



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

UUA E-News | August 2, 2020

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Sunday Worship Service
Sunday, August 2, 11:30am
Join us in worship online.

Use this: www.uuaa.org/service.



Virtual Social Hour
Immediately Following Service

Join UUA, Church of the River, and Faith Lab congregants 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 goes to The **[Michigan Prison Doula Initiative](#)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in Ypsilanti. Since early 2019, MPDI doulas (childbirth support experts) have provided one-on-one, trauma-informed labor support to people giving birth while they are incarcerated at Michigan's only women's prison. MPDI staff members also provide childbirth education and prenatal and postpartum support. MPDI strives to facilitate communication between the pregnant people, MDOC staff, and medical care providers at the birthing hospital. To contribute to Sharing the Collection, [click here](#). Be sure to enter your donation on the Share the Collection line. You can also send a check to UUA (4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road) and write Michigan Prison Doula Initiative in the

memo line.



Pastoral Care Call **August 3, 11:00am-12:00pm**

Pastoral Care Call is hosted twice a week: This space can be used for community and connection for those in need of support.

Note that in July and August there will be Monday Pastoral Care Calls only.

Monday link: <https://zoom.us/j/202591201>

Questions? Email Quiana Perkins at Quiana@uuuaa.org.



UUCivs: Vote Your Values **Action Item This Week: Vote in August 4 Primary!**

At Polling Place

Hours: 7:00am-8:00pm. Do you need the location of your polling station? Look up your polling place on the following sites: [Michigan Voter Info](#) or [League of Women Voters](#). Bring your ID and mask.

Absentee Voting

- If you are NOT registered to vote, you can register, apply for, and receive an absentee ballot, and vote all during one visit to your township/city clerk's office. Bring your ID and mask. Deadline is Election Day at 8:00pm. Go early. It will be busy.
- If you ARE registered to vote, the last day to get an absentee ballot at your clerk's office is Monday, August 3 at 4:00pm. We recommend that you go early.
- Do you still have your absentee ballot? BRING it to your clerk's office. Deadline: Election Day, 8:00pm. Dropboxes may be available.

[Absentee Voting FAQ](#)

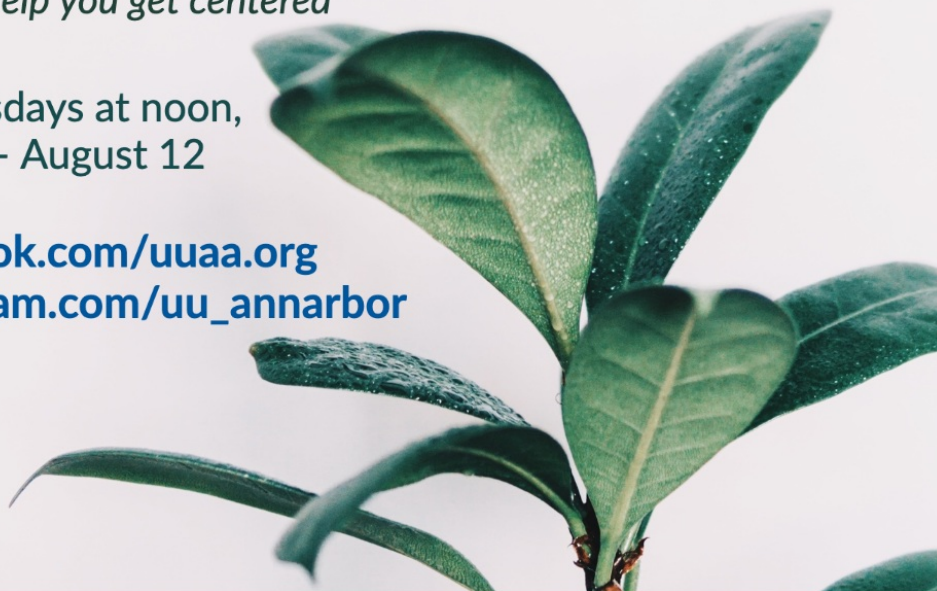
CENTERING WITH KARI



*weekly spiritual practice
time to help you get centered*

Wednesdays at noon,
July 15 - August 12

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For more information contact kari@uuaa.org



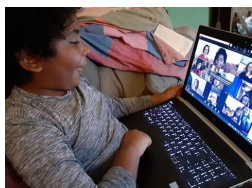
Wednesday Meditation **Wednesdays, 4:00pm-5:00pm**

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

Use this link: www.uuaa.org/meditation

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)



Challenging Racism **Champions for Change Application Deadline & Donations to Assist Applicants** **Thursday, August 6**

The Challenging Racism Group(CRG) received an anonymous donation to fund local anti-racism work. After ensuring we are within UUAA covenant and process, CRG has established the Challenging Racism Scholarship Fund and our first opportunity. The [Champions For Change](#) program is designed for

people of color, in leadership positions, to do foundational anti-racism work in Washtenaw County. CRG is accepting donations to assist applicants with the \$1000 program cost. Applicants have until Thursday, August 6 to apply. Please email CRGInfo@uuaa.org for details on how to donate. Thank you.

Larry Works & Kathy McClean
Co-Chairs - Challenging Racism Group



Children's Corner at UUA 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 UUA](#). 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 UUA.



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 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
NEW PLAN, NEW HOUSES, NEW DATES

Habitat has regrouped to figure out how best to catch up on the homes that are behind schedule and how to integrate into that measures to keep volunteers as safe as possible.

- Crew sizes have changed. There will be fewer workers on site to help assure social distancing.
- 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
- The revised schedule for UUAA is the following:
 - Saturday, August 15 (4 volunteers)
 - Saturday, August 29 (4 volunteers)
 - Saturday, September 19 (10 volunteers)

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.

Thanks to all of you who have donated, and a very generous donation from the estate of Guala Lauzzana, we have met our pledge to Habitat Good News Group this year. If you want to donate in advance for next year, or for a special project, checks can be made out to UUA (with "Habitat" in the memo line) and mailed to the UUA (4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103), or you can make a credit card donation from the link at <http://uuaa.org/h4h>. (Be sure to check the "Habitat for Humanity" box.)



Outdoor Use Policy July/ Aug, 2020

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

Recognized congregational groups and UUA 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!

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



UUAA 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. UUAA 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

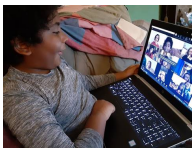
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UUSC Coffee Project

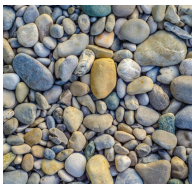
Equal Exchange coffee and chocolates are for sale again! This will be a curbside pickup or delivery with no contact program. Orders may be picked up in Ann Arbor (not at UUAA) or delivered to your home. See what we have in stock, [click here](#).

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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