

2021 Annual Report of UUAA 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. From May through July, writings and comments were shared via email. Beginning in August we gathered on Zoom, and 10 to 12 members read regularly with their writing screen-shared upon request.
- **WHEN WE MEET:** Meetings are held on the third Sunday of every month, 1-3:00 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:** A bi-annual tradition of a Reading for the Congregation was held in December. Future readings for the Congregation are planned. The Community of Writers was highlighted in the Congregational Life Series, April, 2021.
- **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 and Sandy Kunkle became co-chairs of the Community of Writers when Mary Lund requested a leave of absence as chair.
- **HOW WE REPRESENT CORE VALUES of UUAA 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.