



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA April 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* April 15 - 21 is Tuesday, April 13 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.

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Join Us Virtually...

Sunday, April 11, 11:30am Eastern

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

Last Sunday, we shared 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 sharecollection@uuaa.org.

After the live service, join the social hour for community and conversation at 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.](#)



A Call to Celebrate

The last year has been challenging in many ways, including personal struggles and losses we never would or could have anticipated. Nevertheless, our professional staff, lay leaders, and the entire congregation have been active and connecting in new ways. The Vision Steering Committee is planning a special "UUA Connections" Sunday Service on May 23 to celebrate the positive aspects of our journey. We are asking for submissions of what YOU noticed, appreciated, attempted, and/or accomplished since the dawn of 2020.

Your stories and celebratory memories will help us plan our May 23 service of appreciation and celebration. We want to hear from you, and have created a form for that purpose. [Please click here to participate!](#) Submissions are due April 11.



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 UUA groups. If you have already created a Realm login, we encourage you to go back into Realm ([click here to log in](#)) 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 and ask for a Realm invitation to be sent.



Gratitude from UUA

The Interim Administrator is looking for your help. Last week a sizable check arrived in the mail (Attn: Ed Lynn) for UUA from TD Ameritrade. There is absolutely no indication on the check who the donor is. So, if you recently made a pledge donation (IRA RMD QCD perhaps?) to UUA through TD Ameritrade, would you please send Ed Lynn an email ed@uuaa.org so he can ensure your gift is appropriately acknowledged? Thanks.



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.



April Community Walks

April 10 & 25

Join the UUAA community on a walk this month!

* 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.

For questions and suggestions, contact Sandy Eyl at sandy.eyl@gmail.com.

Photo taken at Ford Lake Park by Kym Donaldson



Womyn's Zoom Socials Now Meet Twice a Month!

Saturday, April 10, 10:00am

Friday, April 16, 7:00pm

Join UU Womyn on Zoom twice every month for casual and renewing conversations that allow us to connect (or re-connect) 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.

[Second Saturday 10:00am Zoom link](#)

[Third Friday 7:00pm Zoom link](#)

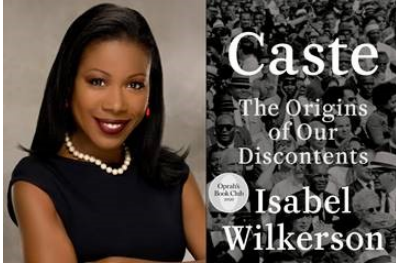
Questions? Contact Judi Lintott at jlintott@comcast.net or 734-352-7285.

Caste Book Discussion

Registration deadline: April 10

Discussions: April 14, 21, 28

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 UUA website](#) for the *Caste* book lending details!



Babies & Bedtime -- Sunday Evening Stories

Sundays, April 11 - May 23, 6:30pm ET

Join UUA's Caregivers and Kiddos group for Babies and Bedtime! Each Sunday evening from 6:30pm-7:00pm we'll be reading/listening to a story and spending time in community together.

This is a drop-in style group; no pre-registration required. Join us in your jammies right before bed, at the dinner table, or however works for your family! This activity is most appropriate for children ages 1 - 6 and their caregivers, but children of any age are welcome to join!. For questions, email Arika Lycan at arika.grace@gmail.com.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 729 3081 8673

Passcode: 1upWd5



Humanist Discussions

Monday, April 12, 7:00pm

Thursday, April 15, 2:00pm

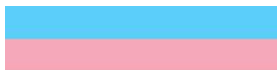
Humanism has been an integral part of the history of our 155-year-old congregation. A group of Humanists has been having lively meetings for over 20 years. We are currently gathering on the second and fourth Monday evenings and/or first and third Thursday afternoons to discuss topics relating to Humanist 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.



Congregational Life Hour -- Writers Group

Wednesday, April 14, 6:00pm

The Office of Congregational Life will host an interactive session with the Community of Writers. This amazing supportive community offers creative space for writers of all levels. This session will include readings and a challenge to pick up the pen! [Join the Congregational Life Hour with the Community of Writers here](#). Questions? Email quianadenae@uuaa.org.



Gender Inclusivity Workshop

Thursday, April 15, 7:00pm



Women? Womxn? Nonbinary? Enby? Help! A beginner's guide to gender inclusivity beyond the binary. [Learn more about the class here](#).

UUA is offering full scholarships to this important class! Please email cassandra@uuaa.org to receive one and get registered.



Challenging Racism Group Sunsetting

Wednesday, April 21, 6:00pm

Please join the Office of Congregational Life to celebrate the closing of the Challenging Racism Group (CRG) on Wednesday April 21, 2021. At this time, we are calling for names, history, stories of CRG over the years.

Please send your contributions and event questions to CRGinfo@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. For questions or more information, email alphahouse@uuaa.org.



Community of Writers Meeting

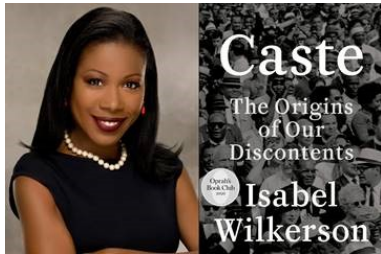
Congregational Life Hour: Wednesday, April 14, 6:00pm

Monthly Meeting: Sunday, April 18, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

At the April meeting of the Community of Writers, the

writing prompt is “Animals” or “Pets You Have Known.”

The topics were suggested by member Diane Fead, who will facilitate the readings on -- or off -- the suggested topic, as the writer chooses. If you would like a live sampling of our meetings, join QuianaDenae and the Writers for the Congregational Life Hour on April 14 [at this link](#). Request the Zoom link to the April 18 monthly meeting from Kathy Friedrichs at kamf@umich.edu or Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com.



MUUSJN Training

Thursday, April 15, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Social Justice groups—would you like to learn how to engage more effectively with your state and federal legislators? Michigan UU Social Justice Network (MUUSJN) is hosting a free

Zoom training that will give you the skills.

Hear what has worked for others and then join breakout rooms for discussions on specific legislative issues around LGBTQ+ rights, environmental and racial justice issues, and women's and reproductive rights.

[Register for the training with this link](#)

Questions? Email sspedersen@sbcglobal.net.



UUA Fiber Arts Group

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

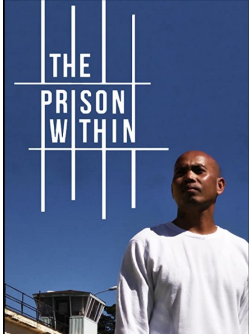
Saturday, May 1, 10:00am

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.

Special Event with MUUSJN: *The Prison Within*

Friday, April 23, 6:30 pm

Join UUA's Restorative Justice Group and MUUSJN for a remarkable conversation with three men who participated in a restorative justice program at San Quentin Prison and the filmmaker who captured their life



journeys in *The Prison Within*.

[RSVP here.](#)

If possible, preview the film or trailer on YouTube or iTunes. Come learn more about restorative justice! [View this pdf for more info.](#)



Celebrate Spring with Fair Trade Products from Equal Exchange

Fair Trade coffee, teas, chocolates, and more are available as always. Email

uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com to order.

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



Habitat Special Project: Appleridge Spring Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 24, 9:00am - 1:00 pm

This new volunteer opportunity for 2021 needs seven more volunteers!

Bring your family -- anyone 14 and older can take part in this all-UAAA outdoor home-projects day to help out in the Appleridge Neighborhood where several Habitat houses are located. Volunteers will plant, weed, clean gutters, install splash blocks, etc. (14- to 16-year olds must be accompanied by an adult.)

[Visit our UAAA Habitat webpage](#) for details and to sign up.



UAAA 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.

Quick Links:

[UAAA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UAAA](#) | [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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