



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

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Annual Meeting May 31, 2020, 11:30am

Here We Go--Virtual Annual Meeting!

Please join UUAA's first-ever virtual Annual Meeting on **Sunday, May 31 at 11:30am** (there will be no Service or Social Hour). We will get updates from staff and lay leaders and vote on a slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees and Leadership Development Team.

Plus, this is a great way to practice our virtual gathering skills!

Prior to the meeting:

- Make sure you have version 5.0 of the Zoom video conferencing platform on your phone or computer. You can also join the meeting via phone. See meeting details below.
- Take a look at the meeting agenda and supporting materials - [use this link](#).

Day of the meeting:

- Join the Zoom meeting by using the "Meeting link" on the UUAA main webpage or here: uuaa.org/service. You will see the details for joining virtually or the number to use if you prefer to join us by phone.
- Check in is from 11:15am-11:30am so we can begin the meeting promptly at 11:30am.

- Patience will definitely be a virtue as we learn together how to hold this new kind of meeting.
- We will vote using the Zoom polling feature--instructions given during the meeting. Up to two members per computer/phone may vote.

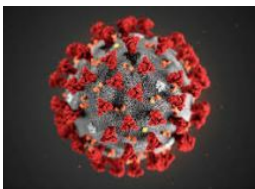
See you on Sunday!

UUAA Board of Trustees

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



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



UUAA COVID-19 Survey – Input Requested

From UUAA's COVID-19 Advisory Team

Dear friends:

As mentioned in Rev. Manish and Erik Stalhandske's video message from May 21st (if you have not seen it, please [click here](#)), our UUAA COVID-19 Advisory Team would like to request your input regarding needs and considerations we all might need to keep in mind for whenever the time may be right for UUAA to gradually recommence some level of in-person activity.

We request that prior to completing the survey, you please review, if at all possible, the Resources Page that our Team has put together, which includes important and relevant public health information for our community. You may review those resources by [clicking here](#).

When you are ready to complete the Survey, please [click here](#).

As a special thank you for participating in this reflection process, we will be randomly giving away ten signed copies of Rev. Manish's new edited anthology, *Conversations with the Sacred*. Those who have fully completed the survey by May 31st or earlier will be entered in this drawing.

With great care and affection for our community,

Members of UUAA's COVID-19 Advisory Team, comprised of Jim Lee, Laura Bauman, Tom Reischl, Jim Marks, Cassi Hartley, Lindasusan Ulrich, Quiana Perkins, and Manish Mishra-Marzetti



Pastoral Care Call

Monday, June 1, 11:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, June 3, 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.

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

Wednesday link: <https://zoom.us/j/292922216>

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



Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group

Wednesdays, June 3 & 17, 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. If you are caring for a loved one and looking for support as you navigate the world of Alzheimer's or dementia, please call Meredith Ley at 734-717-0213 or email Meredith at meredith1888@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.



Multicultural Outreach

Black Congregants at UU + POC Gathering

Zoom Meetup

Thursdays, June 11 & 25

NEW TIME: 6:00pm

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 via email Quiana@uuaa.org.



Friday Fun Night Zoom Talent Show

Friday, June 12, 7:00pm

UUs got talent! Show us what you've got! All ages are welcome to perform an act of **up to 4 minutes**--show us a magic trick, sing a song, play a piece, dance, perform a skit.... Please note that adult supervision of Zoom management is requested. We have space for 12 acts. There will

be a space to sign up as an alternate if the first 12 spots are filled. [Signup here](#). Zoom link to participate and attend will be posted closer to the event time.

Questions Email FridayFunNight@uuaa.org.



UUA Men's Zoom Gathering Saturday, June 13, 7:00pm

Are you missing meaningful discussions with other UU men? Join us for a free online gathering via Zoom. We will meet as a large group and then breakout into moderated topical discussion groups of your choosing. Connect with your computer or telephone.

Register to choose your discussion topic (see list below) and to provide your contact details. We will send you instructions by email a few days before the event.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/PDKTLhRVtpib7VQK9>
Questions? Email MensCouncil@uuaa.org.

Discussion topics areas:

- How has the pandemic impacted your well being and plans for the future?
- What are the public policy and social justice lessons we are learning from our current experience?
- What parenting challenges have you encountered and how can we support each other through it all?
- What unexpected joys or discoveries have you made in the last few months?



Habitat for Humanity Build is ON!

The 2020 Habitat for Humanity Good News House Build is happening.

Our two houses are ready to be renovated and we are anxious to get started! Good News House work days are on Fridays and Saturdays 8:30am-3:30pm. This year our work days are:

- Friday June 19 (6 volunteers)
- Saturday, July 25 (8 volunteers)
- Saturday, Aug 8 (4 volunteers)
- Saturday, Aug 29 (8 volunteers)
- Friday, Sept 18 (8 volunteers)
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Note that 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 to. If you need help getting a mask or gloves, email habitat@uuaa.org

And yes, we still **need to raise at least \$7000** to help pay for renovations. You don't need to wait to help with that! Checks can be made out to UUAA (with "Habitat" in the memo line) and mailed to the church at 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor 48103-8739. Or you can make a credit card donation from the link at uuaa.org/h4h and click on the "Donate" button. (Be sure to check the "Habitat for Humanity" box.)



UUAA Online

Trying to stay in touch with UUAA while the building is closed?

- Links to online services, Zoom Social Hour, Rev. Manish's Weekly Meditation, and information about virtual events can always be found on our website www.uuaa.org.
- If you are on Facebook, you might join our private community page, Our UUAA Community.
- If you use Instagram, follow [uuaa_community](https://www.instagram.com/uuaa_community).
- Take a look at the website's Online Community page: <http://www.uuaa.org/index.php/finding-community/finding-community-uuaa/finding-community-online>. For more information and also for some inspiration! Scroll down the page for links to stories, music, dance and more.

"See" you in virtual church!

--UUAA Web Team



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. Place your order online by emailing

uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com or by calling Cathy Whitaker at 419-283-3430 or Ilene Beninson at 248-376-7031. All sales benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and this congregation.



Mindful Eating

In these uncertain times, Mindful Eating would like to help out. We know you want to support our local farmers, restaurants, food producers and suppliers. Find restaurants that are open for pick-up or delivery, and where can you get local produce. For those struggling with food insecurity, we link you to where you can find food pantries and more -- all in our [Food Access News](#).

Questions? Email Cathy at cathymuha@sbcglobal.net.



Sharing the Collection Your Contributions Make a Difference!

On the first Sunday of each month, the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor donates our collection to nonprofit community service organizations in the furtherance of their important work.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming collections:

- June 7, to benefit **Our House Website**
From the Director of Our House
- July 5, to benefit **Michigan UU Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)**

While we gather on Sunday virtually, please mail your check to UUAA with Sharing the Collection and the organization's name on the memo line. You can also contribute to **Sharing the Collection Online**.

For more information about what we do on the Sharing the Collection committee, please check our page at uuaa.org/sharingthecollection to see a list of all of our upcoming 2020 recipients.

Please contact sharecollection@uuaa.org with any questions or suggestions.

The Sharing the Collection Committee: Jan Duncan, Casey Jackson, Glenn Kime, Fran Lyman, Jim Marks, Mary Phelps, Kate Warner.



To learn about programming for children and youth, email 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](#) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](#)
[Side With Love](#) (formerly Standing on the Side of Love)

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