



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

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## Support UUAA

### **Sunday Morning Worship May 10, 2020 at 11:30am**

This week's Sunday Worship can be viewed using this [link](#). Scroll to "Worship Service" and click on the link.



#### **Flower Communion**

Flower Communion is an annual Unitarian Universalist ritual that celebrates the uniqueness of the individual (a single flower) and the beauty of community (a bouquet). All are invited to bring a flower to add to a communal vase, relish in the beauty of the gathered, and leave with a flower brought by another. Unitarian Universalists from around the world have celebrated Flower Communion since the 1920s and today, we continue the tradition virtually.



#### **Sunday Social Time Sunday, May 10, Immediately After the Service**

Join fellow congregants for a virtual Social Time via Zoom. Participants will be broken into small chat rooms. So grab a cup of coffee and click on this [Social Time Zoom link](#).

**To view or listen to past Sunday Services, [click here](#).**



**If you would like to contribute to the Weekly Offering, [click here](#).**



#### **Friday Fun Night Friday, May 8, 6:30pm-9:00pm**

Join us for a Friday Fun Zoom! We will be hosting a variety of activities in different Zoom rooms. Feel free to join any room! See descriptions below.

We welcome people of all ages, and encourage families with young

children to help set up the rooms and be available to troubleshoot, if necessary.

**Zoom Rooms open at 6:30**  
**Activities begin at 7:00**

**Multigen Movie Room (7:00-8:45).** Let's watch a movie, *Inside Out*, together! Movie Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95957423899>

**Pub Trivia for 18 +/- and up (7:00-9:00).** Join our host Tom Gottsman as he hosts pub-style trivia for adults. Come with a team or group up with others that night. Trivia Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84633435962>

**Dance Party for All Ages (7:00-8:00).** Need to get your groove on? Join together young and not young to bust a move! Dance Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82231276343>

**Social Room (7:00-9:00).** Just want to chat? Come by this room and connect with old friends and make new ones! Social Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81067907821>

Note: To avoid Zoombombing, we will not be posting these links to the website. Be sure to save this edition of the E-News in your inbox to access the links.

Questions? Email [fridayfunnight@uuaa.org](mailto:fridayfunnight@uuaa.org).

## **UUCivs**

**Saturday, May 8, 12:30pm-2:00pm**

Join UUCivs (formerly UUAA Indivisible) in making a difference in the 2020 Election! In six months, we will know who our next president will be and what our next house of legislatures will look like in DC, Lansing, and locally. Join UUCivs and [We the People MI](#) this Saturday to learn how you can get involved in [Deep Canvassing](#) for Washtenaw County. Please visit [UUCivs webpage](#) to see other next steps for preparing for the 2020 election, including signing up for [How We Thrive](#) on May 12. Questions? Write Carrie at [uucivs@uuaa.org](mailto:uucivs@uuaa.org).



## **Pastoral Care Call**

**Monday, May 11, 11:00am-12:00pm**

**Wednesday, May 13, 6:00pm-7:00pm**

Pastoral Care Call is hosted twice a week: This space can be used for community and connection for those in need of support. The links are provided in the weekly Pastoral News or by request [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).



### **Meditation with Rev. Manish Wednesday, May 13, 4:00pm-5:00pm**

Attendees of Rev. Manish's Wednesday meditation are reflecting on Buddhist teachings drawn from the following books, both of which are recommended resources: "Shambhala: The Sacred Path of the Warrior," by Chogyam

Trungpa (1984) and "Welcoming the Unwelcome: Wholehearted Living in a Brokenhearted World," by Pema Chodron (2019).

[Use this link and scroll to "Weekly Meditation with Rev. Manish."](#)

### **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)



### **Vision 20/50 Zoom Sessions May 11- May 16**

Although we no longer meet in person, the Vision 20/50 Leadership Team has been wholeheartedly working on the UUAA's vision project and is ready for another round of congregational input.

All of the vision session information, the resulting Theory of Change, and the congregation's priority rankings have been distilled into a **Congregational Vision** document that now needs your reflection and response... via Zoom conversations to be scheduled May 11- May 16.

This new Vision document offers **Goals and Proposed Actions** for the top three ranked priorities, plus three crucial foundational issues taken from the Theory of Change document.

Please use this link to our website [www.uuaa.org/vision](http://www.uuaa.org/vision) to learn more and sign up for a Congregational Vision Zoom conversation.

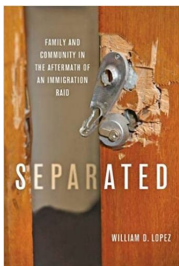


### **Black Congregants at UU + POC Gathering Zoom Meetup Thursdays, May 14 & 28, 6:30pm**

We are creating community space to be heard, heal, and help each other. This inclusive

BIPOC event will include a chalice lighting, reading, and space to dialogue. Families are encouraged to attend!

You must request the zoom link by emailing [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

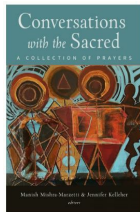


## **Author Discussion of *Separated* Sunday, May 17, 6:00pm**

Join us for a Zoom gathering with William Lopez to discuss his book *Separated: Family and Community in the Aftermath of an Immigration Raid*. There will be time for a Q & A following his presentation.

In *Separated*, Lopez examines the lasting damage done by this daylong act of collaborative immigration enforcement in Washtenaw County, Michigan in November, 2013. Exploring the chaos of enforcement through the lens of community health, Lopez discusses deportation's rippling negative effects on families, communities, and individuals. He details the incredible strain that immigration raids conducted by ICE and local law enforcement placed on one Latino community—and the families and friends left behind.

To attend, email Cesilie Cordovilla at [cesilie.j.myers@gmail.com](mailto:cesilie.j.myers@gmail.com) for the zoom link.



## ***Conversations with the Sacred* Book Launch Wednesday, May 20, 8:00pm-9:15pm**

### **A Newly Released Book Edited by Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti & Rev. Jennifer Kelleher**

Join Rev. Manish for a discussion of *Conversations with the Sacred*.

"Bringing alive heartfelt words and artwork contributed by creators diverse in spiritual perspective and identity, **Conversations with the Sacred** is a moving testimony to the power of prayer. Prayers of love, lamentation, justice, inspiration, and transcendence -- all are here, thoughtfully selected by editors Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Rev. Jennifer Kelleher. Whatever your relationship to prayer, whether it comes naturally, you have a complicated history with it, or you have never prayed before, *Conversations with the Sacred* is a powerful and accessible resource for anyone looking to explore or deepen a spiritual practice of reflection or prayer."

See our website [uuaa.org](http://uuaa.org) for the link to this event.



## **Annual Congregational Meeting via Zoom Sunday, May 31, 11:30am**

Save the date to attend the UUA Annual Meeting when we vote for new Board and Leadership Development team members, review the past year,

and plan for the year ahead. To learn about the slate of candidates, view the agenda, and read Annual Reports and minutes from the last meeting [click here](#). Information pertaining to the meeting will be added to our website as it becomes available.



## Are You Interested in Being a Delegate? Become-a-Delegate Deadline, May 15

General Assembly (GA) is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists from around the world. This year's GA, which was scheduled to be held June 24-28 in Providence, RI, will now be conducted online. Details are at <https://www.uua.org/ga>. This means that the cost of participating in GA is much less: a lower registration fee, no hotel costs, and no travel costs.

As with every GA, this year's GA will conduct the annual business of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), and congregations are encouraged to identify members to serve as delegates. If you're interested in being a delegate, or if you just have questions about what it means to be a delegate to GA, please contact the Denominational Connections Team at [denomination@uuaa.org](mailto:denomination@uuaa.org) by May 15.

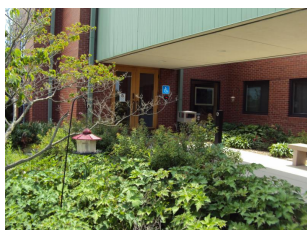


## Habitat for Humanity Build is ON!

Habitat for Humanity is still planning to renovate houses this year, with a few differences:

- The build will be from **June 19 to Sept 26**
- People will need to bring their own lunch, water, mask, gloves, and eye protection
- Habitat has a list of approved COVID-19 safety measures
- Volunteers will follow social distancing

For more details, and links to support Habitat, go to [www.uuaa.org/h4h](http://www.uuaa.org/h4h).



## UUAA Covid-19 Advisory Team Request

In support of and in compliance with Gov. Whitmer's extended stay-at-home order through May 15 and recognizing that many of our congregants fall into the at-risk category, our building will remain closed to in-person gatherings. We ask that

for the duration of the Governor's order that you refrain from visiting the UUAA property.

To view the entire message from the UUAA Covid-19 Advisory Team, [click here](#).



**To All the UUAA Essential Workers Out There, We Thank You!**

[Click Here!](#)



### **Connecting with Small Group Ministries Via Zoom**

To connect with your UUAA small group such as Chalice Bells, Chalice Circle, Men's Circle, and more, go to the [UUAA calendar](#). You may need to contact the listed group leader to get the Zoom link.



### **Programming for Children & Youth**

To learn about programming for children and youth, email [SGD@uuaa.org](mailto:SGD@uuaa.org).



### **Getting Started with Zoom**

Use this [link for a quick tutorial to get started with Zoom](#).



### **Suspicious Emails**

Please note that there have been a lot of email scams recently. If you receive a request for money or gift cards from a UUAA staff member or receive a request through a UUAA group email address, do not respond. Always check directly with a staff member using the contact information available in the UUAA Directory or listed on the UUAA website before providing any assistance.

## **Quick Links:**

[UUAA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUAA](#) | [Find us on Facebook](#)  
[Make Your Pledge](#) | [UUAA Events Calendar](#)

## Other Links:

[UUA.org](http://UUA.org) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](http://MidAmericaUUA.org)  
[Side With Love](#) (formerly Standing on the Side of Love)



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