



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

UUAA E-News | August 16, 2020

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Sunday Worship Service - The Invisible String **Sunday, August 16, 11:30am**

dear friends, i invite you to participate in the ritual and meditation for this sunday's service by having a length of yarn or string with you (something between 1 - 2 feet will work just fine) and a pair of scissors. - rev. theresa

Use this link to join www.uuaa.org/service.



Virtual Social Hour **Immediately Following Service**

Join us 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](#).



Welcome UU Back Week

UUAA is excited to welcoming UU back into the 2020-2021 program year! This year will be unique as we move to online formats for much of our programming. Welcome UU

Back Week (WUUBW) September 14-September 21 we will gather to learn, engage, and support each other on this journey. WUUBW will be a series of zoom sessions covering important topics like Membership, Stewardship, Music and Congregational Life. WUUBW sessions will be facilitated by staff and lay leaders,

and held at various times to accommodate the unique needs of our community. Look for a final schedule [Here](#) and sign up details in the coming weeks. Questions? Quiana@uuuaa.org



Weekly Pastoral Care Hour is on Summer Break!

NO PC CALL HOUR in August (10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st)

Look for a new time and day starting in September.

If you or someone else needs Pastoral Care

email: pastoralcare@uuuaa.org or call: 734-665-6158 ext 2



UUCivs: Vote Your Values

UUCivs is providing support, including Voting Kits, to groups who face barriers to voting such as folks living in homeless shelters, formerly incarcerated citizens, and seniors.

To join a team working to ensure that everyone can exercise their right to vote, contact UUCivs at votingHelpline@gmail.com. To make a donation for creating the Voting Kits, click [here](#) and select UUCivs.

For additional Get Out the Vote information and links to voting resources, see [our updated webpage](#).

Questions? Contact UUCivs@uuuaa.org.

EqUUal Access is one of the organizations within the UUA, which, with solidarity partners DRUUMM, BLUU and TRUUuT, represents many of the people whose identities are marginalized in Unitarian Universalism.

No one, including UUs living with disability, can be left behind.

EqUUal Access is currently reimagining its purpose, mission, and activities toward identifying the future as an essential organization of UUs living with disability.

We would like feedback from typical UUs affiliated with congregations in different regions who may or may not have heard of our activities; this input will help EqUUal Access to set priorities and actions for moving into the future.

The UUA Commission on Institutional Change Report* (2020) states: -- *A liberatory faith will remember the mandate from our theological legacy: to privilege those most affected in our justice*

work, which should follow the voices of those most at risk.

Please help EqUUal Access effect this liberative work of our UU faith. Complete the 10-question survey found at the link below. Average completion time is about 5-10 minutes. The survey will remain open until August 30.

LINK TO SURVEY <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XGQ9L5T>

*<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/cic/widening/appendix-ii>



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)



Room Reservations at UUA for 2020-2021 **Accepting Reservations Now**

With the uncertainty brought on by Covid-19, we ask UUA 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 **Wednesdays, August 5 & August 19, 3:00pm-4:30pm**

The Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group, sponsored by the UUA 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.



Newcomer Chalice Circle

Saturday, August 15, 1:00pm-3:00pm

If you are new to UUAA in the past year or find yourself with the time you always wanted to explore UU, join us in delving more deeply into the seven UU Principles. Experience a small-group, spiritual discussion with fellow inquisitive minds and hearts in this one-time Newcomer Chalice Circle.

Sign up using **this link** by Monday, August 10, or email Hannah Hotchkiss at **hannah@uuuaa.org**. You will receive a Zoom link once you have registered.

This group is limited to 6 participants. Hannah will contact you if you are put on the wait list.



**Habitat
for Humanity®**
Huron Valley

Good News Group
In partnership with
thrivent®

invites you to attend our:

VIRTUAL BUILD KICK OFF

Join us remotely as we begin demolition and start work with volunteers at one of our 2020 Good News Group & Thrivent Faith Builds homes on

Friday, August 21 @ 10 am

Get an update on Habitat's programs, Good News Group, and the Thrivent partnership while watching the work begin with our Habitat House Leader and a Habitat partner family!

Join remotely here:

<https://bit.ly/BuildKickOff>
passcode: 504360

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.](#)



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.



Annual Men's Retreat September 19, 2020

CHANGE! 2020 is a year of changes and

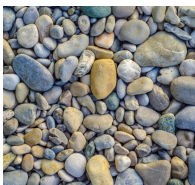
disruptions: a pandemic, police brutality, civil unrest, a divisive election, and the inability to gather with others. Are we at an inflection point? Can we navigate the disruptions alone? What is needed from us? Consider these questions at the Men's retreat -- a mostly virtual gathering with optional small, in-person gatherings. \$25 registration fee covers the tee-shirt and donation to a local non-profit. Register by September 12 at <https://forms.gle/TbW4H11hC3FJwpSc8>. Send questions to Tom Reischl @ treischl57@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 uuaaequalexchangeorder@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.



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:

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

Other Links:

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

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