



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA July 8 - 14, 2021

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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5pm.

The deadline for the *Weekly News* July 15 - 21 is Tuesday, July 13 at 5pm Eastern **through this form**.

Questions? **Watch this video** on how to submit to the *Weekly News*, or email Interim Communications Ministry Specialist Karishma Gottfried at **communications@uuaa.org**.

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Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, July 11, 11:30am

Join our UUAA community at **uuaa.org/service** in "Going to the Well of Living Waters" with Meadville Lombard Theological School. This worship service was created by Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, Mark Miller, and Dr. Elías

Ortega. **[You can view the Order of Service here.](#)**

There will be no social hour on this day.

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

Upcoming Events

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

UUA COVID-19
Advisory Team



UPDATE

UUA COVID-19 Advisory Team Policy Update

Read the updated meetings and events policy here: [UUA Meetings and Events During Pandemic Policy](#)



Staffing Transitions Update

In these next weeks and months, there will be several transitions happening across our staff.

Take a moment and [read the full letter here.](#)



**IGNITE:
SUMMER
VESPERS**

Ignite: Summer Vespers

Tuesday, July 13, 7:30pm

The goal of *Ignite: Summer Vespers* is to offer young adults (approximately 18 - 39) a chance to be in spiritual community together. We are grounded in Unitarian Universalism and shaped by each and every one of you, the people who come together. This is an opportunity to take a pause in the middle of the week, to wind down and reflect at the end of the day, and to be in beloved community.

Every vespers includes music, a chalice lighting, an opportunity to share our joys and sorrows, and a closing song. The experience is somewhere in between a small group and a Sunday service—we want to create a space for young adults to experience transformative worship and authentic connection.

[Join the gathering here.](#)

If you have questions or want to participate in the planning process, email kari@uuaa.org.

UU Fiber Arts Group

Saturday, July 10, 11:00am (In-person)



Wednesday, July 21, 7:00pm - 9:00pm (Zoom)

Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUA Fiber Arts Group meets twice a month for fellowship and sharing of knowledge and ideas. If you are an experienced crafter or a beginner looking for support, all are welcome. If you would like to make comfort shawls or baby blankets for Pastoral Care, arrangements can be made to supply you with the yarn and pattern.

We are now also planning some outdoor gatherings. We have one such gathering planned at the Chelsea yarn store on July 10 at 11:00am, followed by lunch and more.

We will send out more information on our Facebook page, Happy Scrappers, and by email. If you would like to get on our mailing list or learn more, email crafters@uuua.org.



Gaza Fights for Freedom — Voices from the Holy Land, Online Film Salon

Sunday, July 11, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

The film documents the 2018-2019

Great March of Return when Palestinians in Gaza protested the Israeli blockade and asserted their right to return to villages destroyed in 1948. During the protests, Israeli snipers killed 214 unarmed protesters, including 46 children.

[Watch the film on YouTube](#)
[Register for the discussion](#)

Panelists:

Abby Martin – Director, journalist

Issam Adwan – Gaza Project Manager, We Are Not Numbers

Jehad Abusalim (moderator) – Education and Policy Associate, AFSC
Palestine Activism Program

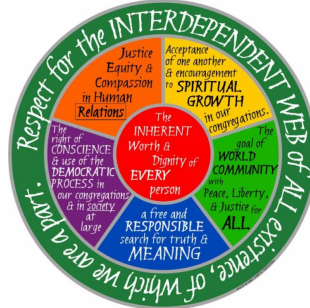
Supported by UUs for Justice in the Middle East and the UU Church of
Arlington, VA

Newcomer Chalice Circle: The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

Registration deadline: Monday, July 12

Zoom meeting: Saturday, July 17, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

If you are new to UUA and would like to get to



know others who are new and explore the tenets of Unitarian Universalism, join us for a discussion of the UU Seven Principles. What do they mean to you? Which ones resonate strongly? How do they inspire? You will receive the Principles and reflection questions in advance, and we will practice a deep-listening format during the discussion. We ask that when you sign up, you commit to attending and arrive by the start time. And please know that all information shared during Chalice Circles is confidential.

Register by Monday, July 12 using this link or email Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.



Humanist Study Group

Monday, July 12, 7:00pm

Thursday, July 15, 2:00pm

Humanism has a long history in our congregation. 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 mailing list, get the log-in information, or ask any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



UUCivs: Navigating Difficult Conversations

Tuesday, July 13, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Healthy civic engagement relies on civil discussions—is this possible in today's divisive environment?

We'll explore one organization's attempt to hold conversations that move beyond stereotypes, and then discuss how we might employ these techniques in our own lives.

Prior to the event, participants should watch "[Reuniting America](#)," a 50-minute video documenting a workshop developed by [Braver Angels](#), a non-profit organization whose mission is to "bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic."

RSVP here to receive discussion questions and a link to the Zoom event.

Questions? Email uucivs@uuaa.org.



Photo and Video Request for July 25 Service

Due Thursday, July 15, 11:59pm

Do you have any photos or videos of our UUA community sharing music together?

For our service on Sunday, July 25, we will celebrate Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout as he transitions out of his role at UUA. [Please submit any photos or videos you have of music at UUA here](#) as we recognize the powerful music ministry we have here at UUA. Note: we may not be able to publish all submissions. Questions? Email worshipteam@uuaa.org.



Caregivers and Kiddos Resumes Monthly Playdates

Saturday, July 31, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Caregivers and Kiddos is a fellowship group for families with young children. Join us as we re-start regular playdates on the last Saturday of the month, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm, at the church preschool playground. Contact Charlene.Mangi@gmail.com with any questions, or to join our WhatsApp group to find out about other gatherings and playdates.

Links

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

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