



August 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

August 4th

"Flower Communion" Jessica Sheldon & Carolyn Holmes
Join us in a UU tradition with the celebration of the communion of flowers! Flowers are unique from one another in their own special ways... which flower are you? HUUC friends and family are invited to this unique and special ritual... Bring A Flower from your own resources to share with us this summer morning.

August 11th

"The Bhagavad Gita: A Song Celestial" Fred Stella
A message applicable to people of all Faiths and all ages, for battle to be fought, not only by mankind as a whole but for each individual, is the eternal one between right and wrong, between wisdom and ignorance, between the Self and not-Self.

August 18th

"TBD" Poppy Hernandez

August 25th

"Women's Equality Day" Sharon Pedersen
"The struggle for women's suffrage, however, was only the first step toward full and equal participation of women in our Nation's life. In recent years, we have made other giant strides by attacking sex discrimination through our laws and by paving new avenues to equal economic opportunity for women. Today, in virtually every sector of our society, women are making important contributions to the quality of American life. And yet, much still remains to be done".

Upcoming:

September 8th

"Water Ceremony"

October 13th

presentation by *"Februrary Sky"*

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?**

*New member classes will be
scheduled for September.*

If you are interested in membership at HUUC please contact Carolyn Holmes at holmesland58@gmail.com to pre register. We will create a schedule that is convenient for the participants. Two sessions lasting approximately 90 minutes will be held after which, participants will be informed enough to make a decision about joining HUUC as official, voting members. We look forward to welcoming new members soon!.



Worship & Music Committee August 20th at 7:30 pm

via Zoom the link is

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

All are welcome to attend or to submit suggestions for our Sunday morning programming by sending an e mail to holmesland58@gmail.com. (Carolyn Holmes). The link for our meeting is the same one used for our services on Sunday mornings:

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

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.

Condolences to family and friends of **Jim Thompson**, educator, musician, lover of sailing and cruises and long time HUUC member passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, August 24 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the Coopersville Farm Museum, 49404.



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.



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



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



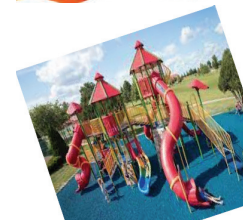
the color that people wear in the outdoors
that proclaims in LIVING COLOR ---



**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



Please submit information for the September Newsletter by Monday, August 26th 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.



August 2024 Calendar

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

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