



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.

Please submit information for the **October Newsletter** by 5pm, Monday September 25th to Jessica at gingermajick@hotmail.com • 231.206.4947

Sunday Worship Services begin at 11:00 am

Sept. 3 Peggy Humphreys: **"Going with the Flow"** - annual Water Ceremony - please bring water you have gathered from your travels *Noisy Offering*

Sept. 10 Rev. Nana' Kratochvil: **"Seeking Peace in an Unjust World"** We cry, "Peace, Peace" but there is no peace. What can we do to bring justice, so that Peace is possible?
Choir Sings

Sept. 17 Rev. Mimi Bush: **"Creationtide"** *Community Collection Connection*

Sept. 24 Jeff Holmes: **"What I Have Learned...So Far"**

Please submit information for the **Order of Service**
by Friday 10AM before the service to marpeghumph@yahoo.com

Refreshments – Do you like to have a little nibble as you enjoy coffee and conversation with others after the service? If so, please do your part by signing up to make coffee, bring light refreshments and clean up afterward. If we each take our turn, we'll each only have to do this 2 or 3 times a year. Sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall. If you would like to help, but need assistance with funds to purchase treats, please call Margot.

President's Letter

Hello friends,

I am so pleased to announce that we have collected all the money that we will need for the platform lift. We received word this week that we will receive \$5316.89 from the Chalice Lighter grant sometime within the next week. That was the final portion of the funding we were waiting on so we can now proceed full speed ahead.

In other exciting news, I would like to introduce the new Religious Education and office coordinator, Kim Burr. She started in her new role this month and is already doing a great job. Please reach out to her if you are interested in teaching RE or have information that you would like distributed to the congregation. She can be reached at kimburragent@gmail.com or at (231) 755-2932.

I'd like to recognize Deborah Margules for her many years of putting the newsletter together and acknowledge Jessica Sheldon for taking it on. Thanks to you both.

In peace,
Rebecca

Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 at HUUC – If you have a concern to bring before the Board or an item to be placed on the agenda, please contact Rebecca StClair at rebeccastclair1974@gmail.com by Sunday September 10th.

Greetings from the new coordinator of Religious Education: Kim Burr

Ms. Kim (yes I'm bringing back the 70s)

OK, so I'm ready to dive in....and I need some help. Anyone who would like to teach RE classes please contact me at (231) 740-1015 call or text and my email is kimburragent@gmail.com.

With the young students we need to teach at a level that will hopefully keep them interested. My thoughts were to focus on some common Religious Symbols meanings, and touch briefly on history. We could start with the Lighted Chalice and Unitarian Universalism, Star of David and Jewish faith, and so on. I would like input from parents/guardians on this.

Also, I would like to work on a song with the kids. "*This Land is Your Land*" by Woody Guthrie comes to mind, however I know there are some copyright laws and such, and keep it to the 1st verse.

For a community activity I was thinking of an Autumn Tea Party at the Hume Home. Have the young ones serve sweets and adults handle tea. Seems like a good activity for this age. This would be a mid- November activity after the busy October at Harbor UU.

Communicating



We have a new GROUP Facebook page. "Harbor UU News and Events" can be typed on the Facebook search bar, when page comes up... ask to be a member. If you like fb this is a good way to notify members of events along with emails we already send out.



I will be using Gmail for the email blasts and have members and other interested folks emails entered in that system. And soon I hope to have the players and their positions on an updated spreadsheet for the congregation.

Kim Burr, Administrative Assistant

Social Action News

The regular social action committee meetings will resume in September and each month following on the second Sunday of the month after the service. Soup lunches as a fundraiser for social action work will also resume in September. These will be on the third Sunday.

PIE CONTEST!

Join us September 17 after the service for a social action fun(d)raiser!

Wanted:

Bakers to bring two fall – themed pies (same recipe) for judging and sampling.

Also wanted:

Tasters! \$.50 per pie sample

Prizes awarded by the judges for first and second choice, and peoples choice award.

For more information or to sign up email contact

Janet Perrault: jrpierre@aol.com or Gwen Williams: pianogwen@aol.com

More information is available in the social hall.

Family Promise...

Family Promise week is quickly approaching. We are scheduled for Sunday, September 10 – Sunday, September 17. All host positions are currently open. Please let Michelle Pridnia know if you are available to help host.

Any help is greatly appreciated,
Michelle Pridnia, 231-766-1918

Caring Team

The Caring Ministry – Margot Haynes, Darlene VanderKolk, Eli Fox, Carlotta Strandberg and Jerry Kuester – invites members and friends of HUUC who suddenly find themselves in need of assistance to contact one of us. We cannot promise emergency availability, but will do our best to find someone to help with your need.

June Caring Contact: Margot Haynes at margot.haynes@gmail.com or 231-894-0651

Some situations the caring team can help with are:

- Rides to medical appointments and errands, meals and other support
- Respite for caregivers – we will sit with your loved one while you take a breather
- Prepared meals for new parents in their first month of parenthood
- Nonjudgmental listening

The Caring Ministry affirms our connection and our interdependence. We encourage each other to live fully and love generously by both giving and receiving acts of kindness and service. Sharing our vulnerabilities and helping each other when we are in need nurtures our spiritual growth.

Discretionary Funds are administered by the Caring Ministry. Please submit requests to Margot Haynes at 231-894-0651 or margot.haynes@gmail.com if you have need of temporary or emergency funds.

People...

Paul Kidd is recovering from an infection, now back home while Barbara Kidd travels with a friend to a long-awaited week of plays in Stratford. On Paul's birthday, Aug. 22, he was found happily at home with his daughter, grandkids, and other expected guests, with the table set for 10 or 12 at least! Happy birthday celebration, indeed!

Eric Stark has finally returned home in the past month, after waiting for remodeling of a room larger than his original bedroom to accommodate his electric wheelchair more easily. He appreciates contacts and visits as he is not able to get out very much. 1995 Lilac St., Muskegon.

Looking forward to seeing both Eric and Paul in church once the lift is put in!

Bruce Froelich and Margot Haynes are first-time grandparents. Bruce's younger daughter Ashleigh, who lives in Sunny Vale CA, gave birth to a baby boy, Cassius N Jones, on July 21st.

*Caring thoughts to all who have lost a beloved family member or friend,
whose grief remains or has resurged with an anniversary or birthday.
We hold gently in our thoughts all who consider HUUC their home
and are coping with ongoing concerns.*



City of the Dead is our annual historic reenactment walk through Evergreen Cemetery in the City of Muskegon. Our cast members, many from HUUC, portray Muskegon's founding families and tell their stories as guests take guided tours between the gravesites.

We are still looking for volunteers! Our current needs are:

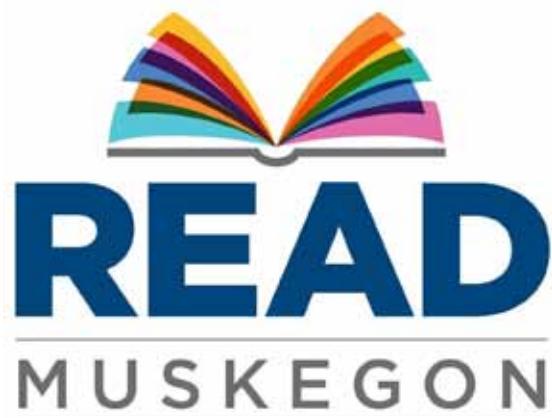
- Handcrafters and storytellers to sit or stand along the terrace by the queue to entertain our guests as they wait for tickets (there are stories in our archives from years past we can share with those willing to tell them).
- Crew members to help with setup, teardown, and managing the event itself.
- A street team to distribute posters throughout our community (we have a list divided into regions throughout the metro).

If you would like to be involved, please contact cityofthedeadmuskegon@gmail.com

Our event runs October 14th from 5-8 and October 15th from 2-4. Crew members participating in setup will be requested to be on-site outside of those times and those entertaining waiting guests need to arrive 30 minutes before the event begins.

About Community Connection Collections...

The beneficiary for September's Community Connection Collection (everything in the collection baskets not otherwise designated on the 3rd Sunday of the month) will be donated to READ Muskegon. The Community Connection Collection is a project of the Social Action Committee.





MUUSJN UPDATES (Mich. UU Social Justice Network)

MUUSJN is a statewide education and advocacy network with a vision of "Michigan faith communities, connected and empowered to create a more just and caring world." It magnifies the power of individuals and faith communities by providing information and action opportunities on a regular basis.

There are three petitions that are likely to be circulated after HUUC services:

- 1) Voters Not Politicians (to reduce party politics' control of redistricting after the census every 10 years by making the process open and as non-partisan as possible).
- 2) Earned Sick Time Act (to provide a way for all Michigan workers to earn one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hrs.worked --limit of 40 hrs. per year--so that they can care for selves or children/elders in emergencies without financial pain as well. More generous leave time policies of some companies would not be affected.)
- 3) One Fair Wage--petition language not yet approve, but aims to eliminate the two-tier system for tipped vs. non-tipped workers.

Also, here are some dates coming up for events MUUSJN is supporting:

Thursday Sept. 28 in Lansing--Inclusive Justice Faith-Based Lobby Day--Hope to gather 100 leaders from across Michigan to lobby for LBGT justice issues.

Tues. Oct. 17 in Lansing--Planned Parenthood Interfaith Prayer Breakfast and Lobby Day--hope to have 20 clergy and 20 members from each one's congregation attend. A set of proactive bills to support families in planning their offspring and women in getting appropriate health care are going to be lobbied for: Abortion coverage equity, keeping politics out of the exam room, patients' right to abortion information, preventing double standards and preventing political interference from delaying abortion. (MUUSJN has hired a new consultant, Jenny Byer Elgin, to work on Reproductive Justice and Economic Justice issues.

Month of Oct--Watch for membership drive for MUUSJN at HUUC.

Submitted by Margot Haynes, Board Member of MUUSJN

COMMITTEES & GROUPS

Buddhist Meditaton: every Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Caring Ministry: Next meeting Sunday, September 3rd after the worship service.

Choir Practice: every Thursday 6:00-7:30pm

Clothes Pantry: most Tuesdays 11am - 5pm, most Saturdays 10:00am - 3:00pm

Liberal Voice – HUUC television ministry created by Jeff Holmes and hosted by Kwame James.

Muskegon Comcast Cable Channel 7: Sunday 2 PM, Wednesday 7 PM, Saturday 3:30 PM

Grand Haven Charter Communications Cable Channel 96: Monday 9:30 AM

Noisy Offering – First Sunday of each month a collection is taken to support the education of a student in Nepal and other religious education projects. Please collect your loose change to make a big noise to support them.

Social Action – Next meeting Sunday, September 10th at 12:30

next Soup Luncheon: Sunday, September 17th after the service – \$5.00 donation suggested to support activities of the committee.

Supper House – HUUC serves Mission for Area People (MAP) on the 3rd Friday of each month 3:45 - 5:00 PM at Temple United Methodist Church on Hume St between Sanford and Jefferson across from Muskegon Hts High School. Sign up in the Social Hall for Friday June 16th. For more information, contact Kwame James at kwamekamau@yahoo.com.

Non-perishable goods for people and pets are collected on behalf of MAP on the first Sunday of the month, but can be left anytime – look for the large-ish clear plastic bin(s) in the Social Hall.

Worship & Music – Next meeting Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 PM

The Youth Activism Coalition: is a group dedicated empowering upper middle school, high school, and college students through activism of all kinds. We are holding monthly meetings to address issues that the youth deem as important, while also cultivating a space for free-thinkers to solve those said issues. Our first meeting will go over the basics of activism and what it means to the individuals who attend, while in the further months we will have speakers come in and educate. Our facebook page, Youth Activism Coalition, has much more information on what we stand for and how we came to be. Also, thank you to the Harbor Unitarian Universalist board of trustees for allowing us to use your wonderful building. Next meeting Monday, September 18th at 6:30

September 2017 Calendar



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Lyndon Baines Johnson Day (Texas)	28	29 International Day against Nuclear Tests 11am - 5pm Clothes Pantry 7pm Buddhist Meditation	30 World Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearance 6pm Choir Practice	31 International Overdose Awareness Day 10am Order of Service Deadline	1	2 Eid al-Adha 10am - 3pm Clothes Pantry
3	4 Labor Day World Sexual Health Day *Noisy Offering*	5 International Day of Charity 11am - 5pm Clothes Pantry 7pm Buddhist Meditation	6	7 6pm Choir Practice	8 International Literacy Day 10am Order of Service Deadline	9 California Admission Day (California) Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day 10am - 3pm Clothes Pantry
10 National Grandparents Day World Suicide Prevention Day 11am HUUC Service 12:30pm Social Justice Family Promise Week	11 Patriot Day	12 11am - 5pm Clothes Pantry 7pm Buddhist Meditation	13 International Programmers' Day 6pm Worship & Music	14 6pm Choir Practice	15 10am Order of Service Deadline 3:45 Supper House	16 World Ozone Layer Day 10am - 3pm Clothes Pantry
17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day 11am HUUC Service Collection* 12noon Pie Contest & Soup Luncheon	18 'Constitution Day and Citizenship Day' observed Air Force Birthday 6:30pm The Youth Activism Coalition	19 11am - 5pm Clothes Pantry 7pm Buddhist Meditation	20	21 Rosh Hashana (Texas) Rosh Hashana International Day of Peace 6pm Choir Practice	22 Emancipation Day (Ohio) Muhamarram Native Americans' Day (California) September equinox 10am Order of Service Deadline	23 International Celebrate Bisexuality Day 10am - 3pm Clothes Pantry
24 Gold Star Mother's Day	25	26 World Day to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons 11am - 5pm Clothes Pantry 7pm Buddhist Meditation	27 World Tourism Day	28 World Maritime Day World Rabies Day 6pm Choir Practice Inclusive Justice Faith-Based Lobby Day in Lansing	29 World Heart Day 10am Order of Service Deadline	30 Yom Kippur (Texas) Yom Kippur 10am - 3pm Clothes Pantry