

2021-22 Annual Report of UAAA Community of Writers

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- **WHO WE ARE:** The Community of Writers was begun and continues on the premise that every person is a writer. The group offers a confidential and supportive space to share our creative writings, receiving in return encouragement and appreciative feedback.
- **WHAT WE DO:** Members of the group and guests are invited to read their original writings in any genre at monthly meetings or to simply listen. In the last year several members have offered writing prompts and helped facilitate meetings and discussions.
- **WHEN WE MEET:** Meetings are held on the third Sunday of every month, 1:00-3:00 pm. Zoom links are provided to members and other interested guests. The members look forward to meeting in person when it is safe to do so.
- **OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Steady growth and interest continue for the Community of Writers. We have a growing number of new members and more active writers/readers. Dan Carelton published a book of his poetry and generously shared copies with the group. We look forward to offering a reading for the congregation this year, as we did before the Covid shutdown.
- **LEADERSHIP:** Leadership is shared in the facilitation of readings, and the suggestion of writing topics and programs. Members share notices of writing opportunities outside the group. Kathy Friedrichs, Sandy Kunkle and Anne Ramsey are the current co-chairs of the Community of Writers.
- **HOW WE REPRESENT CORE VALUES of UAAA and SUPPORT VISION 20/50:** The Community of Writers fosters community in an intentionally welcoming and safe environment. The group welcomes diversity and is inclusive of all.