



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUAA April 1 - 7, 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 8 - 14 is Tuesday, April 6 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



Join us virtually...

Sunday, April 4, 11:30am Eastern

Join our UUAA community virtually at 11:30am Eastern Daylight Time on Sunday for a live service at [uuaa.org/service](https://uuaa.org/service), or [watch at your leisure on our YouTube channel](#).

This Sunday, we will Share Our Collection with [Growing Hope](#), a nonprofit that fosters an equitable and sustainable local food system where all people are empowered to grow, sell, buy, prepare, and eat nourishing food. [Donate to the collection here](#). Questions? Contact Jan Duncan at [janetdunc@gmail.com](mailto:janetdunc@gmail.com).

After the live service, join the social hour for community and conversation at [uuaa.org/socialhour](https://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.](#)



### Realm

The Realm Team has been working with Social Justice Groups and Spiritual and Social Groups to teach the leaders about the communication functions of Realm.

During this process, the Realm Team has added many more of our UUAA groups. If

you have already created a Realm login, we encourage you to go back into Realm and scroll through the groups to see if more of your groups are now appearing. Click on "join group" to get on the list of your desired group. If you haven't already created a Realm login and wish to do so, email [RealmHelp@uuaa.org](mailto:RealmHelp@uuaa.org) and ask for a Realm invitation to be sent.



### 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

April 7, 10, 25

Join the UUAA community on a walk this month!

- 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).



### **Humanist Discussions**

*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 still 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).



### **UUAA Fiber Arts Group**

*Saturday, April 3, 10:00am - noon*

*Wednesday, April 21, 7:00pm - 9:00pm*

Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUAA 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).

### **UUAA Work and Learn Garden Tour**

*Planning meeting Monday, April 5, 6:30pm*

The office of Congregational Life is assembling a collaborative group across UUAA for an



upcoming project called the UUAA Work and Learn Garden Tour. The focus of the program is gardening as an intersectional lens for justice. [RSVP for the initial planning meeting and show your interest in the project by filling out this form.](#)

Questions? Email [quianadenae@uuaa.org](mailto:quianadenae@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 Caregivers Support Group

*Wednesday, April 7, 3:00pm - 4:30pm*

If you are caring for a parent, spouse, partner, or friend who has memory loss and would like a safe space to share your story and concerns, consider joining this support group for caregivers. Members of the group include the larger community and congregants of UUAA. The group is co-sponsored by

the Pastoral Care Team of UUAA and Michigan Alzheimer's Association. The group is currently meeting on Zoom

For questions or the Zoom link, please contact one of the group facilitators:

Joan Burleigh, [joburleigh@aol.com](mailto:joburleigh@aol.com)

Sandy Kunkle, [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com)

Meredith Ley, [meredithl888@gmail.com](mailto:meredithl888@gmail.com)

## Ignite Listening Session

*Wednesday, April 7, 7:15pm - 8:30pm*

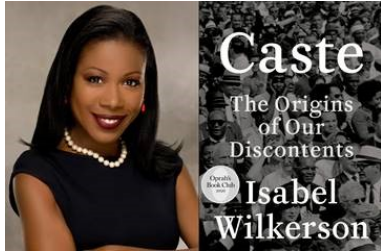
Are you a congregant who is between the ages of 20 and 30 with a passion for Unitarian Universalism? We



want to hear your voices -- what brings you to this community and what do you need to thrive? Please join us for a listening session this month to brainstorm the best ways to serve our young adult community at UUAA.

Zoom link: [Ignite Listening Session](#)

For questions, email [quianadenae@uuaa.org](mailto:quianadenae@uuaa.org).



### **Caste Book Group**

*Registration deadline: April 10*

The Racial Justice Arc team warmly invites you to a discussion of *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. There will be a morning group (10:00am - 11:30am) and an evening group (7:00pm - 8:30pm) on Wednesdays, April 14, 21, and 28.

[Register for a discussion group here by April 10](#)

Do you need a book? [Check the UUAA website](#) for the *Caste* book lending details!



Interfaith Hospitality Network

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

### **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



### **Celebrate Spring with Fair Trade Products from Equal Exchange**

Fair Trade coffee, teas, chocolates, and more are available as always. Email [uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com](mailto:uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com) to order. Sales support the UUSC and UUAA. Help

support the small-scale farmers who sell to Equal Exchange and have been hit hard by the pandemic.

**Habitat for Humanity Season Starting**



The 2021 Habitat build season is about to begin. [Full details are on our website](#). Here are the highlights:

- The Good News House Build will run from June 4 to August 28. We will know our UUAA work days in mid-April.
- The Appleridge Neighborhood Exterior Home Improvements Project has been offered to us by Habitat. This is outside work with small teams. April 24, 9:00am - 1:00 pm.
- You can also make your Habitat donations at [uuuaa.org/giving](https://uuuaa.org/giving) by selecting “Habitat for Humanity” as the fund.



## UUCivs: Vote Your Values

*Tuesday, May 4, 6:30pm*

No foolin’— our monthly meetings have changed from a Sunday afternoon to a Tuesday evening! Who wants to compete with lovely weekend weather? :)

There will be no meeting in April, so starting in May, our monthly meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

As always, all are welcome to join us for lively discussions and collective action on voting rights, navigating difficult conversations, and combating disinformation.

Questions? Email [UUCivs@uuuaa.org](mailto:UUCivs@uuuaa.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@uuuaa.org](mailto:room@uuuaa.org).

## Quick Links:

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



## Other Links:

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

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