



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA April 15 - 21, 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 22 - 28 is Tuesday, April 20 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 18, 11:30am Eastern

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

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](#).



Q&A on Proposed Bylaw Changes

April 22, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

The Board of Trustees and the Governance Advisory Team invite all UUA members to a pre-Congregational Meeting Q&A Session on Zoom to learn about the proposed bylaws changes, the rationale for them, and frequently asked questions and answers.

[Join the Q&A here.](#)

The proposed bylaw additions include several non-critical changes meant to strengthen and clarify our bylaws. They also include a new article that would further define our new UUA process for adopting or rescinding congregational resolutions. For more information including the proposed changes, the rationale for them, and a FAQ sheet, visit the homepage of the UUA website at UUA.org.

Congregants will have the opportunity to vote on the changes at the upcoming June 6 congregational meeting.



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 UUA.

[Read their charge here.](#)

For questions, email communications@uua.org.



Womyn's Zoom Socials Now Meet Twice a Month!

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](#)



Babies & Bedtime -- Sunday Evening Stories

Sundays, April 18 - 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



Challenging Racism Group Farewell

Wednesday, April 21, 6:00pm

All are invited to join us in celebrating the Challenging Racism Group. Serving our community for close to 15 years, CRG has had many members who have done tremendous work on behalf of UUA and the Ann Arbor

community. The group is formally sunsetting, but their work and commitment are being expanded in the newly formed Racial Justice Arc.

[Join the gathering here.](#)

Questions? Email quianadenae@uuaa.org.



Community of Writers 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. Request the Zoom link to the April 18 monthly meeting from Kathy Friedrichs at kamf@umich.edu or Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com.

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](#).



Multicultural Outreach (MCO) Community Gathering

Sunday, April 18, 10:00am

The MCO community (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) will be gathering this Sunday for social spiritual connections. This time will be for those who identify as BIPOC. This link will be shared via email. If you want to be added to the email list, email quianadenae@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 UUA. 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 - 1:00pm

This new volunteer opportunity for 2021 needs several more volunteers! This is the last chance to sign up.

Bring your family -- anyone 14 and older can take part in this all-UUA 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 UUAA Habitat webpage](#) for details and to sign up.



Social Justice Spring Roundtable: A Conversation About Communications

Saturday, April 24, 9:30am - 11:30am

The Social Justice Council will be joined by Communications Ministry Specialist Karishma Gottfried. All social justice leaders are invited to attend.

The Zoom link will be provided to [those who RSVP here](#).

Questions? Email SJCouncil@uuaa.org.



Congregational Life Hour Features Mindful Eating

Wednesday, April 28, 6:00pm

The Office of Congregational Life is excited to be hosting Mindful Eating: Terrified of Tofu. All are welcome -- the time will be educational and interactive!

[Join the Congregational Life Hour Mindful Eating Zoom gathering here](#).

Questions? Email quianadenae@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.

Quick Links:

[UUAA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUAA](#) | [View past services](#)
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Other Links:

UUA.org | MidAmericaUUA.org
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