



October 2023 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 • Kal Fox

Sunday Worship Services

*Virtual!
or In Person!*

**Begin at
10:30am**

October 1st

"Stability"

Board Member Robin Dennany

originally written by John A. Buehrens, former President of Unitarian Universalist Association and co-author of *A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism* and *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive*

October 8th

"Indigenous Peoples' Day"

Arionna Huffman

This message will share Arionna's personal journey and experiences growing up as an anishinaabe person and her reclamation of indigenous culture and beliefs.

October 15th

"A New Chapter"

Jeff Holmes

Jeff returns to the pulpit to share his life-changing experiences and spiritual challenges post-retirement.

October 22nd

"Changed How?"

Rev. Matthew Cockrum

What's your habitual response to change? Do you relish or resist it? How much depends on choice? As autumnal darkness deepens, Rev. Matthew Cockrum returns to the HUUC pulpit for an exploration of change.

October 29th

"Merry Meet Again"

HUUC Earth-Based Spiritualists

Join us to celebrate the turning of the wheel of the year once more. This Samhain service will incorporate a variety of Earth-Based Spiritual traditions and will be held in-the-round in the social hall.... Feel free to dress for the season in your witch hat or cozy autumn sweater!

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

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Dear Members and friends of the congregation,

We hope this message finds you well, in good health, and high spirits. In the spirit of fostering open communication and transparency, we, the Board of Directors, want to address a recent incident that has come to our attention. While we are committed to safeguarding the privacy of all involved, we believe it is essential to reaffirm our unwavering **dedication to creating a safe and inclusive space** within our beloved congregation.

Join us in upholding our commitment to a **Safe Congregational Space** at Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation. We prioritize respect, inclusivity, and promptly addressing any concerns. If you witness or experience harassment or abuse, please report it to our Board of Directors, knowing that your confidentiality and support are assured. Together, we affirm our devotion to inclusion, diversity, and non-discrimination, striving to create a community where all are valued and respected.

As a Board, **we are not passive observers** when it comes to matters of safety and well-being. We take this responsibility seriously, and we are here to support any member who has experienced any form of abuse or harassment. Your trust in our commitment to addressing these issues is of paramount importance to us, and we will continue to work diligently to ensure that Harbor UU remains a welcoming and nurturing community for all.

Our congregation is founded on principles of **justice, equity, and compassion**, and we will remain unwavering in our dedication to these values. We understand that building a community of inclusion and respect requires continuous effort and vigilance, and we are grateful for your partnership in this endeavor.

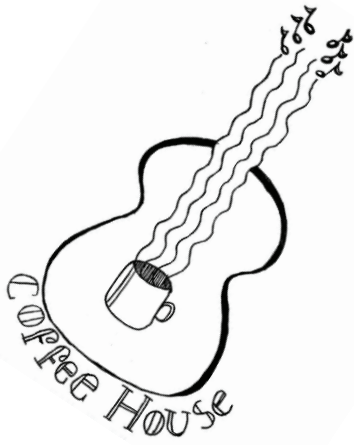
If you ever find yourself in need of support, have concerns to share, or require assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to listen, to act, and to ensure that Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation remains a haven of love, acceptance, and safety for all.

In beloved community,

Robin Dennany
on behalf of the HUUC Board Trustees

If you ever have any questions for the Board you can contact us via e mail at
trustees@harboruu.org

Next HUUC Board Meeting: Monday, October 16th • 6:30 pm
All are welcome!
in person or via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96744707168>



Coffee House

Saturday, October 21st
7-9pm at HUUC

Bring your instrument, voice, poetry, or joke and join us for the evening.

Some snacks provided, but feel free to bring one along with your favorite beverage.



IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE:

LOVE IS LOVE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY, & GOOD

WOMEN HAVE AGENCY OVER THEIR BODIES

 UUA.ORG/IMAGES

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.

News from C A R I N G COMMITTEE...

The caring team has become a strong and vital part of our UU experience. We acknowledge the vital and valuable part we play in this sacred space and to that end, we hope that you will turn to us for any issue that is a concern in your life. We are here to help you carry those difficulties that make knots in our lives. We offer a hand, a shoulder or an ear for those times. Please reach out - we are here.

Condolences to **Blake Daugherty** on the loss of his father.

Several people attended all of HUUC services in SEPTEMBER (either in person or on Zoom). Out of those with perfect attendance we drew a name to win a prize. **Congratulations to Rebecca St. Clair!**

We appreciate you continuing to show up at HUUC!

We have five members:

Sue McIntire, Christine Cleary, Chad Axe, Nancy Johnson, and Ange Barnes.

(If you would like to be involved in any way, please let one of us know.)

Contact: Sue McIntire (231) 563-3988



A note from John Dietrick:

My sister, Becky, has climbed a lot of difficult hills in her lifetime. Starting with a dysfunctional family life and an abusive father, she went downhill from there. **She survived.** And now she is devoting her life to help other women who are trying to climb out of their own valleys and reach for those hilltops where they can see a new life in front of them.

In these last years Becky has founded an organization called **Papa's House** to give troubled women a place to live during their transition to healing and self-sufficiency. During this time, women are mentored, counseled and supported while they heal and get their lives in order. She now has one home and plans for number two, and a thriving community dependent only on contributions. It is faith based and a registered 501(c)3 entity.

Six years ago my sister took time out of this heart-felt journey that she is on to help me through a life-changing trauma. **Now it's my turn for payback.**

I'm attempting a 104 mile hike (with a support team because after all I AM 76 years old) to gather contributions for Papa's House and for my sister's cause.

If you are moved to contribute either monetarily or by being a part of this adventure with me, I thank you and welcome you gratefully. **Donations can be made on this website:**

papashouseus.com

And if you'd like to join me and Ange up on the North Country Trail on the shores of Lake Superior beginning October 2, just contact me at

**johndtrck861@gmail.com / 989-304-1795
or angebarnes70@gmail.com**

**Editor's Note: link has been corrected from previously published notice*



Cozy Craft Circle

meets every-other Monday 6:30-8:30pm in the social hall. Bring a work-in-progress, something new, or just a notebook to brainstorm and collect inspiration. You are encouraged to bring a beverage of choice and snacks to share. This is a welcoming space to stretch your creativity and socialize. We'll use the side door, but if you need the front door available for accessibility, message Robin at 2482291601. Join our FB group, via the HUUC News and Events page - Cozy Craft Corner. Happy Crafting!

Chalice Circles



Chalice circles are small groups of 8-10 people that gather once or twice a month to discuss topics of spirituality and life. In sharing their stories, deep friendships are formed and community is cemented. From personal experience I know that this expression of small group ministry is fun, rewarding and helpful for both personal growth and community relationships. Do you think it might find a home at Harbor UU? If you think you would like to be part of a group or be a group leader, or if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me at angebarnes70@gmail.com or 303-717-6366.



Prayer Walk to End Gun Violence

HUUC was proud to have such a large group at the Prayer Walk to End Gun Violence organized by the Council of Churches. There was a good turnout representing around 10 other churches and ministers. We walked to the downtown churches and the minister of each led a prayer. Orange ribbons were tied to the doors of each.

YOGA ALL WELCOME!



Thursdays 5:30-6:30
1296 Montgomery • 49441
Bring a Mat & a Friend!

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

CITY of the DEAD MUSKEGON

In-Person Historical Walking Tours

Begin every 15 minutes

Saturday, October 14th 5-8pm

Sunday, October 15th 2-4pm

Tickets \$5
Kids under 12 Free

- Wear Walking shoes
- Dress for the weather
- "After Dark" tours: bring a flashlight
- Tours last approximately 1 hour



Evergreen Cemetery
400 Irwin • Muskegon • 49442

facebook.com/cityofthedeadmuskegon

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2023 OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30a Worship 2:00p COTD Cast Rehearsal	2 6:30 EBS	3	4 6:00p Choir	5 5:30p Yoga	6 4:30p 4H Mtg	7
8 10:30a Worship 2:00p COTD Cast Rehearsal	9 6:30p Craft Corner	10	11 6:00p Choir	12 5:30p Yoga	13 5:30p COTD Dress Rehearsal	14 5:00p City of the Dead Tours
15 10:30a Worship 2:00 City of the Dead Tours	16 6:30p Board Mtg	17 7:30p Worship Committee	18 6:00 Choir	19 5:30p Yoga	20 3:30p Supper House 4:30p 4H Mtg	21 7:00p Coffee House
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