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UUAA E-News & Pastoral News | August 23, 2020

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Sunday Worship Service Sunday, August 23, Noon (NOTE TIME)

This Sunday, Church of the River in Memphis, Tennessee will be hosting a joint worship with UUAA. Please note that this week only, service will be 12:00pm-1:00pm (ET).

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](#).



Congratulations Staff

In June, we announced that our staff would be reorganizing to better meet the needs of our community. The following staff members have now fully transitioned into their new roles, so please join us as we send them our very best for this exciting new chapter:

Quiana Perkins, Coordinator of Congregational Life - In this role, Quiana supports all lay-led affinity and justice groups, aligning all groups with our



congregation's vision.



Mark Van Kempen, Director of Spiritual Growth & Development - In this role, Mark oversees all educational, enrichment and childcare programs within our community, across the lifespan.



rev. theresa rohlck, Congregational Chaplain/Director of the Chalice Bells Handbell Choir - In her role as Congregational Chaplain, theresa works directly with our lay pastoral care team and provides pastoral care to UUAA community members in need. theresa is also providing support for worship and continues to direct the Chalice Bells.



Rev. Cassandra Hartley, Executive Minister - In this role, Rev. Cassandra is Head of Operations and oversees the alignment of all of our programming with the congregation's vision.



Board of Trustees Update

At the time of the May 31 Annual Meeting, UUAA was in full Covid 19 mode along with the rest of the country, and elected a new slate of Trustees ([see details here](#)) via the first ever UUAA Annual Meeting via Zoom.

Since then, while navigating Covid 19 and the summer schedule, the Board of Trustees (BoT) has still been keeping busy including but not limited to:

- Along with their final report, the Vision 20/50 Leadership Team recommended that the BoT form a task force to explore how best our congregation could execute collaborative action planning around our newly articulated priorities ([see details here](#)), a process for transparent monitoring and reviewing/updating the progress, and what changes may need to be made to policies in order to facilitate the process. The task force was formed and will be reporting back to the BoT by the end of August. The BoT is excited to share the task force

- findings with you as we move forward on our priorities.
- Orientation – the Governance Advisory Team, one of two standing committees of the Board, held two orientation sessions on responsibilities and policies.
 - Scheduled a half-day orientation with Senior Minister Reverend Manish Mishra-Marzetti.
 - Paired new BoT members with standing members for more in-depth orientation.

Next steps for the BoT include:

- Finalization of the 2020-2021 Board Calendar
- Meeting Schedule (congregants invited!)
- Creation of the 2020-2021 BoT Work Plan (will be posted at uuaa.org)
- Mission and Vision Statements for Congregational Consideration (posted now on UUA.org)
- Pending Policy Decisions
- Vision 20/50 Next Steps

There are many other items on the BoT's agenda, so watch for notices of board meetings (all are invited to Zoom in with us), and regular updates in the *Weekly E-News*, *Monthly Newsletter*, and through other communication platforms including the UUA website uuaa.org, and Sunday Services.

The BoT is always accessible to congregants by emailing BoT@UUA.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@uuaa.org or call: 734-665-6158 ext 2



**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



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)



Welcome UU Back Week

September 14-21

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@uuaa.org.



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.



UUCivs: Vote Your Values

Are you looking for a way to assist our UUAA community of voters?

COVID-19 has resulted in the need to practice social distancing, which has heightened the critical importance of mail-in voting, particularly for at-risk populations.

So, UUCivs is recruiting a few volunteers to reach out to seniors in our congregation who may need assistance with voting by mail.

Please contact uucivs@uuaa.org if you're able to help with this project.

EqUUal Access is one of the organizations within the UUA, which, with solidarity partners DRUUMM, BLUU and TRUUsT, 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>



Room Reservations at UAAA for 2020-2021 Accepting Reservations Now

With the uncertainty brought on by Covid-19, we ask UAAA 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.



Outdoor Use Policy July/ Aug, 2020

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

Recognized congregational groups and UAAA 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.

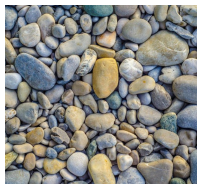
Pastoral Care



UUUC 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 UUA groups may publicize UUA 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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