

April 2017  
Newsletter  
of the  
Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Sue McIntire – Music Director  
Tim Hamlin – Director of Religious Education

Sunday Services at 11:00 AM  
Religious Education for Children and Childcare Provided

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Sunday Worship Services

- April 2 “From i-Church to Beloved Community” – Rev Kayle Rice  
*\*\*\* Noisy Offering \*\*\**  
*\*\*\* Mission for Area People – and their pets – collection \*\*\**
- April 9 “Life after Death: #TeamTinyDancer's Bittersweet Symphony” –  
Jeremiah Bannister
- April 16 “Jesus and His Peeps” – Peggy Humphreys  
*\*\*\* Choir Sings \*\*\**  
*\*\*\* Community Connection Collection for Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation \*\*\**
- April 23 “The Ethics of Permaculture” – Peter Bane  
What are the risks and opportunities of climate change?
- April 30 “Love that Heals” – Dr Louis Yock, Minister, Ludington Unitarian Church  
Love and loving forgiveness heal relationships and the self. A person capable  
of forgiving others and oneself is on the road to a content and fulfilling life.

*Please wear your name tag on Sunday*

Please submit information for the May Newsletter by 5:00 PM Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
to [dmargules1951@gmail.com](mailto:dmargules1951@gmail.com)

Please submit information for the Order of Service  
by 10 AM Friday morning prior to the service to [marpeghumphr@yahoo.com](mailto:marpeghumphr@yahoo.com)

Caring Contact for May: Eli Fox  
616-990-2430 or [elizabeth.fox@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.fox@gmail.com)

## President's Letter

Greetings,

Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a volunteer-run organization that depends on the time, talent and treasure of its members and friends to keep things running smoothly. This means that there is always something that needs someone to do it. We depend on each other to keep the building in good repair, to manage finances and the business end of things. Volunteers make sure there is a service to attend every Sunday, food for us to snack on after the service, and religious education opportunities for children and adults. Volunteers plan and execute all of our fun events and fundraisers, and provide care and support for those in need. Our leadership on the Board of Trustees is made up of volunteers, as is the committee that manages the Endowment Fund and awards grants. The Order of Service you follow each week is prepared by volunteers, and a volunteer answers the phone messages and checks the mail.

My point is that we need you to pitch in to keep things running. There are opportunities at whatever level you would like to serve. There will be openings on the Board of Trustees, the RE Committee needs help, there is a service auction to plan, and the entry and social hall need to be finished and painted. Maybe you would like to provide a sermon on a Sunday morning, or perhaps bringing a snack is more your speed. Whatever you want to do, we need someone just like you to do it. So how will you serve?

Faithfully,  
Rebecca

### About Community Connection Collections...

Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation has been chosen to be the recipient of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday plate collection in April. This group was organized in 2000 exclusively for educational, scientific and advocacy purposes. Its goal is to conserve, preserve and protect Michigan's natural water resources, and the public trust in those natural resources for the benefit of the public. In addition, MCWC organized to preserve and protect land use, property values, quality of life, and the public health, safety and welfare of the residents in Michigan communities.

### Platform Wheelchair Elevator Lift

Thanks to the efforts of **Sue McIntire**, who alerted us to the source and then completed the grant request application, we may expect to receive approximately \$4000 from the MidAmerica Chalice Lighter Fund to support our purchase of a platform wheelchair elevator lift.

### Save the Date: Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>

to celebrate our annual flower communion  
to celebrate the children and youth of our congregation  
at the regular service time

This intergenerational service, titled "Rose Day," will be aimed at engaging all ages, including our kids – there will still be nursery care for the smallest children, but there will be no RE class so that the children may participate beyond the Story for All Ages. It is a different way of doing things, so please mark your calendars for this unique service.

Everyone is invited to bring their own flowers to add to our communal bouquet as part of this ritual, but there also will be blooms for those who don't bring one.

*Submitted by Anna EldenBrady*

Volunteers Needed for Family Promise  
Sunday April 2 evening to Saturday April 8 evening

**Michelle Pridnia** is our contact at our neighbor congregation Our Savior Lutheran Church on Southern Avenue, where she is the coordinator of volunteers at her congregation *and ours* to assist with Family Promise. Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation has participated for over six years in this program which helps families who are temporarily homeless to stay together, and which provides food and a place to stay, as well as professional guidance for regaining independence.

As of a week ago, she still needed volunteers on the following days in the following positions:

Sunday: people to prepare dinner, evening hosts and overnight hosts

Monday: evening hosts and overnight hosts

Tuesday: evening hosts

Wednesday: evening hosts

Thursday: evening hosts and overnight hosts

Friday: evening hosts

Saturday: evening hosts

If you can volunteer, please contact Michelle at 231-766-1918 or [michelle@trophymuskegon.com](mailto:michelle@trophymuskegon.com).

PEOPLE

*Welcome to our new members*

Jessica Cook

Kim Burr

Alice Serou

*Thank you*

from Margot Haynes to the Social Action Committee who helped out on March 15<sup>th</sup> when HUUC provided supper to more than 30 people as part of the Exit Dinner, which gives families the chance to spend the evening with fathers who are preparing to end their term of incarceration. Special thanks to **Janet and Kreg Perreault**, who provided turkey, gravy and rice; to **Christine Cleary** and Margot who brought broccoli, salad and apple crisp; to **Darlene VanderKolk** who helped greatly with serving and to **Carlotta Strandberg** and her two children who brought brownies and cookies, which were a big hit.

Additional thanks to **Carlotta Strandberg** who has volunteered to join the Caring Team. Carlotta and her partner Kathryn joined HUUC approximately a year ago and were married in our sanctuary in July

*Congratulations to*

**Margot Haynes and Bruce Froelich** on the marriage of their son Sherwood Wang to his sweetie Brooke Lehrer

**Marcia Hovey-Wright** on the addition to her household of two new dogs, Ben and Jerry, both about 7 years old. We are sorry for the loss of your dog Brett, especially so soon after losing Bill.

*Caring Thoughts*

**Kelly Dowker**, a new friend to HUUC, is concerned about her mother who is in poor health

**Carolyn Holmes** has experienced several recent sad events including the death of her sister-in-law, a nephew with cancer, blindness in one eye of her dear little dog, Josie

**Bruce Froelich** is doing well after his surgery and a post-op scare about his heart, which is a good one and in the right place

**Jon Torrey** is with his grandmother after completing rehab following surgery on his left leg after being struck by a car. Please write to him at 2494 Miami Beach Dr, Flint MI 48507

**Eric Stark** has a new address: 3234 Nestrom, Whitehall MI 49461. Please write or visit. He continues recovery from the severe stroke he had over a year ago.

### *Comfort and peace to*

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 on-going concerns.

## COMMITTEES & GROUPS

Board Meeting – *Please note:* the next meeting is **Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 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](mailto:rebeccastclair1974@gmail.com) by Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Regular meetings on the second Wednesday at 7:00 will resume May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Caring Ministry – Next meeting Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:20. This is a closed meeting.

Choir Practice – **every Thursday 6:00-7:30 PM**.

Finance – Next meeting **6:30 PM Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>**. This represents a departure from the regular meeting on the second Wednesday at 6:00 PM, immediately before the Board meeting.

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.

Religious Education Committee – **Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM** at HUUC. First Thursday of the month.

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, or the Caring Ministry Contact for the current month.

Social Action – Next meeting **Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30** (second Sunday); next Soup Luncheon **Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>** (third Sunday) after the service – \$5.00 donation suggested to support activities of the committee.

Supper House – HUUC serves Mission for Area People (MAP) on the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 April 21<sup>st</sup>**. For more information, contact Kwame James at [kwamekamau@yahoo.com](mailto: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 bins in the Social Hall.

Worship & Music – **canceled**. Next meeting Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month) 6:00 PM.

**Acoustic Music Jam**  
**Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
First Saturday of the Month ~ through May 2017 ~ Doors open at 6:30  
All Skill Levels  
Listeners also Welcome  
Separate Rooms for Small Jams  
Mentors to Help Beginners  
for more info, please contact Jim Thompson at [jimasa@aol.com](mailto:jimasa@aol.com)

## Part-time Employment Opportunity at Read Muskegon

**Title: Office Manager**

20 hr/week M/W/F 10-2 and T/Th 12-4, with the vision to increase hours in the next 6-24 months

Location: Now at 1011 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Muskegon. Beginning May 1 at 26 E Broadway, Muskegon Hts

To qualify for this position you must enjoy helping others, value reading, be patient and understanding. Clerical and computer software application skills along with excellent communication skills are required. You must endorse the goal of promoting literacy in Muskegon County and articulate to the community the vision and mission of Read Muskegon.

### Summary of Essential Responsibilities:

1. General Office Support including phone communications, receptionist duties, filing, scheduling, management of office equipment and supplies.
2. Data Entry: Access, Excel and cloud-based programs.
3. Program Support: Printing, copying, management of library and other support as requested.
4. Donation Support: Management of donors and donations in NEON, print and mail tax and thank you letters, reports, special event support
5. Board Support: General support to Chair and committees, organization of materials for monthly meetings.
6. Communication Support: Assistance in implementing media and marketing plans.
7. Support Grant requirements as identified.
8. Other duties in support of the mission.

### Minimum Qualifications:

1. High School Diploma
2. Excellent computer skills in database management, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Publisher, PowerPoint, email, Internet
3. Previous office management experience
4. Responsible, dependable, honest and mature
5. Self-motivated
6. Sensitivity to diversity and a passion for helping others
7. Excellent written and oral communication skills, and organizational and record-keeping skills.
8. Have a successful background check completed.

To apply: Please email a resume and references by April 10<sup>th</sup> to:

[Melissa.moore@readmuskegon.org](mailto:Melissa.moore@readmuskegon.org)

or mail to: Melissa Moore, P.O. Box 1312, Muskegon MI 49443

*submitted by Margot Haynes*

## HUUC Board of Trustees

Rebecca StClair – President

Jeffrey Ochsner – Vice President

Bruce Froelich – Treasurer

Tim Hamlin – Secretary

Poppy Hernandez, Peggy Humphreys and John Wilkinson – Members at Large

## 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.*

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