my belly thanks her! Nancy Stier makes sure that when we come to church, we are welcomed with beauty. Please join me in thanking them for their service!

On our journey to finding a minister, we have consulted with Matthew Cockrum. We are talking with him about the possibility of helping us assess our readiness for a ministerial search and mapping out our next steps. We will have more information coming soon about ways you can have your questions answered, your concerns heard and participate in the process. As promised, the board will not make any decisions without consulting the congregation so please stay tuned for more information and opportunities to "push in" on the process.

We recently had a request from our neighbors at Unity Church. They sold their building and they have asked if we can host them temporarily while they search for their new home. We don't have more information than this, but we will do our best to keep you all informed of the progress. Please know that we want to be gracious to them in that they are going through a difficult time, and we are mindful of any potential impacts to our community/congregation.

I know that have shared a lot of information in this month's update. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the board with questions or concerns. Also, watch/listen for updates via facebook, email, and at church.

As always, I am so grateful for all of you and the opportunity to serve in our community.

With love-
Poppy

Endowment Fund

The Board has approved plans by the Endowment Fund Committee to award six grants this year, with a total value of \$6525. Three scholarships were awarded to **Jaden Duquette, Jamie Huizinga, and Rhian Williams**. \$550 was awarded to the **Boys and Girls Club** for training expenses for water safety instructors, \$700 was awarded to our choir members for use at the **Assocation of UU Music Ministries Conference**, and \$3475 was awarded for **Building Repair**. There is a balance in the endowment fund of \$171,006.92.

Do Your Best to Protect Us!

HUUC Mask Requirement Lifted

- The board continues to track the county data regarding COVID infection rates
- We are continuing with social distancing, **wear a mask at your own discretion**
- In-person service participants: please continue to sign in when entering the building
- If you test positive and have attended in-person services, please contact the board



Evergreen Cemetery • 391 Irwin Ave • 49442

Cast Meeting!

Saturday, June 18th • 1-3pm

We're Back!

Casting will be announced!

Meet the other members of the cast, share ideas and get answers to all your questions!

RSVP HELPFUL!

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Please submit information for the **July Newsletter** by Monday, June 20th to Jessica at gingermajick@hotmail.com • text or call 231.206.4947



**Deepest Congratulations to Jones Barton
for receiving this year's Mason-Berlow Award!**



**New Member Sunday on April 3rd Welcomes New Member
(and longtime friend) Jeff Justin!**

**Anyone interested in becoming a member of HUUC or
learning more about Unitarian Universalism**

contact Carolyn Holmes. She can arrange an information session to get
answers to questions you may have.

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