



July 2024 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:

Rebecca St. Clair • Kal Fox • Christine Cleary

Sunday Worship Services

*Virtual!
or In Person!*

Begin at
10:30am

July 7th

"Work and Rest: The Rhythm of Our Lives, By Cathy Bowers, Presented by a Workaholic" Jones Barton

July 14th

"Making Peace with War" Lorraine LaFerriere
For Unitarian Universalists, the exercise of individual conscience is holy work. Conscientious discernment leads us to engage in the creation of peace in different ways. We affirm a range of individual choices, including military service and conscientious objection (whether to all wars or particular wars), as fully compatible with Unitarian Universalism.

July 21st

"The Prodigal Son" Bro. Tom Wagner
In Luke Ch. 15, Jesus told three "lost & found" stories or "parables". The last and longest of the series commonly has been labeled "The Prodigal Son", though "A Father and Two Lost Sons" might be more descriptive. Many commentators consider the parable a key metaphor of the Christian faith. We will explore the story in its larger literary context. We will also walk through the points of view of the younger son, the older son and the father, using insights from Henri Nouwen and Karl Barth.

July 28th

"Bearing In Mind" Dr. Louis Yock
We have more ability to control and manage what we are thinking and feeling than we sometimes give ourselves credit for. It is good to be aware of how we can catch our thoughts, and increase our positive thinking and actions.

Upcoming:

August 4th

"Flower Communion"

September 8th

"Water Ceremony"

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

While you enjoy Summer Adventures...

Remember to
gather
**A SAMPLE OF
WATER**



for our
**Annual Fall
Ingathering
Service**

September 8 will be our annual Water Communion! Also known as the Water Ceremony, this is a Unitarian Universalist (UU) worship service that originated in the 1980s. During the service, members of the congregation bring small amounts of water from a special place or occasion to a large bowl, where they pour it together. The collection is symbolic of each of us bringing our lives and experiences together in one community and as the blended water is given back to the earth it symbolizes what we may be able to give to the world going forward. Be sure to collect a small sample of water over the Summer months to bring to the service on September 8th!

Membership Committee

**Interested in learning
more about UU or
becoming a member of
Harbor UU?**

If you are interested in membership at HUUC or know someone who may be interested, this will be a great time for them to check out what HUUC is all about. Watch the August newsletter for more information and pass the word if you know anyone who may be "church shopping" this Summer.



Worship & Music Committee

August 20th at 7:30 pm

via Zoom the link is

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

All are welcome!

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.

Congratulations to **Jamie Huizinga** on her graduation from University of MI medical school. She will begin her OB/GYN residency in Grand Rapids in June.

Congratulations to **Rhian Williams and Sosse (Chanise) Love** on their marriage on June 8th.

Congratulations to **Kate Huizinga and Sam Stewart** on their marriage on June 22nd.

Congratulations to **Eli Fox** on her new job.

Healing thoughts to **Jim Thompson, Judy Spitler, and Dale Humphreys**

We have four members:

Sue McIntire, Christine Cleary,

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



Thanks to Eli & Team for putting together a great Children's and Educational Achievement moment during June 9th service



Hello All,

The **Muskegon Tree Storm of 2024** caused severe damage all throughout the McGraft neighborhood, but HUUC was saved!

Nancy Stier was first on the scene to assess damages and fortunately she took some spectacular photos from the HUUC parking lot as well as walking a few steps down the street. Kwame and I joined her in checking upon our beloved building confirming her report that all is well.

Cheers, Kurt



Muskegon County Cooperating Churches Peace and Justice Committee is sponsoring an Interfaith

PRAYER WALK AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

United we gather with love for God and our neighbors
In honor of the many killed by gun violence in our community



we gather wearing

BLAZE ORANGE



the color that people wear in the outdoors
that proclaims in **LIVING COLOR** ---



***PLEASE SEE ME
DO NOT SHOOT ME***



Sunday, August 25 --- 4:00-6:00 pm
Hackley Park – gather at 3:45 pm

PRAYING! SINGING! SOLIDARITY! SAFETY! ACTION!

The Walk will begin and end at Hackley Park. Prayer and singing will take place in the park during the prayer walk. We will be united in prayer regardless of your ability to physically make the journey. Stops will include worship locations, our county building, and our city building.

String backpacks and orange ribbons will be given out as supplies last. Please wear orange. We will have a limited supply of orange shirts to purchase. Snacks and water will be provided in the park by the Peace and Justice Committee.



For more information or with questions – CONTACT:
Muskegon County Cooperating Churches
231-727-6000 or office.mccc@frontier.com





In recognition of outstanding fellowship, **Marcia Hovey-Wright** was presented the *Ruth Berlow and Lucile Mason Award* during Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation's annual meeting. Each year, one congregation member is selected to receive this honor. Once president of the congregation, Marcia has contributed to our church in many ways over the years. She revived the Social Action Committee two years ago, which provided some funding for the Pride Festival and connects members with students who need tutoring at Bunker Elementary School. More recently, she coordinated the approach to this year's successful pledge drive and auction.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the service auction a success. We made nearly \$2,000 at this fundraiser.



Hi everyone,

Thank you all for supporting me through my yoga journey. I have cherished every class we shared together and to be able to move our bodies and souls together.

As things are getting busy with the farm and other projects, I will be taking a break from teaching this summer, we will resume in the fall. Stay tuned, as we will have some pop-up classes through the summer. If you're looking for a good studio, I highly recommend *On The Path* in Spring Lake.

Also, I will be hosting our first gathering out here on the farm in Bridgeton on May 11th. It's going to be a seed planting, drum and jam party. I will post the event page on Facebook, or feel free to contact me by phone

Namaste,
Blake Daugherty

231-750-0064



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

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.



July 2024 Calendar

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Unitarian Universalist
C O N G R E G A T I O N

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:30a Worship Free Speech Sunday	1	2	3	4	5 4:30p 4H Mtg	6
7 10:30a Worship	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:30a Worship	15 6:30p Board Mtg	16	17	18	19 3:00p Supper House 4:30p 4H Mtg	20
21 10:30a Worship 12:00p Potluck	22	23	24 7:30p Social Action	25 7:00p Core Circles	26	27
28 10:30a Worship 4:00p Core Circles	29 Newsletter Deadline	30	31	<i>Check Facebook and Social Hall for Updates and Additions</i>		