

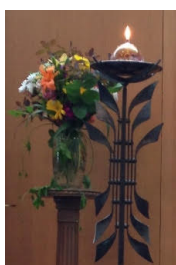


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UUAA E-News & Pastoral News | September 13, 2020

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Worship Service

Sunday, September 13, 11:30am

Our annual in gathering (start of the new congregational year) Water Communion symbolizes the confluence of the gifts we all bring to the congregation. Join us in this joyous, virtual celebration of regathering and renewing our commitment to one

another.

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](#).



Today's Sharing the Collection

Sunday, September 13, we will Share Our Collection with the [Student Advocacy Center of Michigan](#). The SAC was established in 1975 to address racial inequities in resources, expectations, discipline and outcomes for Black youth. Today, they serve low- and no-income families,

particularly those impacted by foster care, homelessness.

If you would like more information about Sharing the Collection, email sharecollection@uuaa.org.



Parent Informational Meeting Tonight! Thursday, September 10, 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Come join us as we give details and answer questions for the SGD program in September. We will provide the class catalog for September/October classes, details for how to register, and information about what you can do to be involved and stay safe.

Use [this zoom link](#) to join.

Can't make the meeting? We'll be sure to email out pertinent info in the next few days.

Questions? Contact sgd@uuaa.org.



Alpha House Special Service Week September 14-20, 2020 There Are Still Slots Open!

Alpha House is an emergency shelter for families temporarily experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. This September, we will serve for a special host week September 14-20. UUAA provides dinner each night during our week and hot breakfast on weekends. We also purchase supplies and supervise children's activities when possible. Sign up online at tinyurl.com/AHSep20 to help financially, donate a dish (curbside), heat meals (kitchen-only), or oversee outdoor activity time. We are all working together to keep residents and volunteers safe during COVID. Questions? Contact AlphaHouse@uuaa.org.



Welcome UU Back Week September 10-21

UUAA is excited to welcome UU back into the 2020-2021 program year! This year will be unique as we move to online formats for much of our programming. During *Welcome UU Back Week* (WUUBW), September 10-September 23, we will have a chance to gather, learn, engage, and support each other on this journey. For the schedule and registration, use this link:

[**Welcome UU Back Week Registration Link**](#)

Questions? Quiana@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)



Annual Men's Retreat | CHANGE! **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 at treischl57@gmail.com.



Newcomer Chalice Circle **Saturday, September 19, 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 deeply into the seven UU Principles. This one-session Chalice Circle, specifically geared to newcomers, lets you experience a small-group, spiritual discussion with fellow inquisitive minds and open hearts.

Sign up using [this link](#) by Monday, September 14 or email Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org. You will receive a Zoom link once you have registered.

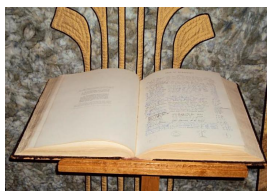
This group is limited to 6 participants. Hannah will contact you if you are put on the wait list.



Community of Writers Zoom **Sunday, September 20, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

From March to August, UUAA Writers exchanged

writings and appreciative comments by email. We are going forward with Zoom to share our writings with appreciative response. Writers will meet by Zoom on the 3rd Sunday of every month beginning September 20, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Members of the congregation interested in joining the Community of Writers may contact Mary Lund, Co-Facilitator, at mlund@mi.rr.com or 248-344-4877 by Wednesday, September 15. A link and invitation to join will be sent prior to the start of the Zoom gathering.



Introduction to Our Faith Saturdays, October 17 & 24, 10:00am-Noon

This two-session class launches you on your way toward membership or just a deeper understanding of this congregation and faith. We will share our spiritual journeys, explore the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, give you the chance to contemplate your calling, discuss how to get involved, and the meaning and responsibilities of membership. This class is a prerequisite to membership.

Register by Monday, October 12 using [this link](#) or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.



Our SGD Program Needs Teachers!

Our SGD program is looking for teachers for kids of all ages.

This year, we are drastically restructuring our program to meet the needs of our community of children and families. Our SGD program will offer smaller classes that run for a maximum of 6 weeks, on a variety of topics chosen by individual teachers.

This is a perfect opportunity to get involved. If you have a skill, passion, or expertise, this is a chance to share it with the children of the congregation.

- For more details, [check out this document](#).
- To sign up to teach, [use this form](#).

Questions? Email SGD@uuaa.org.



2020-2021 Chalice Circle Registration Now Open

Chalice Circle Registration: Are you looking for a way to connect with fellow congregants at UUA? Are you

seeking opportunities to share your truths in a safe/brave space? Register online [here](#) for Chalice Circles forming now and beginning in October (Bi-monthly for seven months or weekly for 6 weeks). For more information, please attend the Welcome UU Back Drop-in Chalice Circle [Information Session](#) on Sept 19 from 12:00 – 1:00, or email ChaliceCircles@uuuaa.org. All circles will be held on Zoom.



UUCivs: Vote Your Values

Absentee ballots will be available beginning **September 24**. A one-hour **ZOOM VOTING CLINIC** on getting, using, and returning an absentee ballot will be held three times:

Sunday, September 13, 5:30 PM

Monday, September 14, 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 17, 7:00 PM

This clinic is open to everyone. Invite your friends and family! RSVP [here](#).

Over the next 4 weeks, UUCivs is partnering with local organizations, like the Bryant Community Center, to offer in-person outdoor voting clinics for under-served communities. Interested in helping? Virtual training session provided -- contact VotingHelpline@gmail.com.

For additional voting information, visit the [UUCivs website](#).



PICK UP A HAMMER AND GET TO WORK!

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

We have two houses to work on:

- The Good News house: 2754 Appleridge St., Ypsilanti
- The Thrivent House: 1622 Wiard, Ypsilanti

We still need workers:

- Saturday, September 19 (6 of 10 slots filled)
- There will be additional work days in October and maybe November. Details will be published at uuuaa.org/h4h.

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

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

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@uuua.org.



UUAA Scrip Program

Good news from Amazon Smile! Thank you to the thoughtful shoppers who remembered to access Amazon Smile (linked to First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor) when making online purchases. Our quarterly earnings were almost \$57. At a 0.50% rebate, this translates to \$11,382 in qualified purchases from Amazon. Many thanks to our nameless friends. But just as a reminder, if you had also used Amazon scrip (2.25% rebate) for the purchase, we could have cleared another \$256. Please contact me at 734-665-0884 or cmbarber@umich.edu if you'd like to know how to maximize your contribution to the congregation.



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@uuua.org.



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.

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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