



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUAA May 20 - 26, 2021

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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5pm. For the first full week of June, the *Weekly News* will be pre-published as Kari finishes up her sophomore year of college, so please submit all your notices in advance.

The deadline for both the May 27 - June 2 and June 3 - 9 issues of the *Weekly News* is Tuesday, May 25 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

Submissions for the *June Newsletter* are due on Friday, May 21, at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

Questions? [Watch this video](#) on how to submit to the *Weekly News*, or email Communications Ministry Specialist Karishma Gottfried at [communications@uuaa.org](mailto:communications@uuaa.org).

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### **Celebration & Appreciation Service**

*Sunday, May 23, 11:30am Eastern*

Despite being physically apart, we have found ways to stay connected and begin our Vision 20/50 Journey as a congregation — this is something to celebrate!

This "UUAA Connections" virtual service is a collaboration between the Vision Steering Committee (VSC) and the UUAA Worship Team. Come be

reminded of what we appreciate about our community, and what powerful work we can do together to fulfill our Vision for the next 30 years!

Join us live at [uuaa.org/service](https://uuaa.org/service), or view later [on our Youtube channel](#).

Members of the VSC will be in the virtual Social Hour ([uuaa.org/socialhour](https://uuaa.org/socialhour)) after the service to answer your Vision questions.

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

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## Upcoming Events

**For a full list of events, [visit the UUA Calendar](#).**

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### Humanist Discussions

*Thursday, May 20, 2:00pm*

*Monday, May 24, 7:00pm*

Humanism has a long history in our congregation, and a lively group of Humanists has been meeting for over 20 years, gathering on the second and fourth Monday evenings and/or first and third Thursday afternoons to discuss topics relating to Humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, science -- the list is long and varied. All are welcome, regardless of theology or philosophy.

All meetings are still virtual. To get on our mail list, get the log-in information, or get answers to questions, send a query to [humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org](mailto:humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org).

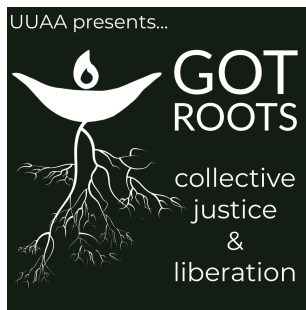


### Dialogue on Israel and Palestine

*Wednesday, May 26, 7:00pm - 8:00pm*

The violence in Palestine and Israel is heartbreaking. What is happening and what we can do to help? This dialogue will be an opportunity for people to share their thoughts with others. Members of Ann Arbor UUs for Justice in the Middle East will be listening deeply to your perspectives and ideas of how to support peace and justice in the Middle East, and also to answer questions and share information on actions already underway. Please join the dialogue Wednesday, May 26 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

**[Join the Zoom gathering here.](#)**



## Got Roots Garden Walk and Learning Tour

Events June 2 - 15

Got Roots is a project led by Mindful Eating, Racial Justice Arc, Climate Crisis Action, and the Social Justice Council. The goal is to serve and amplify the voices and work of marginalized people as related to food access and economic justice. Sign up below to participate in a garden tour and work event at one of the local community gardens. Learn how gardens can be a tool for liberation. This is an opportunity to get involved with members of the larger Washtenaw County community.

[Learn more and sign up here.](#)



## Memory Loss Support Group June Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

If you are caring for a parent, spouse, partner, or friend who is experiencing memory loss, this support group welcomes you to their monthly Zoom meeting. You will find there a safe and confidential space in which to share your concerns and questions and find others who are on similar journeys. The group is co-sponsored by the UUAU Pastoral Care Team and the Michigan Alzheimer's Association. For information and/or the Zoom link, contact Joan Burleigh at [joburleigh@aol.com](mailto:joburleigh@aol.com), Sandy Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com), or Meredith Ley at [meredithl888@gmail.com](mailto:meredithl888@gmail.com).



## SGD Listening Sessions

Sunday, June 6, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Monday, June 7, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Our Spiritual Growth and Development program wants to hear from you! As we consider what our Fall program might look like, we wanted to have discussions with our families about what will work for them in the new program year.

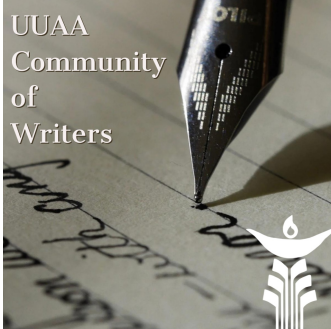
If we end up with more interested people than spots, we can open up additional sessions.

[Use this link to sign up.](#)

## Community of Writers Congregational Reading

Sunday, June 13, 12:30pm

The congregation is invited to readings of original



writings by the UUAA Community of Writers on June 13 following the service. Details about the Reading can be found in future issues of the *Weekly News*. A link to this Zoom event will be provided to anyone who would like to attend. Guests will have time to pose questions and make comments, interacting with the Writers and each other. Contact Kathy Friedrichs at

[kamf@umich.edu](mailto:kamf@umich.edu) or Sandy Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com).

## Announcements



### Equal Exchange Sales Support the UUAA, UUSC, and Small Farmers

Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate are available through the UUAA from Equal Exchange. Sales benefit UUAA and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and help small farmers around the world who have been hit hard by the pandemic.

Order for pick up or delivery at [uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com](mailto:uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com).



### Good Food Garden

We have space for a few more gardeners in the Good Food Garden. The garden is organic and is located on the grounds at First UU. There is no charge to garden with us, but our gardeners are asked to give 10% of their harvest to Food Gatherers. If you think you may be interested in joining us, contact Cathy at

[mysarina@aol.com](mailto:mysarina@aol.com).



### New Communications Policies

After many months of hard work, the Communications Committee (chaired by Kim Ellerthorpe) and Communications Ministry Specialist Karishma Gottfried are proud to announce several new updated operations policies and guidelines surrounding communications at UUAA. This includes updated

Communications and Content Policies, as well as newly created Social Media and Group Communications Guidelines. These policies have been reviewed by the Shared Ministries Team and the Board of Trustees and **are available on our website** under "Operations Policies."

## Links

[Reserve a Zoom room](#) | [View past services](#)  
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