HARBOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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November 2026 Newsletter

Sunday Worship Services Begin at 10:30am

November 1

"Remembering" **Jessica Mae Sheldon**

Gather to love, laugh, and honor our beloved departed in a unity of spirit and mind. We will gather share, mourn and celebrate the circle of life. You may wish to bring a momento to place on our altar of remembering.

Choir* *Noisy Offering

November 8

"Standards" **Margi Peterson**

There was a time when there were standards about everything: the way we use our language, how people dressed and wore their hair, how we/they treated one another. There were, essentially, rules for everything. Sometime along about the 1960s, people began to rebel against the rules, and standards changed or slipped. How that has affected us in the way we live our lives?

November 15

"The Comfort of Darkness"

Michelle Martin Mills

Exploring the opportunities cold, darkness and other limitations can present.

Potluck

November 22

"We Hold These Contradictions to be Self-evident" **Bruce Froelich**

focus on the religious journey of Thomas Jefferson. Former member Bruce Froelich will highlight some of Jefferson's accomplishments, but also contradictions(hypocracy) between his aspirations and his actions. Much will be in Jefferson's own words.

November 29

"My Ancestor's Bones: why are we digging up Grandma?" **Arionna Huffman**

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) requires federal agencies and institutions to return Native American human remains and cultural items (aka "stolen artifacts" to lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

If you have any topics or speakers you would like to hear in our Sunday morning services, contact Carolyn Holmes at holmesland58@gmail.com. We are always open to suggestions!

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

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Happy holiday season members and friends, we hope you are finding peace and solace in this busy time of year. Our hope is that the magic of the holidays overshadows your worldly concerns and we all get the chance to revel in the connection of those closest to us and have fun!

Speaking of fun, our "Fun" committee led by board member at large Christine Cleary needs help. There are a lot of ideas floating around and opportunities to get together outside of weekly Sunday services. Please talk to Christine about your ideas and willingness to help.

In other news, City of the Dead was another smashing success this year, with attendance growing more and more each year. The event has become an institution in the culture of the Muskegon area. There have been excellent ideas for improvement of the event implemented each year with more to come. Kudos to all who participated!

Namaste,
Don Mangione
Trustee board member at large



Next HUUC Board Meeting: Monday, November 9 • 6:00 pm
Board Meetings are moving to 2nd Monday of the month
All are welcome!
in person or via zoom: https://zoom.us/j/96744707168

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

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.





In Memory

Rev. Dr. Nana Kratochvil

HUUC Minister Emeritas



Nancy Kratochvil Obituary
(Published by Legacy on Jun. 16, 2026)

Mrs. Nancy Lee Kratochvil, age 89, of Macon, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at Arlington Senior Living in Macon.

Born on March 15, 1937, in Centralia, Illinois, Nancy was the oldest of five children born to the late Paul Thomas and Frances Irene (Armel) Wilson. She graduated from Pontiac Township High School in Pontiac, Illinois, in 1954 before continuing her education at the University of Illinois, where she earned her undergraduate degree.

On December 29, 1956, Nancy married Richard Roy Florey. Together they welcomed three children and built a life that took them to many places throughout Richard's military career, including four memorable years in Germany. Nancy found great fulfillment in raising her family and devoted countless hours to volunteer work, generously serving the communities she called home.

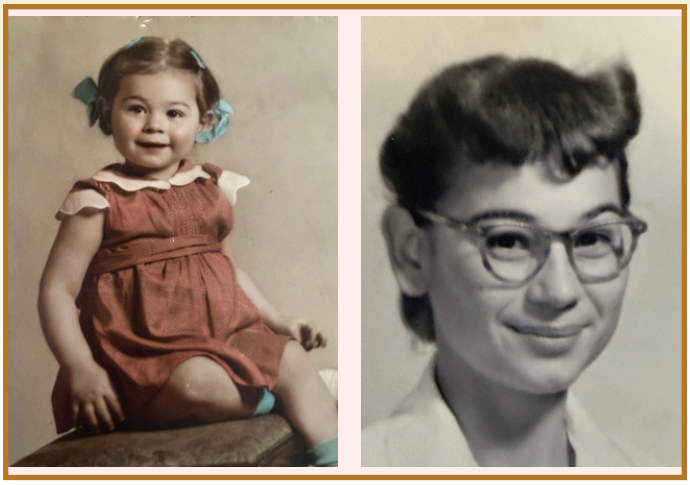
In the mid-1970s, Nancy relocated to Mississippi, where she married Michael True. During this chapter of her life, she embraced her artistic talents by opening her own sewing business. An exceptionally skilled seamstress, she specialized in costume design and intricate needlework, creating pieces that reflected her remarkable attention to detail, organizational ability, and creative spirit.

In 1984, Nancy married John Rogers Kratochvil, II. Their years together were filled with love until tragedy struck in 1990 when John lost his life following injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Following recovery from the accident, Nancy embarked on a new calling by returning to school. She earned her Doctorate of Ministry with Distinction from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, Illinois, and went on to serve as a full-time minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church in Muskegon, Michigan. Her faith guided every aspect of her life, and she was known for recognizing the needs of others and quietly stepping forward to meet them with compassion and dedication.

After retiring from ministry, Nancy moved to Macon to be closer to her family. She quickly became an active member of the Arlington Senior Living community, helping establish a resident group through which she formed many cherished friendships. She also became involved with High Street Church, sharing her time, talents, and servant's heart through volunteer work whenever she was able.

Nancy will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her compassionate ministry, and the creativity she expressed through every stitch



of her sewing and needlework. Her generosity, willingness to take charge, servant's heart leaves a legacy to be admired.

Nancy is survived by her children, Richard Roy Florey, II, and Tina Shoemaker; adopted daughter, Stacy Kawamura; step-children, John Rogers Kratochvil, III, and Melanie Kratochvil; siblings, Terry Wilson (Connie), Ron Wilson (Mary Louise), Thomas Wilson (Lou), and Rohamah Canfield; grandchildren, Bradley Truett, Richard Roy Florey, III, Ashleigh Ann Florey, Michael Florey, Anthony Florey, and Aaron Kawamura; great-grandchild, Angelina Parker; and a host of nieces, nephews, and members of her extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Irene; loving husband, John Rogers Kratochvil, II.; beloved daughter, Kathleen Ann Florey; and stepson, Andrew Kratochvil.



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 **Barb Termaat** and her husband, **John Matthews**, on the loss of John's mother.

Condolences to the family of **Ruth Zook**, former member of HUUC for many years, who died Sunday, September 27th.

Healing thoughts to **Sue McIntire**, who is recovering from surgery.

We have four members:
Sue McIntire, Christine Cleary, Deborah Margules, 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



HUUC Coffeehouse!

songs, stories, poems, and more

Saturday
November 7th
6pm at HUUC



Bring your talents to share, or just come to enjoy the talents of others... friends and family welcome!

This is a free event, but you may bring a snack or beverage if you wish.

Let's make a joyful noise together! Drinks and snacks provided.



Annual Hanging Of The Greens

Sunday, November 29

beginning at noon.

Join us as we put up the Christmas tree and decorate the sanctuary and social hall with holiday joy. Share in fellowship and light refreshments

Interested in being a member of HUUC?

What is a Unitarian Universalist?

How did Harbor UU get started?

How do we keep operating?

What does it mean to be a member?

Do UUs always ask a lot of questions?

All recent visitors or those who have been with us for a while are invited to a **"New Member Orientation"** following the potluck on **Sunday, November 15**. This is an opportunity to learn more about membership at HUUC.

Please contact Carolyn Holmes, holmesland58@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to arrange an alternate meeting time.



Core Circles

The **Fourth Sunday** of every month at 4 PM in the church social hall, we will gather to discuss interesting and relevant topics and get to know each other a little more deeply. Group size is 8 to 10 and if we grow larger than that we'll divide into two groups in order to ensure that everyone can participate fully.

In sharing their stories, deep friendships are formed and community is cemented. 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.



Let's Craft Together!

Now that we are turning our attention indoors, it is time to start crafting again. If you like to knit, paint, crochet, cross stitch, do "diamond art" or any relatively portable craft and are available during a weekday, let's meet to craft together at **2:00 - 4:00pm on Saturday, November 14** at HUUC in the social hall.





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.



Please submit information for the **December Newsletter** on or before November 30th to gingermajick@hotmail.com

Dear Leader,

Every year, each congregation in the Unitarian Universalist Association is asked to give a financial contribution to support the wider movement and sibling congregations across our Association. This contribution supports the Annual Program Fund, which is the single largest source of income for the work of our UUA. Our support of one another strengthens the covenant among us.

Your congregation gave the **full requested amount** to the Annual Program Fund during this fiscal year **2027**. **This means you are an Honor Congregation, honoring the covenant between and among our congregations.** THANK YOU!

Your giving is a concrete expression of our congregations' covenant with one another, and is a recognition that we are not alone, but are part of an Association of Congregations. This support allows the UUA to serve the diverse needs of the 1,002 member congregations across five regions. **Congregational giving through the Annual Program Fund (APF) makes the work of the UUA possible.**

Please display this Honor certificate somewhere prominent and share with your congregation my personal appreciation on behalf of all the congregations that your generosity benefits.

Your support strengthens Unitarian Universalism and its vital, liberating message for our time. Together we are organizing for justice, imagining new ways forward in community, and growing spiritually. Thank you for your giving to the Annual Program Fund. You make so much possible.

With gratitude and hope,

Rev. Sofía Betancourt, Ph.D.
UUA President

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THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

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NOVEMBER 2026 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30a Worship *Choir *Noisy Offering DST Ends *Fall Back	2	3 7:00p Trans/GNC Group	4 6:00p Choir	5	6 4:30p 4H Mtg	7 6:00 Coffee house Open Mic
8 10:30a Worship	9 6:00p Board Mtg	10 6:00p Worship Committee 7:00p Trans/GNC Group	11 6:00p Choir	12	13	14 2:00p Craft Together
15 10:30a Worship 12:00p Potluck 12:00p Membership	16	17 7:00p Trans/GNC Group	18 6:00p Choir	19 6:30p 3rd Space	20 3:00p Supper House	21
22 10:30a Worship 4:00p Core Circles	23	24 7:00p Trans/GNC Group	25 6:00p Choir	26	27	28
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DECEMBER 2026 Calendar

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