



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA  
March 25 - 31, 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 April 1 - 7* is Tuesday, March 30 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

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

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



**Join Church of the River next week...**

Sunday, March 28, 12:00pm EDT

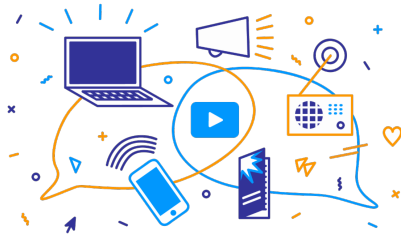
We will virtually join our friends from [Church of the River](#) in Memphis, TN, on Sunday at noon Eastern Daylight Time (for their service at 11am Central Time) by visiting [uuaa.org/service](http://uuaa.org/service).

After the live service, we will join the Church of the River social hour for community and conversation at

[uuaa.org/socialhour](http://uuaa.org/socialhour).

Are you interested in participating in virtual worship? [Light the chalice for an upcoming service](#).

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



**Communications Committee Update**  
The Communications Committee, chaired by Kimberly Ellerthorpe, meets monthly with the Communications Ministry Specialist to advise and create communications policy and resources for UUAA. [Read their charge here](#). For questions, email

[communications@uuaa.org](mailto:communications@uuaa.org).



### **April Community Walks: Seeking Leaders**

*April 7, 10, 25*

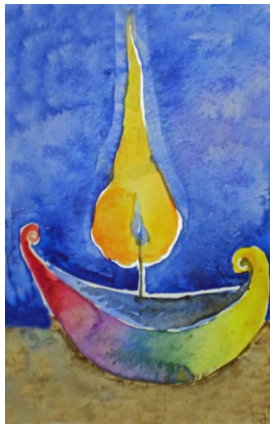
Seeking leaders for April UUAA community walks and hikes! Dates include:

- \* Wednesday, April 7 -- National Walking Day
- \* Saturday, April 10 -- Saturday after Easter and Passover (and before Ramadan)
- \* Sunday, April 25 -- Celebrating Earth Day

Find out more and sign up at [uuaa.org/walk](http://uuaa.org/walk).

For questions and suggestions, contact Sandy Eyl at [sandy.eyl@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.eyl@gmail.com).

*Photo taken at Ford Lake Park by Kym Donaldson.*



### **Chalice Hunt**

*Open hunt: March 28 - April 4*

*In-person event: Saturday, April 3, 1:00pm - 3:00pm*

Join us for a chalice hunt! For the week of March 28 through April 4, we will have a chalice hunt on the UUAA property. Starting Sunday morning, the instructions (including a map and clues) will be attached to the trailhead kiosk. Finish the hunt to be in the lottery for a prize!

If you are interested in doing the hunt on Saturday with other congregants, [sign up for a time slot here](#). Staff will be around to answer any questions and will be handing out small prizes for anyone who has finished the hunt.

Questions? Email [sgd@uuaa.org](mailto:sgd@uuaa.org).

### **Sunday Womyn's Circle**

*Sunday, March 28, 9:00am - 10:30am*

A new Womyn's Circle for friendship and



sisterhood has started and would like to add four to six additional UUAA women. This group will meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 9:00am - 10:30am. The next Zoom meeting is March 28. If you're ready to connect with other UU women in a long-term circle of friendship and support, contact Greta Uehling at [greta455@gmail.com](mailto:greta455@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



### **Jackson Fund Grant Proposals Due**

*Proposals due Monday, March 29, 5:00pm*

The Jackson Social Welfare Fund (JSWF) Committee of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor (UUAA) awards grants yearly to projects advancing the First Amendment to the Constitution and promoting reason and understanding to peacefully solve conflicts. The [2021 Request for Proposals is available on the UUAA website](#) or by contacting co-chairs Kyla Boyse and Chris Pellar-Kosbar via [JSWF@uuaa.org](mailto:JSWF@uuaa.org).

Questions are welcome, as well. Proposals are due by 5:00pm on Monday, March 29. We expect to award \$31,200 in grants this year and will announce award decisions by the end of May.



### **Trans Day of Visibility: Our Whole Lives**

*Wednesday, March 31, 2021*

*Trans Day of Visibility Celebration, 6:00pm - 7:00pm*

*Interweave Listening Session, 7:00pm - 8:00pm*

At 6:00pm, join Interweave and Congregational Life Hour for a celebration of Trans lives, honoring the full spectrum of life, love, and JOY! All members of our congregation and community are welcome. This is a multigenerational event.

[Join the Trans Day of Visibility Celebration gathering here.](#)

Then, at 7:00pm, LGBTQ+ community members are invited to join an Interweave listening session. This time will be a facilitated dialogue where participants will be able to share their thoughts and help shape Interweave going forward.

[Join the Interweave listening session here.](#)

Questions? Email [quianadena@uuaa.org](mailto:quianadena@uuaa.org).



Thursday, April 1, 2:00pm  
Monday, April 12, 7:00pm

Humanism has been an integral part of the history of our 155-year-old congregation. A group of Humanists has been having lively meetings for over 20 years. We are currently 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 now virtual. To get on our email list, get the Zoom login information, or ask any other questions, send a query to [humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org](mailto:humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org).



### UUA Fiber Arts Group

Saturday, April 3, 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Wednesday, April 21, 7:00pm - 9pm

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 a beginner looking for support or an experienced crafter, 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.

For a Zoom link or questions, send us an email at [crafters@uuaa.org](mailto:crafters@uuaa.org).



### Introduction to Our Faith

Registration deadline: April 5  
Saturdays, April 10 & 17  
10:00am - 12:15pm

This two-session class launches you on your way toward membership or just a deeper understanding of this congregation and faith. We will share our spiritual journeys, learn the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, explore your calling, and discuss how to get involved and the meaning and responsibilities of membership. This class is a prerequisite to official membership.

[Register here](#) by Monday, April 5 or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [Hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:Hannah@uuaa.org).

### Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group

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

A confidential space, currently on Zoom, is offered to caregivers of friends, partners, spouses, or parents who may have memory loss. The group is co-



sponsored by the UUAA Pastoral Care Team and the Michigan Alzheimer's Association. The Association provides continuing training for the facilitators, any one of whom you may contact for more information or ask for the Zoom link for the meeting: Joan Burleigh at [joburleigh@aol.com](mailto:joburleigh@aol.com), Sandy Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com), or Meredith Ley at [meredith1888@gmail.com](mailto:meredith1888@gmail.com).



## Womyn's Zoom Social

*Saturday, April 10, 10:00am*

Join UU Womyn on Zoom twice every month for casual and renewing conversations that allow us to connect (or reconnect) with our UU Womyn friends. Not surprisingly, some of us are early birds and some are night owls, so we offer both a morning and an evening option. Please join us, even if you'll be a little late.

Join the Zoom gatherings at the links below:

[Second Saturdays, 10:00am](#)

[Third Fridays, 7:00pm](#)

Questions? Contact Judi Lintott at [jlintott@comcast.net](mailto:jlintott@comcast.net) or 734-352-7285.



## Alpha House Host Week

*April 12 - 18*

[Alpha House](#) is a homeless shelter for families in Washtenaw County. You can see online the many ways to support our neighbors in need and sign up to help at [uuaa.org/AlphaSignup](http://uuaa.org/AlphaSignup).

For questions or more information, email

[alphahouse@uuaa.org](mailto:alphahouse@uuaa.org).



## UUAA Groups: Reserve a Zoom Room

In 2020, we processed nearly 350 Zoom room reservations! Submit your [Zoom room reservations here](#).

Questions? Email Debita Graham at [room@uuaa.org](mailto:room@uuaa.org).

**Quick Links:**

[UUA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUA](#) | [View past services](#)  
[Log in to Realm](#) | [Make your pledge](#) | [UUA Events Calendar](#)



## Other Links:

[UUA.org](#) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](#)  
[Side with Love](#) | [UUCSJ](#) | [DRUUMM](#) | [BLUU](#)



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