



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA July 29 - August 4, 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* August 5 - 11 is Tuesday, August 3 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

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

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Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, August 1, 11:30am

Join us this Sunday at uuaa.org/service. We will be viewing a service from First Unitarian Portland Oregon, "Where Do We Start."

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 UAAA Calendar.](#)



Welcome Back, SGD! Survey

As we work toward a safe reopening in September, the SGD Program would like to learn more about your family's plans and/or preferences for return to in-person classes so that we can provide the best possible experience for all participating youth. Please complete the [survey here](#) by Wednesday, August 4.

Even if you are not planning to enroll in SGD, your responses will help us plan for the future. For the purposes of this survey, please answer based on the assumption that vaccines for children under age 12 will not be available for the foreseeable future and that ALL PARTICIPANTS IN SGD PROGRAMMING WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS INDOORS, REGARDLESS OF VACCINE STATUS, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Questions? Contact Stella at stella@uuaa.org.



Farewell Gathering

Saturday, July 31

Music Ministries: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Congregation: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Join us on the lawn for an in-person farewell to Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Mark VanKempen, and Sanne Krummel. We want to show them how much we appreciate their service and wish them well. Chalice Singers, Bells, and Sparks are invited to come at 1:00pm for an outdoor gathering with Glen Thomas. The congregation is invited to join at 3:00pm, when we will honor all departing staff members. Tents for shade will be available, and light refreshments will be provided.

Important Farewell Gathering Reminders

- Please bring your own chair.
- Please wear a mask.
- Contact musicambassadors@uuaa.org if you would like a zoom link to enjoy the festivities virtually.
- We need volunteers to help with the party. [Please sign up here.](#)

Questions? Please email musicambassadors@uuaa.org.



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 UUAA preschool playground.

Contact Charlene.Mangi@gmail.com with any questions, or to join our WhatsApp group to find out about other gatherings and playdates.



Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group

Wednesday, August 4, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

If you are caring for a parent, friend, spouse, or other loved one who is experiencing memory loss, the Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group is for you. There you will find a safe space to share your concerns and questions. The group currently meets on Zoom.

Contact Joan Burleigh at joburleigh@aol.com or Meredith Ley at meredithl888@gmail.com if you would like the Zoom link to attend the August 4th meeting.



Humanist Study Group

Thursdays, August 5 & 19, 2:00pm

Monday evening meetings will be suspended until September.

Topics will include "Can Silicon Valley Find God?" (*NY Times*) and "How evangelicals abandoned Christianity — and became 'conservatives' instead" (*Salon*).

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 mailing list, get the log-in information, or ask any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.

Sharing the Collection

Sunday, August 8



On Sunday August 8, we will share our collection with **Friends in Deed**. Friends in Deed is a haven for the members of our community with needs that would otherwise fall through the cracks of assistance offered through other organizations and agencies in Washtenaw County. You can give at uuaa.org/giving.

Questions? Contact Jan Duncan at janetdunc@gmail.com.

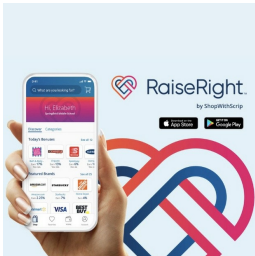


Reconnect * Reimagine Picnic

Saturday, August 14, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Join the fun at the UUA Reconnect * Reimagine Picnic. There will be ice cream, fun games and crafts, a fabulous professional magic show, popup shopping opportunities, and water play! We will continue to follow the **UUA COVID-19 Guidelines**. So we ask that you bring your own picnic (BYOP) and picnic blankets. We will provide the ice cream and fun! Watch for updates in the coming weeks!

Questions? Email Hannah@uuaa.org.



Scrip Table Returns

Saturday, August 14, 3:00pm - 6:00pm (In person!)

Are you getting ready for school? When you use scrip for purchases, a percentage of the sale is returned to the congregation. For example, consider the Apple Card, good for the App Store, iTunes, the Apple Store, and more. Use it to buy Apple products, accessories, apps, games, music, movies, TV shows, iCloud, and more. Or purchase or lease books with Barnes and Noble. Both gift cards can be shipped directly to you when purchased on the mobile app RaiseRight (**see 70+ bonuses**). And don't forget new clothes....

Get help at scrip@uuaa.org.



Calling Memorial Reception Volunteers

Have you attended a memorial service at UUA and noticed the thoughtful work done by volunteers during the reception after the service? You can be part of that loving team of helpers if you can occasionally share just 2-4 hours of your time.

Memorial services and receptions are held at UUAA throughout the year for congregants who have passed away. The Memorial Reception Team helps families in this difficult time by managing the setup, serving, and cleanup for each reception.

Our Memorial Reception Team needs additional volunteers. To join the team, email Betsy Price at cottonbets@gmail.com.



Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, September 24, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Do you like movies? Then join the Friday Fun Night Team and your UUAA community for a movie under the stars on Friday, September 24 at 7:30pm. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic if you so choose. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

What would you like to see? How about a classic like the Wizard of Oz? Maybe animation is your thing. SyFy? Rom Com? Musicals? The possibilities are endless. Make movie suggestions by clicking [here](#) and then selecting as many of the choices as you want. You can select "Other" and then fill in your favorite movie title, which will automatically be added to the list.

In a few weeks, the Friday Fun Night Team will send out another survey with the top five choices. The one receiving the most votes will be shown on the grounds of the UUAA congregation as part of Friday Fun Night on September 24 at 7:30 pm.



Save the Date: WomUUn's Retreat

Friday - Sunday, October 8 - 10

The UUAA WomUUn's Retreat will be October 8 - 10, 2021 at Camp Copneconic in Fenton, MI. Planning is underway for a fabulous reunion event with a theme of "Reconnect and Rejoice." Pandemic safety protocols will be observed in all aspects of the event. While the full retreat runs from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, one-day registration will be an option.

Contact Retreat Chair Amy Thomas at agthomas@gmail.com for more information.

Calling Workshop Presenters for the WomUUn's Retreat

Deadline Sunday, August 1

Would you like to teach a skill, share your expert knowledge, or lead a

discussion at the 2021 Women's Retreat? The retreat committee is seeking proposals for 90-minute workshops that will each be attended by 15 - 25 people. Topics should somehow fit within the retreat theme of "Reconnect and Rejoice." Submitting a proposal is not a guarantee that your workshop will be selected by the planning committee.

Email a description of your workshop to Amy Thomas at agthomas@gmail.com.

Links

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

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