

2025 UUFoM Slate of Nominees



President-Elect: Monica Hughes

Monica Hughes has been a dedicated member of UUFoM since first attending and joining the congregation in 2014. She has taken on several leadership roles, including serving as Co-Leader of the Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Pagans, being a member of the Worship Team, and previously working as the Director of Religious Education (DRE) and on the Religious Education (RE) Team.

Monica's decision to join UUFoM stemmed from her desire to find a welcoming, non-judgmental space for her family. She appreciated the sense of community and the quality of the children's programs at the

Fellowship.

Originally from Arcadia, Florida, Monica moved to Beaverton, Michigan, when she was 10 and later relocated to Midland at 19. She and her family have been living in Freeland, Michigan, for about three years. Monica is married to Scott Hughes, and together they have three children: William, Adrianna, and Rosalinn.

Looking to the future, Monica dreams of UUFoM growing its presence in the wider community through events and outreach. She also envisions the Fellowship becoming more eco-friendly by incorporating solar energy and using native plants. Monica is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work, building on her Bachelor's degree in Business.



Treasurer: Jim Stewart

Jim Stewart first attended UUFoM around 2000 for a brief period but began attending more regularly in 2022. He became a member of the Fellowship in 2023.

Since joining, Jim has been actively involved in the congregation, serving as a member of the Finance Committee and contributing to the Vision-Mission Task Force. His decision to become a Unitarian Universalist was driven by a desire to find an alternative to traditional organized religion, and he appreciates the sense of acceptance that

UU offers.

Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Jim now lives with his wife, Cathie. He chose to become a member of UUFoM to help support the organization and its mission.



Member-at-Large: Christina VanPoucker

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Throughout her time with the Fellowship, Christina has taken on numerous leadership roles. She has led two covenant groups, a women's group, and the Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Pagans, while also serving on the Engagement Team and chairing the Committee on Ministry. Currently, she leads the Greek Mythology Book Club, continuing her active engagement within the UU FoM community.

Christina's journey to Unitarian Universalism was driven by her search for a community of like-minded, progressive individuals who shared her values. She quickly found fulfillment through her involvement in various roles within UU FoM.

Born in Detroit and raised in Warren until the 7th grade, Christina moved to Midland, where she has lived ever since. Despite her Catholic family background, she was not raised attending church regularly, and her parents allowed her to explore and choose her own beliefs.

Christina holds a degree in Professional and Technical Writing, and her passion for writing spans across technical documents, creative writing, and grant writing. She enjoys helping friends with resumes and is particularly fond of style guides. A voracious reader, Christina sets a yearly goal of reading 100 books and has read 55 books so far in 2024.



Nominating Committee Member: Susan Mayer

Susan Mayer began attending UU FoM in the spring of 2018 and officially became a member in the fall of that year. She is an active participant, serving on the Worship Team and chairing the Social Justice Team. Her journey to Unitarian Universalism stems from her belief that no single religion holds the sole truth, and she values the insights of various faiths.

The fellowship offers her the support needed to explore her spiritual path. Susan was already involved with the UU community before relocating to Michigan, and UU FoM became her congregation due to its proximity.

She is married to Mike, and they have two children and four grandchildren residing in Ohio. Additionally, Susan has a brother and sister in Minnesota.