

Sunday Services at 10:30 AM

the Beacon

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## **November Services** Theme "Gratitude. Being Grateful"

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse

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**UUCGT** Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

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11.3	Rev. Cathy Harrington Karen Casebeer	All Souls	A service of remembrance *Bring photos of loved ones you wish to honor and remember
11.10	Rev. Cathy Harrington Hal Gurian	Variations on Love	How Rev. Cathy found hope after the loss of her daughter, Leslie.
11.17	Rev. Cathy Harrington Misty Sheehan	Heart to Heart	If we heed the wisdom of Lao Tzu, we can do something very real to help bring peace to our troubled world.
11.24	Mary Van Valin	Thanksgiving Service/Potluck @ Twin Lakes	Sunday Service & Thanksgiv- ing Feast - no service at UUCGT

#### **December Services** Theme "Season of Light, Season of Dark"

	12.1	Rev. Cathy Harrington	The Gift
		Renee Russell, UUCGT	
	12.8	Director of Music	All Music Service
	12.15	Rev. Cathy Harrington	Grace Notes
ı	12.22	Rev. Cathy Harrington	A No-Rehearse Christmas Pageant
		Betsy Hammerberg	All Congregation Service
	12.24	Lay-led, Mary Van Valin	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ UUCGT
	12.29	Lay-led, Mary Van Valin	A Whole New Era

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#### Saturday, November 2

7:00 PM-10:00 PM at UUCGT Tickets sold at the door \$10.00—children free Fun for all ages No dancing experience necessary!

**November Board Meeting** Wednesday, Nov 20 7:00 PM

Open to all unless indicated



Amanda Mangiardi, editor

November 2019

Please send submissions to beacon@uucgt.org by the 25th of the month

## A Reflection from Rev. Cathy



It's been three months since I began serving UUCGT as your Interim Minister, and I thought I'd give you an update on our progress.

The interim process is divided into five areas of focus:

- Heritage: reviewing how the congregation has been shaped and formed
- 2. <u>Leadership</u>: reviewing membership needs and its ways of organizing and developing new leaders
- 3. Mission: defining and redefining sense of purpose and direction
- 4. <u>Connections</u>: discovering all relationships a faith community builds outside of itself
- 5. **Future**: developing congregational and pastoral profiles

All five of these Focus Points ultimately help answer these essential questions: "Who are we?", "Who are our neighbors?" and "What does our Unitarian Universalist faith call us to do?"

The first three months of my time here has been devoted to the first and second areas of focus - getting to know you, learning all I can about UUCGT's history and building a trusting relationship with you. If you haven't met with me and would like to, let's schedule a time to talk! Here are some of the things that would be helpful for me to know.

- What are three things that the congregation does particularly well?
- What are three things that the congregation could improve upon (challenges/growing edges)?
- What was a time in your life in this congregation that was meaningful to you?
- What was a time that was challenging for you?
- What do you hope the legacy of this congregation will be fifty years from now?

In January, I will turn my focus to reviewing the congregational covenant and mission statement. I am looking for leaders who would like to work with me to introduce Small Group Ministry and a new UU orientation program called Starting Points that consists of four sessions:

- Session One: Your Journey Sharing Our Stories and Spiritual Roadmaps
- Session Two: The Unitarian Universalist Journey & The Journey of our Church
- Session Three: Our Journey Together -The Three Paths of Unitarian Universalism, Part 1
- Session Four: The Three Paths of Unitarian Universalism, Part 2 & Finding Your Journey Group

Scott Taylor, the author of the Starting Point curriculum describes it this way:

The "UU path" is central to Starting Point. Inspired by the classic UU slogan, "deeds not creeds," we present Unitarian Universalism as a particular way of journeying through the world rather than a set of beliefs to which one assents.

Today, people are not so much looking for an organization to join as they are searching for companions to walk with. Their question is not so much "Do these people think and believe like I do?" but "Will this place provide me with tools and partners for my journey?"

If you are interested in taking a leadership role that will nourish and deepen your own faith journey, consider joining me in this endeavor. **Email me ASAP at revharrington@mac.com**.

In these three short months, I've learned a great deal about your history with all its triumphs and challenges and have been deeply moved by your love for this congregation and our Unitarian Universalist faith. We have lots of work to do together in the coming months, and I am looking forward to learning from you and with you as we walk this exciting interim journey together.

In faith, Cathy

#### **Get Involved!**





UUCGT will be providing the volunteers at Safe Harbor from the evening of Saturday, November 16 through the morning of Saturday, November 23.

We will have a sign up table in the Gathering Space the next three Sundays. Many of our opportunities are filled, but we are particularly in need of volunteers for Saturday, November 16. There are still opportunities to help prepare and serve meals, be an evening host, be an overnight host, or serve and clean up for breakfast. We also need cleaning volunteers on the morning of Sunday, November 17. There are also a few opportunities to provide food items for the week.



UUCGT Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner!
Sunday, November 24
Twin Lakes Park - Gilbert Lodge
Everyone is Welcome!
Sign up on Sundays at UUCGT!
\$5.00/person or \$15.00/family







These members of our congregation would enjoy your calls, cards, or visits -

- Shari Cope—lives at Cordia
- Gary Deavel —lives at Cordia
- Ann Dressel—lives at Cordia
- Karen Culp—lives at home with husband Ron
- Nancy Landfair—lives at The Pavilions
- Barb McClellan—lives at Glen Eagle
- Bob Doughty—recovering from a fall, is now at home with wife Nancy
- Ann Chinn—recovering from a mild stroke is now at Traverse Manor
- Marcia Bellinger—grieving the recent death of her husband Irv Stoner

#### You Can Help

The Congregational Care Team is always ready to lend a hand or offer comfort to those in need. Let us know if you or other UUCGT members could use our support.

Also, please let us know if you'd like to join the Congregational Care Team. We welcome new members!

#### Our Bulletin Board

A BIG THANK YOU! to all that helped with the Art, Book & Bake Sale October 20 & 27!

Thank you to our bakers, vendors, set-up crew, take-down crew, advertising, woodworker who donated table made from a UUCGT piano, book sale organizers, hospitality, book and baked good sellers, advertising flyer creator and distributor, street sign creator, library book donator, vendor who donated a portion of their sales and all the buyers!

\$900 was raised after expenses & we have six new books for the UUCGT library!

This was truly a UUCGT Community effort!





#### Part-time Co-Teacher for Sunday morning Religious Education class



## **Greeters are needed in December!**Share your Welcoming Spirit and a Smile!

It's easy - just <u>sign up on the bulletin board</u> near the office Greet just one Sunday, or sign up for a regular or semi-regular shift Job description is posted on the bulletin board

#### Events



## Recycling Facility Tour





We had eleven people on our second tour of the recycling facility. First one was in the spring. The presentation has been updated and enhanced, even since the spring. There was new stuff to be learned. It is well worth taking a tour to be updated on what they can do nowadays. This place is phenomenal!!

Just a couple of bits: Flatten the cardboard, even the TP and paper towel rolls so they get identified as paper, cardboard. Don't flatten the plastic containers so they get recognized as plastic. Put the metal can lids back into the container and bend in the top a bit to hold the lids inside the can so they don't cut people on the sorting line or cut belts.



#### **Benzie UU November Schedule**

We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of each month

Grow Benzie Building 5885 Frankfort Hwy. Benzonia - Benzie County



We share a potluck at 6:30pm, and begin our service at 7:30.pm For more information, email Catherine Green, <a href="mailto:seecgreen@gmail.com">seecgreen@gmail.com</a>, or call or text 231-499-7276.

#### November 6

Marcelo Betti, immigration and family attorney, with Justice for our Neighbors will help us understand what is happening at the border, and with detention centers, and how we might help.

#### **November 20**

Kathy Ross, a student of Thich Nhat Hanh, will discuss Engaged Buddhism. This is a special opportunity and we welcome our UUCGT brothers and sisters, as well as all respectful community members.

#### Social Justice



The President, Vice President and all Civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

— U.S. Constitution, Article II, section 4

"Impeachment is the process by which a legislative body levels charges against a government official. Impeachment does not in itself remove the official definitively from office; it is similar to an indictment in criminal law, and thus it is essentially the statement of charges against the official. The Constitution gives the House of Representatives the sole power to impeach an official, and it makes the Senate the sole court for impeachment trials."

Impeachment comes from British constitutional history. The process evolved from the 14th century as a way for parliament to hold the king's ministers accountable for their public actions. Impeachment, as <u>Alexander Hamilton</u> of New York explained in Federalist 65, varies from civil or criminal courts in that it strictly involves the "misconduct of public men, or in other words from the abuse or violation of some public trust."

The arguments are familiar today. Bribery and Treason were easily identified as reasons for Impeachment during the Constitutional conventions. But more issues were determined impeachable offenses so High Crimes and Misdemeanors were added. It was also discussed that the president appoints certain officials and therefore how would that affect impeachment proceedings?

Impeachment has been used more than 60 times, but less than a third of these went to full impeachment. Eight Federal Judges have been impeached, convicted and removed from office. Two presidents have been impeached but not removed: Andrew Jackson and William Clinton. A cabinet secretary (1876) and a US Senator (1797) have been impeached. Richard Nixon was impeached but resigned before a formal vote to remove him. George W. Bush had the beginnings of impeachment referred to a committee, and it stopped there. Three other presidents were referred for impeachment, but impeachment was not passed by Congress: James Buchanan, John Tyler, Warren Hastings. Who becomes president if the president is impeached and removed from office? First in line is the Vice-President Mike Pence. After him, it would be the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi. After her, it would be the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Chuck Grassley; and then, Secretary of Sate, Mike Pompeo. If Trump were to be impeached and Pence made president, Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, would become Vice President.

The process of impeachment is detailed. The Speaker of the House directs the Judiciary Committee or a special committee to hold hearings. A majority of the committee must agree to impeach. If they do, then it goes to the full House for a vote to impeach. Then it moves to the Senate for a "trial." The Senate leadership sets how the trial is to proceed.

Members of the House present the augments for impeachment. The president is represented by council. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presides over the trial. The Senators vote on whether to impeach. It takes 2/3 of the Senate to convict. The offense is then answered by removal from office. This is not a legal indictment that would mandate jail or other repercussions. He is simply removed from office.

Sources are from references found on line and are too numerous to list here. Hope you learned something. I did. Thanks!

Emmy Lou Cholak
UUCGT Social Justice Action Committee Co-Chair

## Religious Education (RE) Program



# OUR RE PROGRAM

## Our Whole Lives (OWL) Program has Launched!



After months of planning and preparation, we launched Our Whole Lives on October 12.

from the UUCGT and from the wider Traverse City community, and the course is off to a great start.

We are very grateful to everyone in the congregation who provided their support and encouragement as we re-introduced this important program to the UUCGT.

Our Whole Lives is based on the premise that "Honest, accurate information about sexuality changes lives. It dismantles stereotypes and assumptions, builds self-acceptance and self-esteem, fosters healthy relationships, improves decision making, and has the potential to save lives." We should all be proud to be part of providing this service to our youth.



Weekly Religious Education classes are going well. We have joyfully welcomed some new families and are always happy to see new faces (as well as returning ones, of course!). We began learning about Judaism and celebrated Halloween by exploring the traditions of Samhain and Dia de los Muertos.

In November, we will continue to learn about Judaism and then move on to Earth-centered religions. We are looking for a new RE teacher! The job description is posted on the UUCGT website.

I wish you all a wonderful November,

Betsy Hammerberg (she/her)
Director of Religious Education

#### Program Council Report



## **Thanksgiving Feast Preparations**

#### Schedule for Sunday, November 24

Pat Light will make a Big sign to post at the door to notify visitors of the location of this special service at Gilbert Lodge - Twin Lakes rather than having some one posted at the door. Maps will be placed on the bench inside the lobby.

Time	Task	Committee members	
10:00 AM	Set-up tables & chairs	Facilities, Men's Group	
	Cover tables with white paper	Men's Group, Membership	
	Decorate tables	RE	
	Coffee prep	Membership	
10:45 AM	Receive turkeys and potluck food	Hospitality, Membership, Carol Ritter	
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Service & Music	Sunday Services, Mary Van Valin will coordinate the service. Our new Music Director, Renee Russell, will lead Vocal Ensemble with Music, Betsy Hammerberg will provide a Children's Story	
11:45 - 12:00 AM	Fellowship & food set-up	Hospitality & Membership	
12:00 - 1:15 PM	Dinner	ALL	
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Clean-up	Men's Group, Facilities	
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Kitchen Clean-up	Sunday Services	

Donate a Roasted Turkey! - Sign-up sheet available on Sundays

Tickets - \$5/person - \$15/family - Buy your tickets on Sundays or at the door!

Overall Coordinator - Rick Walter, Program Council

Food Coordinator - Chris & Rick Walter, Carol Ritter, Emmy Lou Cholak - Hospitality & Membership

Facility Set-up - Dave Halsted, Alan Ritter & others - Men's Group

Tickets & Check-in at Gilbert Lodge - Finance Committee

Decorations - Betsy Hammerberg & helpers - RE

Coffee Preparation - Chris Walter, Carol Ritter - Hospitality & Membership

Service Coordinator - Mary Van Valin - Sunday Services

Food Set-up - Chris Walter, Carol Ritter - Hospitality & Membership

Kitchen clean-up - Hal Gurian - Sunday Services

Tables and chairs put away - Dave Halsted, Alan Ritter - Men's Group & Facilities

Lodge clean up - Dave Halsted, Alan Ritter - Men's Group & Facilities MORE VOLUNTEERS AS POSSIBLE!

Lodge rental has been prepaid \$222; Rick Walter will check with Parks and Recreation the week before to make sure Gate is open at 10:00 AM

Next Program Council meeting & Potluck is Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 12:30 PM

### **Board Report**



#### **UU Board Meeting Summary for October**

The UUCGT Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, October 16. Following are key items from the meeting:

- The Board approved the Sunday Services Committee recommendation that we will not have a Christmas Eve Service at the State Theatre this year. Our efforts will be focused on a Christmas Eve candlelight service at UUCGT.
- The Board approved a recommendation from the Facilities Committee to install a security system that will include "panic" buttons in the pulpit and in the office along with four security cameras which will be viewable on a console in the office.
- The Board approved Tom Darnton, Susan Lio and Kat Norman as members of the Transition Team. The Transition Team is similar to a Committee on Ministry but serves for an Interim Minister.
- We finalized plans for a combined planning retreat with the Board and the Transition Team on November 1 and 2. The retreat will be facilitated by Rev. Cheri Cody.
- The Board approved up to five additional hours per week for our new Music Director, Renee Russell at Rev. Cathy's request. This will give Renee up to 15 hours per week total.
- The Board approved Jolynn Paige as acting chair of the Lifespan Experience Committee until Policies and Procedures can be updated to allow non-members to chair committees.
- Our Director of Religious Education is planning to hire a teacher to fill the open position from Logan Chamberlain's departure. The Board gave the go ahead to do so.
- The Board appointed Judy Myers and Pat Light to fill openings on the Safe Congregation Committee.
- We heard a report from Barb Termaat on the progress of the Healthy Congregations task force which includes Susan Lio, Jim Linsell, Barb Gibson, Mary Anne Rivers and Rev. Cathy Harrington in addition to Barb Termaat.
- We heard an update on the Benzie Congregation from Judy Myers.
- We decided to participate in the UUA Mid America Region history project. Mike McDonald will be looking for someone to put together a brief congregational history for UUCGT.

We plan to share highlights from our monthly Board meetings throughout the year. You can also find the minutes of Board meetings on our website. Our Board meetings are open meetings and you are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Mike McDonald, President

## Financial Report

	Current Year		Prior Year	
Budgeted Income Received YTD	\$ 91,049	34.6%	\$103,585	40.7%
Budgeted Expenses Paid YTD	\$ 57,412	21.8%	\$ 68,473	27.0%
"For Those in Need" YTD	\$ 2,620		\$ 2,425	

We continue to be off to a good start financially due to a number of prepaid pledges for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Prepaid pledges are a normal annual occurrence.





Budgeted income includes the total of all pledged and unpledged donations and miscellaneous income including building rent, etc. "For Those in Need" collections are in addition to Budgeted Income Received and are disbursed quarterly to worthy causes, including Congregational Care, Tuesday Community Lunch and other Community needs outside our congregation. The percentage reflects the portion of the total amount of income or expense budgeted for the fiscal year.

If you want more detailed information, you can look at our website, click on Board, then on Board Packet, then on Monthly Comparison. Questions can be directed to your Finance Committee which includes Dusty Culton, Karl Keinath, Mike McDonald, Jim Walworth and Price Watts.

# Thank you for Pledging!

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## the **BEACON**

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#### **UUCGT Calendar**

All events and programs take place at UUCGT unless otherwise noted

#### **NOVEMBER 2019**

- Facilities Team social hall 10:00 AM 01 Fri Death Café Members Day of the Dead social hall 6:00 PM Board Retreat Dinner Out 6:00 PM 01 Fri Board Retreat @ UUCGT social hall 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM 02 Sat Sat Contra Dance @ UUCGT social hall 7:00 PM - Open to Public! Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Sun OWL Class meditation room 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Sun Sunday Service 10:30 AM Rev. Cathy Harrington Sun Social Justice Committee library 11:45 AM RE Committee classroom 12:00 PM 03 03 Sun Mindfulness Meditation - 1st Sunday sanctuary 2:30 - 6:30 PM 03 Mon Stretch & Strengthen social hall 11:00 AM Mon UU Men's Group Minerva's 5:30 PM Community Lunch @ Friends Church - Volunteer! 10:30 AM 05 Bridge Club social hall 1:00 PM 05 Tue
- 05 Tue SokukoJi Buddhist Meditation meditation room 6:30-8:30 PM Wed Stretch & Strengthen social hall 11:00 AM 06
- Wed Staff Resources library 3:00 PM
  Wed Wednesday Potluck Supper social hall 5:30 PM Join Us! 06 Wed SokukoJi Buddhist Group meditation room 6:30-8:30 PM Wed Benzie UU Potluck/Service @ Grow Benzie 6:30 PM 06
- Thu Shantideva Fan Club sanctuary 9:30-11:00 AM 07 07 Community Needs library 10:00 AM Congregational Care library 1:30 PM 07
- Peacemakers Needleworkers social hall 1:30 PM 07 Thu Vocal Ensemble sanctuary 7:00 PM 07
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- Sun OWL Class meditation room 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Sun Sunday Service 10:30 AM Rev. Cathy Harrington 10 Sun Safe Harbor Short Volunteer Training, sanctuary 12:00 PM Sun Program Council Potluck & Meeting social hall 12:30 PM 10
- Sun UUCGT Book Club host Harriet Smith 2:00 PM Sun Mindfulness Meditation sanctuary 5:00-7:00 PM
- Mon Stretch & Strengthen social hall 11:00 AM 11
- Mon Plant-Based Lifestyle social hall 6:00 PM Free Open to Public 11 Community Lunch @ Friends Church - Volunteer! 10:30 AM 12
- Indivisible GT sanctuary 11:30 AM

- Bridge Club social hall 1:00 PM
- SokukoJi Buddhist Meditation meditation room 6:30-8:30 PM 12
- Stretch & Strengthen social hall 11:00 AM 13
- Wed Death Café sanctuary 1:00 PM
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- Wed Finance Committee office 3:30 PM
  Wed Wednesday Supper/\$5 @ UUCGT 5:30 PM 13
- Thu Peacemakers Needleworkers social hall 1:30 PM
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- Vocal Ensemble sanctuary 7:00 PM UUCGT @ Safe Harbor November 16 November 23 16 Sat
- 16 SokukoJi Meditation Retreat sanctuary 9:00A-4:00P Open to all
- Sun OWL Class meditation room 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Sun Sunday Service 10:30 AM Rev. Cathy Harrington 17 17
- Sun Mindfulness Meditation sanctuary 5:00-7:00 PM Mon Stretch & Strengthen social hall 11:00 AM 17
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- Community Lunch @ Friends Church Volunteer! 10:30 AM 19 Tue
- 19 Bridge Club social hall 1:00 PM 19
  - Leadership Development library 3:00 PM
- SokukoJi Buddhist Meditation meditation room 6:30-8:30 PM 19
- Wed Stretch & Strengthen social hall 11:00 AM 20
- 20 Wed Wednesday Potluck Supper @ UUCGT, bring a dish! 5:30 PM 20
- Wed Benzie UU Potluck/Service @ Grow Benzie 6:30 PM
  Wed UUCGT Board Meeting sanctuary 7:00 PM
  Thu Shantideva Fan Club sanctuary 9:30 11:00 AM
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- Congregational Care library 1:30 PM Peacemakers Needleworkers social hall 1:30 PM
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- 21 Thu
- 21 Vocal Ensemble sanctuary 7:00 PM
- 24 Sun Sunday Service/Thanksgiving Potluck @ Twin Lakes 10:00 AM set-up,11:00 AM Service, 12:00 PM Potluck Dinner
- 24 Mindfulness Meditation sanctuary 5:00-7:00 PM 25
- Mon Stretch & Strengthen social hall 11:00 AM
- Community Lunch @ Friends Church Volunteer! 10:30 AM 26 Tue
- 26 Bridge Club social hall 1:00 PM
- 26 Tue SokukoJi Buddhist Meditation meditation room 6:30-8:30 PM
- Wed Stretch & Strengthen social hall 11:00 AM 27
- 27 Wed No Wednesday Supper this week
- 28 Thanksgiving - UU office closed 30
  - MENSA Testing classrooms 12:00 5:00 PM

