



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA | October 22 - 28, 2020

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**Support the ministries of UUAA:  
Make an online offering today!**



**Join us this week for worship!**

*Sunday, October 25th, 11:30am Eastern*

Let your friends know you'll be attending by RSVPing to the [Facebook event at this link](#).

Then 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](#).**



**Weekly Meditation**

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

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 "Intro to Meditation"](#)** produced in April by Rev. Manish on our



## Pumpkins and Pledges

*Saturday, October 24th*

Join us this Saturday for UUAA's First Annual Pumpkin Fest! Tour the jack-o-lantern display (and vote for your favorites), pick up a goodie bag, and drop off your UUAA annual pledge!

You are invited and encouraged to [compete in the Pumpkin Fest!](#)

There are four prize categories:

**Ages 11 and under:** \$50 gift card to Target

**Ages 12-18:** \$50 gift card to Target

**Ages 18+:** \$50 gift certificate to the UUA InSpirit Bookstore

**Most UU (All ages):** \$50 gift certificate to the UUA InSpirit Bookstore

[Sign up here to enter your jack-o-lantern in the pumpkin carving contest.](#) All entries need to be pre-registered and dropped off in the UUAA parking lot on Saturday, October 24 between noon and 4:30pm.

Return that evening (6:00pm - 8:00pm) to drive through our jack-o-lantern festival and vote for your favorites! From the comfort of your car, you can view the jack-o-lanterns, vote online, pick up a fall treat of donuts or popcorn, and drop off your UUAA annual pledge if you haven't already.

Enter via Ellsworth Road: [view the full map here.](#)

To help volunteer for this event, [sign up using this link.](#)

Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at [Hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:Hannah@uuaa.org).

**Building Our Vision:  
#RoadTo2050**

Have you watched our most recent #RoadTo2050 video about the transformative work



# BUILDING OUR VISION

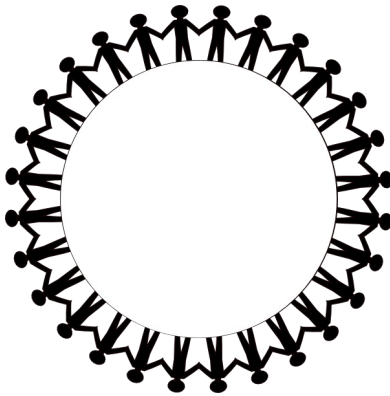


#RoadTo2050

our congregation is doing? Get a glimpse of five UUAA social justice programs continuing through COVID-19.

[Watch the video here.](#)

[Make your pledge here.](#)



## Chalice Circle: Healing

*November 17, 6:00pm - 8:00pm*

A one-time Chalice Circle on the topic of Healing will be offered on November 17 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Chalice Circles are small discussions groups where participants practice deep listening and make connections through sharing

experiences, thoughts and feelings. Register online [here](#). Registration will be limited to keep circles small. This circle will be held on Zoom. Send questions to [chalicecircles@uuaa.org](mailto:chalicecircles@uuaa.org).



## UUAA Men's Fellowship: Nominations for the Men's Council

Nominations are now open for positions on the 2021 Men's Council. If you are a member of the congregation in good standing and a participant in Men's Fellowship activities, please send Glenn Kime ([glenn@thekimes.com](mailto:glenn@thekimes.com)) a nomination including name, email, and phone number (please feel free to nominate yourself, if interested). This is for a three-year term.



## Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice: Online Auction

*November 18 - 30*

The ICPJ is hosting an online auction. Give a gift to ICPJ and a gift to yourself or a loved one through a "gifting double dip." This replaces the annual

harvest dinner fundraiser through which many UUAA congregants come together to share a meal and celebrate the work of justice leaders in our community. Please consider contributing an item to the online auction, participating in the event, and/or making a financial contribution.

If you're interested in supporting ICPJ's work, contact Jeannine LaPrad, ICPJ/UUAA liaison, [jlaprad@umich.edu](mailto:jlaprad@umich.edu).



## Welcome UU Back Week Revisited

Wednesday, 6:00pm

Join Coordinator of Congregational Life Quiana Perkins and revisit our popular Welcome UU Back Week session "ENGAGE! Groups at UUAA" on Wednesday, October 28 at 6pm.

Email Quiana for the Zoom link at [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).



## UUCivs: Vote Your Values

Online and mail-in voter registration has ended, but you can still register at your [clerk's office](#) where you can also get an absentee ballot and vote early while there. Bring identification and proof of residency.

Have you completed your ballot? Skip USPS and deliver it to your clerk's office or designated [drop box](#).

[Track your ballot](#) by following the "Am I registered" link.

Questions?

Email [votinghelpline@gmail.com](mailto:votinghelpline@gmail.com) or call 1-855-868-3311.

For voting tools and deadlines, visit the [UUCivs website](#).

Interested in providing non-partisan voter support at a polling place on Nov 3? Join [Election Defenders](#), a program supported by the UUA's "UU the Vote" campaign. Training details are [here](#).





Last Sunday, we shared our collection with [Liberty Club](#), a Washtenaw County program for adults with disabilities. Liberty Club's main goal is to develop skills for living safely and more independently, but its biggest passion is to reach out and support the community. Robert Graham and Rachel Hartley, members of our congregation, are participants of Liberty Club. Their smiles and their stories affirm how Liberty Club embodies our first principle - the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

It's not too late to make your contribution! Give online at [uuaa.org/giving](http://uuaa.org/giving) and select "Liberty Club - Shared Collection."



### 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 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 UUA) 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.

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

## 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](#) | [UUCSJ](#) | [DRUUMM](#) | [BLUU](#)

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