

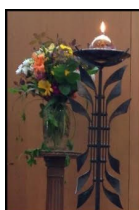


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UUAA E-News | July 26, 2020

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Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, July 26, 11:30

This week UUAA will be hosting the July "Church Swap." Join us in worship with congregants of Church of the River, Memphis, Tennessee and students of [Faith Lab](#), an online UU high school summer program.

Use this Link to join us virtually: www.uuaa.org/service.



Virtual Social Hour

Immediately Following Service

Join UUAA, Church of the River, and Faith Lab congregants for a Zoom Social Hour immediately after the service. Use this link to take part:

www.uuaa.org/socialhour.

To view or listen to past Sunday Services, [click here](#).



If you would like to contribute to the Weekly Offering, [click here](#).



Pastoral Care Call

Monday, July 27, 11:00am-12:00pm

Pastoral Care Call is hosted twice a week: This space can be used for community and connection for those in

need of support.

Note that in July and August there will be Monday Pastoral Care Calls only.

Monday link: <https://zoom.us/j/202591201>

Questions? Email Quiana Perkins at Quiana@uuaa.org.

CENTERING WITH KARI



*weekly spiritual practice
time to help you get centered*

Wednesdays at noon,
July 15 - August 12

facebook.com/uuaa.org
instagram.com/uu_annarbor



For more information contact kari@uuaa.org



Wednesday Meditation
Wednesdays, 4:00pm-5:00pm

All are welcome to practice a form of Buddhist meditation with fellow congregants.

Use this link: www.uuaa.org/meditation

Are you interested in learning more about meditation?

- Watch Introduction to Meditation produced by Rev. Manish on our UUAA YouTube Channel. [Use this link](#). (Posted 4/9)



Children's Corner Videos at UUAA Wednesday, July 29

Next week, UUAA children and their families will be invited to view our Children's Corner video, a special offering from SGD staff and volunteers created to engage UU kids online. There will be some familiar elements of song and ritual, as well as segments on different themes. We are planning that Children's Corner videos will be a regular offering to kids of the congregation. Check out the Bulletin or the [UUAA YouTube channel](#) to find it.

Questions? Contact Director of Spiritual Growth and Development Mark VanKempen at markv@uuaa.org.



Room Reservations at UUAA for 2020-2021 Accepting Reservations Now

With the uncertainty brought on by Covid-19, we ask UUAA groups to plan with Zoom in mind for the fall. We encourage all recognized groups to submit their [Zoom room reservations](#) now. When the building opens again physically, we can easily convert your Zoom room to an actual room. One bonus of this is while we are meeting virtually, Zoom rooms are available on Fridays and Saturdays.

Questions? Email Debita Graham at room@uuaa.org.



Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group August 5 & August 19, 3:00pm-4:30pm

The Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group, sponsored by the UUAA Pastoral Care Team in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, meets regularly the first and third Wednesday of each month from 3:00pm-4:30pm. If you are caring for a loved one and looking for support as you navigate the world of Alzheimer's or dementia, please email Meredith at meredith1888@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.



Habitat for Humanity NEW PLAN, NEW HOUSES, NEW DATES

Habitat has regrouped to figure out how best to catch up on the homes that are behind schedule and how to integrate into that measures to keep volunteers as safe as possible.

- Crew sizes have changed. There will be fewer workers on site to help assure social distancing.
- In August and September, we will have two houses to work on:

- The Good News House: 2754 Appleridge St., Ypsilanti
- The Thrivent House: 1622 Wiard Rd., Ypsilanti
- The revised schedule for UUAA is the following:
 - Saturday, August 15 (4 volunteers)
 - Saturday, August 29 (4 volunteers)
 - Saturday, September 19 (10 volunteers)

More details and updated information is available on <http://uuaa.org/h4h>.

As part of the safety guidelines we will not be providing lunches to volunteers this year. Volunteers need to bring their own work gloves, mask (you must wear a mask on site), lunch and water. You are welcome to bring your own tools if you would like. If you need help getting a mask or gloves, email habitat@uuaa.org.

Thanks to all of you who have donated, and a very generous donation from the estate of Guala Lauzzana, we have met our pledge to Habitat Good News Group this year. If you want to donate in advance for next year, or for a special project, checks can be made out to UUAA (with "Habitat" in the memo line) and mailed to the UUAA (4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103), or you can make a credit card donation from the link at <http://uuaa.org/h4h>. (Be sure to check the "Habitat for Humanity" box.)



UUCivs: Vote Your Values

Action Items This Week:

- **Voting Kits** help marginalized and high-risk communities, such as the housing insecure and the recently incarcerated, bring their voices to the ballot box. Elders and first-time voters often face obstacles too. Our goal is to fund 500 Kits by raising \$1000. To help, please use this [link](#) and select "UUCivs" from UUAA's donation list.
- The **Primary** is August 4! The League of Women Voters provides information on the candidates and proposals at Vote411.org. Click [here](#) to view recorded candidate forums.

Questions? Contact UUCivs@uuaa.org.

Outdoor Use Policy
July/ Aug, 2020



The UUAA staff is happy to announce that UUAA is officially open for business again in a very limited way-- outdoors in designated areas of UUAA property Saturdays and Sundays only from 8 am - 10 pm.

Recognized congregational groups and UUAA members may request to reserve outdoor space by first [reading the full outdoor space use](#)

[policy](#) and then filling out the [Outdoor Space Request Form](#). We want to keep everyone in our community safe, so please make sure that everyone in your group wears a mask and adheres to the policies carefully created by our Covid19 advisory team.

Enjoy the outdoor space, and please note that the building and the playground remain closed, so take into account that bathrooms are not available and there is no shelter for inclement weather. [Read the full list of requirements in the policy document.](#)



Our Land Needs You!

The congregation took a break from the land, but unfortunately the weeds did not! Now that our land is open again, we would love your help - even if it's just a couple of hours. If you're willing to help with weeding flower beds, trimming and pruning trails, repairing

trail markers and sign posts, or any other gardening tasks, please contact our Building Manager, Don Hackney, at don@uuaa.org.



Signup for Friday Fun Communications

Be the first to receive signup links for Friday Fun activities and news. Sign up for the Friday Fun mailer. [Use this link.](#)



Calling All Knitters! UUAA Host a Comfort Shawl Ministry

Members of the UUAA community knit amazing shawls which are then shared with community members for various reasons.

In the last few months due to COVID and the many life transitions our community has experienced, we are low on shawls.

AND THAT IS WHERE YOU COME IN!

We are looking for help from our UUAA Kitting community to add ten new shawls in the coming months.

COMFORT SHAWL MINISTRY

1. The pattern is on the UUAA Pastoral Care webpage. The pattern has both the knit and crochet versions.
2. Find some bright, beautiful yarn that speaks to your heart. Remember these are for new parents, grandparents, and those in various stages of grief and loss
3. KNIT!
4. When the shawl is complete, reach out by email PastoralCare@uuaa.org to make pick up arrangements.

P.S. YES! You can share this pattern with any knitters who desire to add the Shawl Ministry.

Thank you in advance for your help in this cherished ministry.

Pastoral Care



UUAA Book Worms

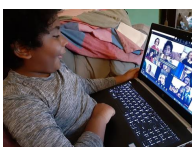
Do you love to read but haven't had the time to join a book club? A new book club is kicking off on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00pm via Zoom. UUAA Book Worms will be restricted to eight new members who haven't had the ability to join Wednesday Morning Readers due to work or family circumstances or are new to the congregation. Our September book selection is *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. If you have questions or are a committed reader and would like to give it a try, email Liz Hartley at lizzyt48176@gmail.com.



UUSC Coffee Project

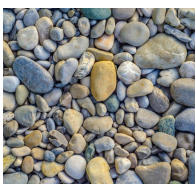
Equal Exchange coffee and chocolates are for sale again! This will be a curbside pickup or delivery with no contact program. Orders may be picked up in Ann Arbor (not at UUAA) or delivered to your home. See what we have in stock, [click here](#).

Email uuaaexchangeorder@gmail.com to place your order online, or call Cathy Whitaker at 419-283-3430 or Ilene Beninson at 248-376-7031. All sales benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and this congregation.



Programming for Children & Youth

To learn about programming for children and youth, email SGD@uuaa.org.



Submitting to the *Weekly E-News/Bulletin & Monthly Newsletter*

All recognized UUAA groups may publicize UUAA events in the news in the *Weekly E-News/Bulletin* and *Monthly Newsletter*.

***Weekly E-News/Bulletin* Deadline Wednesdays at 5:00pm**

Send submissions of 90 words or fewer to Bulletin@uuaa.org. If your group is advertising an event, please be sure to include the name of the event, date, time, and contact information to field questions. We also ask that you make your room reservation or Zoom room reservation before advertising an event. Note that during the stay-at-home order, we are not strictly limited to the 90 word limit; however we do ask that you stay in close range of that.

***Monthly Newsletter* Deadline The 21st of the Month at 9:00am**

Send submissions of 300 words or fewer to Newsletter@uuaa.org.

If you have any questions about the *Weekly E-News/Bulletin* or *Monthly Newsletter*, contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.



Quick Links:

[UUAA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUAA](#) | [Find us on Facebook](#)
[Make Your Pledge](#) | [UUAA Events Calendar](#)

Other Links:

[UUA.org](#) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](#)
[Side With Love](#) (formerly Standing on the Side of Love)



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