



HARBOR

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

CONGREGATION

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September 2025 Newsletter

Sunday Worship Services Begin at 10:30am

September 7

“A Constant Communion with Water” Eli Fox

communion *noun*: an act or instance of sharing

Join us for an in-gathering water ceremony as we step into a fresh “congregational year” in the first week of September. Those who feel so moved are invited to bring a sample of water from a cherished place. Though this year, we will explore: if all bodies of water are connected, then why do some waters feel more cherished than others?

Noisy Offering

September 14

“Bittersweet Changes” Peggy Humphreys

They happen as we grow and age. Peggy Humphreys shares her reflections.

September 21

“Who Do You Think You Are Anyway?”

Christine Cleary

External change is inevitable, internal change is hard. We get stuck in our behaviors and they become invisible to us. Why we grow and why we want to.

Potluck

September 28

“Yom Kippur”

Deborah Margules

Deborah shares about Yom Kippur and the Jewish High Holy days.

Choir

In-person at 1296 Montgomery, Muskegon, MI 49441
Zoom With Us at <https://zoom.us/j/91447658076>

from the Endowment Committee

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE CONGREGATION'S ENDOWMENT FUND

Thanks to the generosity of past members, Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation has the opportunity each year to award grants from our endowment fund to support special projects aligned with our mission. The Endowment Committee is accepting grant applications from Oct 1 until Dec. 1. Last year, we awarded a total of about \$6,500 in grants, which ranged from social action projects to educational grants and a very comfortable couch for the social hall.

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 church office off the social hall.

Next HUUC Board Meeting: Monday, September 15th • 6:00 pm
All are welcome!
in person or via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96744707168>

HUUC Board of Trustees

Kal Fox, President
Robin Dennany, Vice President
Kurt Troutman, Treasurer
Jones Barton, Secretary

Members at Large

Christine Cleary, Rebecca St. Clair,
Michelle Martin

Music Director Sue McIntire



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.

Healing thoughts to **Jeff Justin**, who extends his gratitude to those who have reached out to offer him help in his recent time of need.

Condolences to **Kal and Eli Fox** on the loss of their beloved cousin Ike.

Congrats to our child care provider, **Braylin Meyers**, on her graduation from high school.

We have four members:

Sue McIntire, Christine Cleary,

Ange Barnes, and Deborah Margules.

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

Contact: Sue McIntire (231) 563-3988



HUUC Mission Statement:

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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.

News from the Director of Religious Education

September 2025 Religious Education Updates

Hello, Harbor UU Friends!

Our RE youth have continued working on the World of Wonder curriculum this month with lessons on Lifecycles, Decomposition, and Life-Giving Plants with a bonus lesson outdoors “in the field” on Citizen Science and making observations of the natural world. A shoutout to Kwame and Eli for stepping in on August 10th for our Decomposition lesson during which our youth learned a song and dance about its role in the lifecycle and the creatures that make it happen.

We will be wrapping up our World of Wonder curriculum in early October with at least one more hands-on project to demonstrate the lessons we’ve learned.

During our Water Communion on **September 7th**, our youth have something special planned for the congregation, but we **need your help to make it happen!** Our Story

For All Ages that day will introduce the congregation to Callaloo Soup and the idea that water, and cooking with it, bring us together.

What we need from you: please bring some veggies for us to put in the pot! We are going to make soup inspired by the story during our RE time to share at our potluck that day, and in order to bring home the message that it’s the sharing of what we have that makes something great for all of us, it’s going to take **YOU** bringing something to add! Depending on what we get, we might even be able to make *two* soups....

We also are looking for someone to hire for the childcare position—if you or someone you know is interested, please have them reach out to me.

With love at the center,
Anna L. EldenBrady

Our supply donation box is still in the Fellowship Hall—feel free to drop craft supplies you’re done with, the remains of a hobby that fizzled out, or classroom supplies there if you happen across them and don’t have a place for them at home. Our crafty S.H.A.R.Ks are always grateful for things that allow them to create in the classroom.

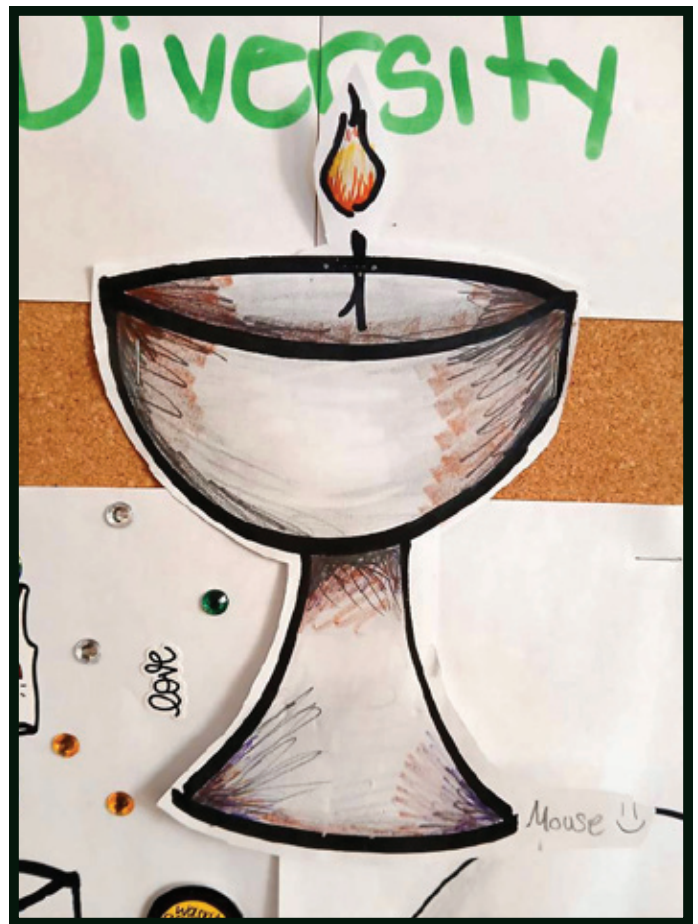


Child Care Provider

HUUC is in need of a responsible person to act as a Child Care Provider during our Sunday morning services. If you know of such a person please refer them to Anna EldenBrady for information.

**Choir will resume this
year on Wednesdays
from 6-7:30pm on
September 10th.**

**Please contact Sue
McIntire if you are
interested in making
a joyful noise with us!**



Gather A Sample of Water!
from your summer adventures

**for our
Annual Water Communion
in September!**

**SUNDAY
9/7/25**

Please submit information for the **October Newsletter** before September 29th to
gingermajick@hotmail.com

CITY of the DEAD MUSKEGON

*In-Person Historical
Walking Tours*

Evergreen Cemetery
400 Irwin • Muskegon • 49442

Muskegon **AT WAR**

Honoring Soldiers and Their Families

Saturday
Oct. 11, 2025
5-8pm

Sunday
Oct. 12, 2025
2-4pm

Tickets \$7.50
Kids Under 12 Free



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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.





SEPTEMBER 2025 Calendar

HARBOR Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:30a Worship	1	2 5:30p COTD 7:00p Trans/GNC Group	3 NO CHOIR	4	5 4:30p 4H Mtg	6
7 10:30a Worship Incoming Water Service Noisy Offering	8	9 5:30p COTD 7:00p Trans/GNC Group	10 6:00p Choir	11	12	13
14 10:30a Worship	15 6:00p Board Mtg	16 5:30p COTD 7:00p Trans/GNC Group	17 6:00p Choir	18	19 3:00p Supper House 4:30p 4H Mtg	20 7:00p Trans/GNC Movie Night
21 10:30a Worship 12:00p Potluck 12:15p Worship Committee	22	23 5:30p COTD 7:00p Trans/GNC Group	24 6:00p Choir	25	26	27
28 10:30a Worship *Choir*	29 Newsletter Deadline	30 5:30p COTD 7:00p Trans/GNC Group	1 6:00p Choir	2	3 4:30p 4H Mtg	4

Check Facebook and Social Hall for Updates and Additions