



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUAA April 22 - 28, 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 29 - May 5 is Tuesday, April 27 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](mailto:communications@uuaa.org).

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### **Joining UU Rockville: Becoming Branches** Sunday, April 25, 10:30am Eastern

We are joining the UU Congregation of Rockville, MD for an earlier service this Sunday! The Zoom room opens at 10:15am for a musical prelude, and the service begins at 10:30am. [Read more about their virtual gatherings here.](#)

“In this special service with both our UU Ann Arbor kin joining us AND multigenerational leadership in worship, we will explore gratitude and growth...becoming and extending...and revel in the ways we can transform as life calls us on. Roots hold me close, wings set me free. As we conclude this month of "Becoming" what are we willing to let go, that no longer serves us or our faith, in order to become free? Where is gratitude leading us? Led by Rev. Dr. Rebekah A. Savage.”

Our regular link, [uuaa.org/service](http://uuaa.org/service), will redirect to the UUCR service on Sunday morning.

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

For upcoming events, [visit the UUA Calendar](#).



### Vision 20/50 Sunday Service Survey

*Submissions due April 25*

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. Here’s the [link to participate!](#)



### New External Signage Policy

Banners, signs, and logos are an essential way to promote the mission, vision, and values of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor to the wider community, including potential newcomers. Since this kind of "external signage" reflects on the whole community and therefore must be handled carefully, a policy has been created with procedures for proposing new signage. For more details, [you can read the full policy here](#).



**STACEY  
ABRAMS**



**DESMOND  
MEADE**



2021 Ware Lecture  
UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Stacey Abrams at General Assembly

*Delegate deadline: April 30*

*General Assembly: June 23 - 27*

Best-selling author, entrepreneur, political leader, and activist Stacey Abrams will address this summer’s virtual General Assembly in the Ware Lecture on Saturday, June 26.

This year the Ware Lecture will be shared with Desmond Meade [Read more about Stacey and Desmond here.](#)

Because this will once again be a virtual GA, the registration fee of \$200 is a bargain! [Register for GA here.](#)

If you are interested in serving as a voting delegate, email the Denominational Connections Team co-chairs, Laura Bollettino and Kathy McLean, by April 30 at [denomination@uuaa.org](mailto:denomination@uuaa.org).



### **Special Event with MUUSJN: *The Prison Within***

*Friday, April 23, 6:30pm*

Join UUA's Restorative Justice Group and Michigan UU Social Justice Network (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](#)



### **Babies & Bedtime -- Sunday Evening Stories**

*Sunday, April 24, 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](mailto:arika.grace@gmail.com).

[Join the Zoom gathering here.](#)

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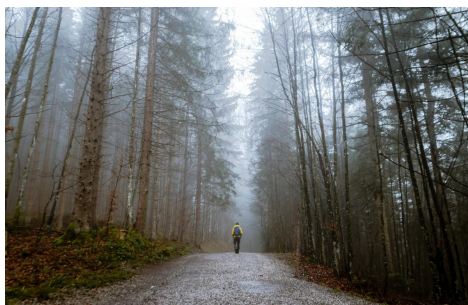


## Social Justice Spring Roundtable: A Conversation About Communications

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](mailto:SJCouncil@uuaa.org).



## April Community Walk

April 25

Join the UUAU community on a walk on Sunday, April 25, to celebrate 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).



Mindful Eating

## 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](mailto:quianadenae@uuaa.org).



## How Proposed Voting Changes Could Become Law

Tuesday, May 4, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

UUCivs welcomes Kim Murphy-Kovalick, State Field Director for Voters not Politicians, for a virtual discussion and Q&A on 39 voting bills currently moving through the state legislature, and how they could have an impact on voting access here in Michigan.

She will also have information on a potential petition drive that could allow a voting law to pass by removing the governor from the legislative process.

Put this on your calendar and come with questions!

[Join the Zoom gathering here.](#)



### **Memory Loss Support Group**

*Wednesday, May 5, 3:00pm - 4:30pm*

If you are caring for a parent, spouse, partner, or friend who is experiencing memory loss, this support group welcomes you to their monthly Zoom meeting. You will find there a safe and confidential space in

which to share your concerns and questions and find others who are on similar journeys. The group is co-sponsored by the UUA Pastoral Care Team and the Michigan Alzheimer's Association.

For information and/or the Zoom link, contact Joan Burleigh at [joburleigh@aol.com](mailto:joburleigh@aol.com), Sandy Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com), or Meredith Ley at [meredithl888@gmail.com](mailto:meredithl888@gmail.com).

### **Quick Links:**

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

[Log in to Realm](#) | [Make your pledge](#)



### **Other Links:**

[UUA.org](http://UUA.org) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](http://MidAmericaUUA.org)

[Side with Love](#) | [UUCSJ](#) | [DRUUMM](#) | [BLUU](#)

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