



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

**This Week at UUA | October 1 - 7, 2020**

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Please send any submissions for the weekly news to our Communications Ministry Specialist, Kari, at [communications@uuaa.org](mailto:communications@uuaa.org) by **Tuesday at 5pm Eastern**. The weekly news is distributed each week on Thursdays.

**[Support the ministries of UUA: Make an online offering today!](#)**



**Join us for worship this week!  
Sunday, October 4th, 11:30am**

RSVP to the [Facebook event at this link](#).  
Join us on Sunday at [www.uuaa.org/service](http://www.uuaa.org/service).



## **Virtual Social Hour**

Join us for a Zoom Social Hour immediately after the service, where we can check in as a community and further discuss the service. Use this link to take part: [www.uuaa.org/socialhour](http://www.uuaa.org/socialhour).

Need more worship in your life? Watch past services, songs, and stories [in our website archive](#).

## **Wednesday Meditation**

*4:00pm-5:00pm*

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



[www.uuaa.org/meditation](http://www.uuaa.org/meditation)

**Are you interested in learning more about meditation?**

**Watch&nbsp;:"Intro to Meditation"** produced in April by Rev. Manish on our UUAA YouTube

Channel.



## **Join the Communications Committee!**

As we enter the new decade with a focus on virtual ministries, communications at UUAA have never been more important. Whatever your

passions or skills, there is a place for you on ComCom! **Fill out this interest form**...if you're interested :)

Reply to this email or email [kari@uuaa.org](mailto:kari@uuaa.org) with any questions.

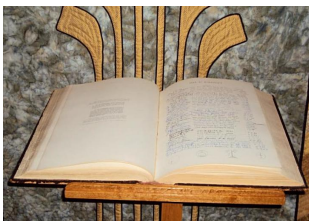


## **BIPOC-Focused Humanism: Adult SGD**

First Class Saturday, October 10, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Click on the link below for future sessions.

This class consists of five independent sessions. In each session we will center a cultural expression of humanism by Black, Indigenous, and people of color or the work of a single BIPOC humanist. All are welcome to join one, a few, or all the sessions as they choose or are able. Please use **this link to register or learn more**.



## **Introduction to Our Faith**

*Saturdays, October 17 & 24, 10:00am-Noon*

This two-session class gives you a deeper understanding of this congregation and faith and launches you on your way to membership.

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](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).



## 2020-2021 Chalice Circle Registration

There are still a few openings in the Chalice Circles beginning in October. If you are seeking ways to connect more deeply with fellow congregants, Chalice Circles may be just what you are looking for.

[Register online here](#) for Chalice Circles forming now and beginning in October (bi-monthly for seven months or weekly for six weeks). For more information, please email [ChaliceCircles@uuaa.org](mailto:ChaliceCircles@uuaa.org). All circles will be held on Zoom.



## UUA Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship at UUA provides a variety of opportunities for men to connect, build community, and have fun. [Check out our website](#) to learn more about activities such as Men's Circles, the Men's Dinner, and the Men's Retreat. Please consider joining our email list by sending an email to [menscouncil@uuaa.org](mailto:menscouncil@uuaa.org) with the subject line "Add me to the list."



## Community of Writers Zoom

*Sunday, October 18, 1:00pm-3:00pm*

The Community of Writers is enjoying the Zoom format to read our own writings aloud and listen to others read theirs. We raise hands or speak to give comments of appreciation and encouragement. A popular feature is screen sharing, which displays a copy of the writing to accompany our five-minute readings. Are you interested in sharing your creative writing? Contact Mary Lund at [mlund@mi.rr.com](mailto:mlund@mi.rr.com).

For a link to join the October 18 Zoom, email Sandra Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com).

## Caregivers and Kiddos: The Reboot

Caregivers and Kiddos is a fellowship group for parents of young children to connect with each other and foster relationships between families. We're working hard to reboot for this Fall and Winter with options such as small,



in-person playdates, a virtual game night for parents, virtual playdates, and more. To stay in the loop and find out more, email [charlene.mangi@gmail.com](mailto:charlene.mangi@gmail.com).



## UUCivs: Vote Your Values

Early Voting by absentee ballot has begun!

**October 3** is our recommended last date to **APPLY BY MAIL** for an absentee ballot. Ballot applications are also [available online](#) and at your [Clerk's office](#).

Consult [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) for information about the candidates and proposals on your ballot.

**Avoid common ballot errors:** Use a blue or black pen to fill in the boxes on your ballot and sign the outside of the return envelope. Additional voting tips and deadlines are given on [UUCiv's webpage](#).

**Return completed ballots:** By mail, in person at your clerk's office, or via drop box.

**Poll workers** are [needed in Detroit](#). Republican-affiliated poll workers are needed in these [Washtenaw County](#) locations: Ann Arbor City and Township, Ypsilanti City and Township, Northfield Township, and Superior Township.



## Habitat for Humanity

*Saturday, October 17 & Friday, November 6*

Because of the late start to the summer build season, the season has been extended so that homes can be ready for their new owners by winter. There are several days available in October and November.

Go to [uuaa.org/h4h](http://uuaa.org/h4h) to get more details and signup.

### 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@uuaa.org](mailto:habitat@uuaa.org).

More details and updated information is available on <http://uuaa.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@uuaa.org](mailto:habitat@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 that as long as we are meeting virtually, Zoom rooms are available on Fridays and Saturdays.

Questions? Email Debita Graham at [room@uuaa.org](mailto:room@uuaa.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. To see what we have in stock, [click here](#).

Email [uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)

## Other Links:

[UUA.org](#) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](#)  
[Side With Love](#) | [UUCSJ](#) | [DRUUMM](#) | [BLUU](#)

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