

HARBOR Unitarian Universalist ONGREGATION

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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 deepend, 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: rolyn Holmes • Rebecca St. Clair • Kal Fox

Sunday Worship Services Virtual! Or In Person! 10:30am

January 7th

"Restorative Practices"

Anna EldenBrady

Strengthening relationships between individuals as well as social connections within communities.

January 14th

"Pilgrim Life"

Rev. Fred Wooden

If life is a journey, spiritual life must be a pilgrimage. How does that work for folks like us, though?

January 21st

"Getting Through the Night"

Jones Barton

Our faith tradition offers some guidance for dealing with the stress that comes from life's struggles. Join us in the spirit of science, intuition, and truth to manage and overcome the darkest times.

January 28th

"The Way Leads On"

Rev. Matthew Cockrum

As we continue on the journey towards Beloved Community what and who do you remember and release? What are you on a pilgrimage towards? Join Rev. Matthew Cockrum as he returns to the pulpit.

Choir Sunday

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

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 • Arionna Huffman • Peggy Humphreys • Kwame James • Sue McIntire • Jessica Sheldon • Rebecca St. Clair

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 **Chad Axe** on the loss of his father.

Healing thoughts to Ernie Boone.

Healing energy to **Dan Martin Mills**.

Condolences to **Susan Fabrick**, **Joe Glatz**, **Anna EldenBrady and Family** on the loss of father and friend Eric Glatz.

Caring and comfort and to **ALL our members and friends** who have recently had COVID.

Caring thoughts to **Sue McIntyre and Family** as her nephew heals after traumatically being hit by a car.

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

In Jemory Eric Glatz



Eric Joseph Glatz, 74, passed away Saturday, December 25, 2023.

Eric was born January 9, 1949, the son of Erich and Sylvia Glatz. He was blessed with two sons in his life. Eric was a member of the Industrial Workers of the World and The United Steel Workers of America. He was a talented guitar player, and enjoyed fishing, train sets and was always known to have some kind of pet reptile. He was a kind, caring man who was always known to have a good story and a laugh. He will be deeply missed.

Eric is survived by: his children, Brendan (April) Glatz, and Joe (Anna EdenBrady) Glatz; grandchildren, Ryan (Hailee), Kayla (Aaron), Jonathan, Nicholas, Emily, Lucy, and Charlie; great-grandchildren, Kennadie, Kaycen, Daytona, and Avalon; and former spouse Susan Fabrick.

In keeping with his wishes Cremation will take place and no services are being planned at this time.

The Endowment Committee

is pleased to announce we will award \$6,400 to seven applicants for grant work in 2024. Awards include:

Applicant	Benefit Category	Project	
HUUC Social Action Committee	Community Outreach	Community Resource Booklet	
HUUC Music Program	Educational Opportunities	AUUMM Conference 2024	
Boys & Girls Club of the Lakeshore	Community Outreach	Great Futures - 8 Lifeguard Certifications	
HUUC Leadership Development	Educational Opportunities	<u>Spark Retreat 2024</u> - 2 Admissions	
Jamie Huizenga	Educational Opportunities	Medical School - University of Michigan	
Lizzie Lam	Educational Opportunities	Bachelor Degree - Hope College	
Kaleb Lam	Educational Opportunities	Bachelor Degree - Grand Valley State University	

Thank you to the 2024 Endowment Grant Committee:
Eli Fox, Chair
Kwame James, Financial Secretary
Anna Eldenbrady, Nancy Stier, Ange Barnes

For questions or details, please contact Eli Fox, endowment@harboruu.org

FYI! A seat on the 2025 Endowment Committee is opening soon! Are you interested in working to forward HUUC's mission through grant work? Please contact Eli or Board Chair Poppy with interest.



The HUUC Social Action Committee is:

Thank you all for your donations to Adopt-A-Family for Every Woman's Place! We are coming down to the wire and if you still have any money left in your pockets, we need the following: a swifter wet-jet mop; a 3-drawer plastic storage container; a baker's rack; LOL doll and LOL room decor for a young girl.

Producing a paper copy directory of services for the poor, including phone numbers and addresses. EWP gave us their list with websites, but we thought that might be challenging for some folk. We added some services for LGBTQ folk and others. We hope this project will be funded by our endowment fund. We plan to distribute it to all agencies that serve the poor. Thank you to **Chad Axe** for doing all the leg work.

Next HUUC Board Meeting: Monday, January 15 • 6:30 pm All are welcome!

in person or via zoom: https://zoom.us/j/96744707168



Worship & Music Committee

January 16 at 7:30 pm

Meet via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/91447658076

Contact Carolyn Holmes with interest



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!

Yoga at HUUC Thursdays @ 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a yoga class Thursday evenings here at HUUC led by Blake Daugherty. Come explore how to listen to and love your body and soul, and calm the mind through the practice of gentle movement, meditation, and breathwork. We will also be incorporating Qigong, an ancient practice related to Tai Chi that focuses on circulating energy through the body. This will be a gentle, restorative class for all levels, including those who would like to use a chair. Bring your mat with you, and also blocks and a blanket if you would like. Donations will be accepted to raise money for the church. Contact Blake at 231-750-0064 or blake.daugherty27@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 angebarnes 70@gmail.com or 303-717-6366.

MUUSJN

To: MUUSJN Board and UU Social Justice Leaders

The MUUSJN team requests your help in publicizing our \$4k Matching Grant Challenge to your congregation or fellowship. Our work is funded by congregational and individual donations, as well as grants. Please include news of our \$4k Matching Grant Challenge in your church newsletter, Facebook page, or other communication channels. *Following is text and graphics for you to copy for this purpose.* Please contact us if we can help with other formats for you to use (see contact information below).

The **Michigan UU Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)** is a statewide alliance of UU congregations. Its director and consultants help to leverage expertise, coalition-building among UUs and partner organizations, and the strengths of congregational social justice efforts to expand the impact of our collective justice-making.

MUUSJN is excited to announce a **\$4k Matching Grant Challenge**. The Unitarian Universalist Funding Program will match all contributions to MUUSJN up to a total of \$4,000. Your support will go twice as far in creating positive change!

Donate Today: Click <u>here</u> or scan the QR code, then click the Donate button to pay via Paypal or credit or debit card. [This QR code links to the MUUSJN website]



Your generosity will fund:

- Educational Workshops: Equipping individuals
 with the skills and knowledge to be effective allies
 for LGBTQ+, BIPOC, and other historically
 marginalized communities. MUUSJN is also
 working to educate UU's and advocate for the
 dignity of Native Americans.
- Policy Change Campaigns: Influencing policy changes that address systemic inequalities and promote justice. From ending child marriage and protecting reproductive rights to reforming the cash bail system and enacting sensible gun reforms, MUUSJN will continue to push for legislative action that reflects our UU values and those of our justice partners.
- Support for UU Congregations and Partner Organizations: Providing resources in support of anti-racism and anti-oppression work that will help to build the Beloved Community throughout our UU movement and beyond.

Donate today and your dollars will be doubled thanks to a matching grant from the UU Program Fund!





Safe Congregation Policy Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Statement of Commitment

We, the Board of Trustees of Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation, wholeheartedly commit to fostering a Safe Congregational Space that is unwaveringly free from harassment, abuse, and discrimination. Our primary aim is to ensure the safety, well-being, and dignity of all members, visitors, and staff.

Code of Conduct

Acceptable behavior and interactions within our congregation are grounded in respect, inclusivity, and the nurturing of a vibrant community atmosphere. We affirm the values and principles espoused by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), and we warmly welcome all individuals who share a commitment to living in harmony with these principles.

Reporting Procedures

We recognize the importance of promptly addressing any incidents of harassment, abuse, or violations of this policy. We strongly encourage anyone who witnesses or experiences such behavior to report it to the Board of Directors. Timely reporting is encouraged, and we assure confidentiality and unwavering support for those who come forward.

Protection

Above all, we empower and support individuals who have experienced harassment, abuse, or policy violations to establish and assert personal boundaries that ensure their safety. This may include asserting their right to ask the perpetrator to cease, discontinuing any interactions on social media platforms, and making the choice to disengage from the individual involved. Furthermore, we encourage our members and guests to explore all available legal avenues for protection, which may include seeking Personal Protection Orders or other legal remedies.

Statement of Inclusion, Diversity, and Non-Discrimination

Inclusion, diversity, and non-discrimination are not only fundamental principles of our faith but also the cornerstone of this policy and our communal interactions. We affirm our commitment to embracing and celebrating the rich tapestry of humanity. We are resolute in our stance against discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ability, socioeconomic status, or any other characteristic. We pledge to create a community where every individual is valued and respected, and where their unique contributions enrich our shared experience.

Conclusion

By upholding these principles and values, we reaffirm our dedication to creating a sanctuary of safety, respect, and belonging for all who seek solace and spiritual growth within Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Together, we aspire to build a congregation where love, compassion, and justice flourish, and where every member can thrive in an environment of trust and support.



January 2024 Calendar

HARBOR Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION

Sat	9	13	20	27	***
Fri	5 4:30p 4H Mtg	12	3:30p Supper House 4:30p 4H Mtg	26	
	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5:30p Yoga	5:30p Yoga	5:30p Yoga	5:30p Yoga	
	M	10	17	24	31
Wed	6:00p Choir	6:00p Choir	6:00p Choir	6:00p Choir	6:00p Choir
Tue	2	6	16 7:30p Worship Committee -Zoom-	23	30
Mon	1 6:30p Craft Corner	8	15 6:30p Board Mtg 6:30p Craft Corner	22	29 6:30p Craft Corner 7:00p Newsletter Deadline
Sun		7 10:30a Worship	14 10:30a Worship	21 10:30a Worship 12:00p Potluck	28 10:30a Worship