



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

UUA A E-News | August 9, 2020

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Sunday Worship Service **Sunday, August 9, 11:30am**

Join us this Sunday for the 9th grade Coming of Age Credo Service. Our 9th grade students share their statements of belief with the congregation.

Use this: 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](#).



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



UUCivs: Vote Your Values

If you want to be part of making a difference in the November elections (just 93 days away) please join us this **Sunday, Aug 9 at 3pm**. You'll learn about our 3 action teams and ways you can help support

target communities safely from your home.

Email UUCivs@uuaa.org for the Zoom Meeting ID.

- Thank you donors! UUCivs, in partnership with more than 20 community organizations, is distributing voting kits and postcards, with links to our Voting Helpline, to marginalized voters. Click [here](#) to learn how your dollars are supporting voting access. To contribute to reaching marginalized voters [use this link](#) and select “UUCivs” from the donor list.

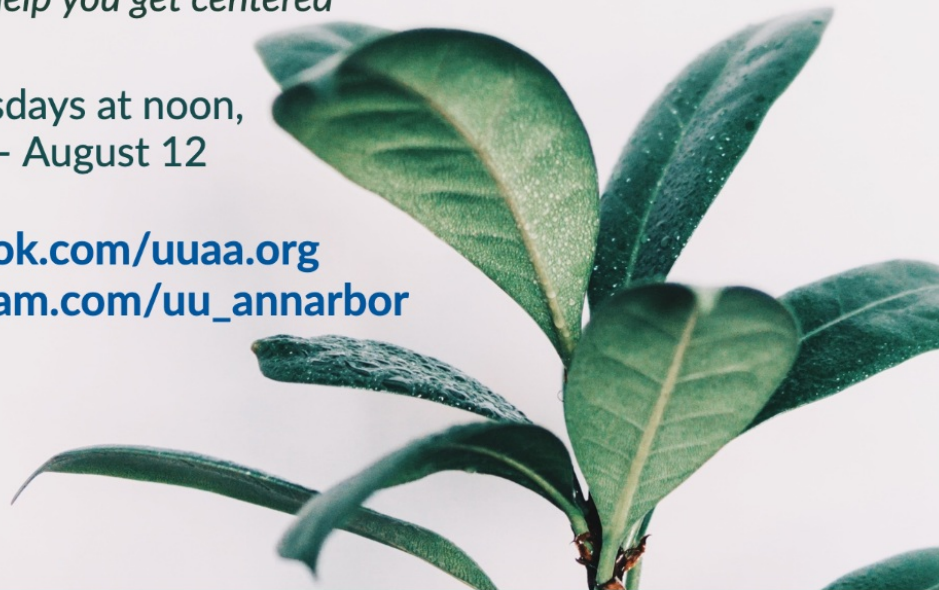
CENTERING WITH KARI



*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](http://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 at UUAA A Video Series for Kids

As our SGD staff and volunteers continue to plan for what fall classes might look like, we are excited to bring to you [Children's Corner at UUAA](#). Children's Corner is a regular video series created by SGD staff and volunteers that explores the world through the lens of Unitarian Universalist Principles.

Children's Corner is created with children elementary age and younger in mind, and can be viewed on their own or as a family. Each video will have segments that should be familiar to returning SGD kids, as well as segments with song, movement, or activities you can do at home.

We would love to have ongoing participation in our Children's Corner videos. Each week we will ask to send in pictures or videos based on the activity featured. We will highlight some of the families who send in materials in future videos. We'd also love feedback, ideas for future activities or topics, or general comments. Send all of the above to sgd@uuaa.org.

We are excited to explore different ways of being in community with children and their families, and we hope Children's Corner will become a part of your family's engagement with UUAA.



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 Wednesdays, 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.



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@uuaa.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 **PICK UP A HAMMER AND GET TO WORK**

The summer Habitat for Humanity Good News House build is going strong.

- 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
- We still need workers:
 - Saturday, August 29 (2 of 4 slots filled)
 - Saturday, September 19 (4 of 10 slots filled)
- Safety is a primary concern:
 - Safety guidelines are reviewed on-site before any work is done
 - A COVID 19 Volunteer Waiver is required
 - Social Distancing is enforced
 - Masks are required

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.

SHORT NOTICE VOLUNTEERS

If the number of volunteers is low for an upcoming build date, Habitat reaches out to this list to notify you that there is an opportunity for you to work on a house. Several UUAA members are on the Short Notice Volunteer list already. To be added to the list email habitat@uuaa.org.

VIRTUAL KICKOFF

A Zoom meeting is planned, with the goal of engaging folks in the various congregations who are unable to join us on the actual site this year but would like a "sneak peak" into the build day.

Habitat Good News & Thrivent Faith Build Virtual Kick Off Event
Friday, Aug. 14 at 10 AM

Details will be coming on the UUAA Habitat web site:

<http://uuaa.org/h4h>



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!

UUA Host a Comfort Shawl Ministry

Members of the UUA 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 UUA Kitting community to add ten new shawls in the coming months.

COMFORT SHAWL MINISTRY

1. The pattern is on the UUA 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



UUA 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. UUA 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

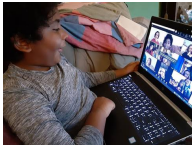
Kingsolver. If you have questions or are a committed reader and would like to give it a try, email Liz Hartley at lizzyt48176@gmail.com.



UUSC Coffee Project

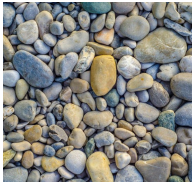
Equal Exchange coffee and chocolates are for sale again! This will be a curbside pickup or delivery with no contact program. Orders may be picked up in Ann Arbor (not at UUAA) or delivered to your home. See what we have in stock, [click here](#).

Email 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.



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:

[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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