



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUAA April 29 - May 5, 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* May 6 - 12 is Tuesday, May 4 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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### Join Us on Sunday...

Sunday, May 2, 11:30am Eastern

Our theme for the month of May is "Grow." Join us at [uuaa.org/service](http://uuaa.org/service) at 11:30am on Sunday, May 2, or view the service later [on our YouTube channel](#).

This Sunday, we will share our collection with [Avalon](#), whose mission is to build healthy, safe, and inclusive supportive housing communities as a long-term solution to homelessness. Questions? Email Jan Duncan at [janetdunc@gmail.com](mailto:janetdunc@gmail.com).

After the service, join your UUAA community for fellowship and connections on Zoom at [uuaa.org/socialhour](http://uuaa.org/socialhour).

**Need more worship in your life? Watch past services,**

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



**Our UUA Community on Facebook**

Are you on Facebook? If so, are you a part of the “Our UUA Community” closed Facebook group? [You can view and request to join the group here](#). This is a place for UUA members and friends to share thoughts, ask questions, and generally experience a warm, loving community. If you aren't on Facebook, no worries -- you can still get all your *Weekly News* right here. Questions? Email [communications@uuaa.org](mailto:communications@uuaa.org).



**Leadership Development Team Election Slates**

The Leadership Development Team (LDT) is pleased that the following congregants have agreed to be appointed or elected to the Board of Trustees or LDT for 2021.

For the Board of Trustees, Laura Johnstone has been nominated for congregational president and Vanessa Campbell for treasurer. Gregg Peterson, a current member of the Board, will accept the appointment as vice president, and Henrike Florusbosch will accept appointment for an uncompleted board term. David Kohn and Erin Krajcik will stand for election for trustee-at-large positions.

For the LDT, Kim Clugston has accepted the appointed position and Janet Calloway will stand for election.

[Read about the candidates here.](#)



**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 thoughtfully, 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

*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 (GA) 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 UUA 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).



### Is Your Green Thumb Itching?

We have space for a few more gardeners in the Good Food Garden on First UU property this year. The garden is organic, and our gardeners are asked to give 10% of their harvest to Food Gatherers. If you think you may be interested in joining us, contact Cathy at [mysarina@aol.com](mailto:mysarina@aol.com).



### UUA Fiber Arts Group

*Saturday, May 1, 10:00am - Noon*  
*Wednesday, May 19, 7:00pm - 9:00pm*

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 e-mail at [crafters@uuaa.org](mailto:crafters@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 the 39 voting bills currently moving through the state legislature, and what impact they could have 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 UUAA 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).



### **Humanist Discussions**

*Thursday, May 6, 2:00pm*

*Monday, May 10, 7:00pm*

Humanism has a long history in our congregation, and a lively group of humanists has been meeting for over 20 years, 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 mail list, log-in information, or answers to any questions, send a query to [humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org](mailto:humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org).

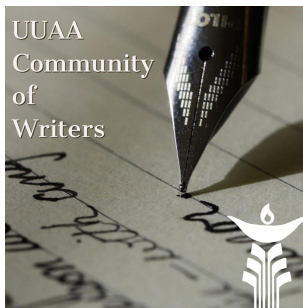


## Newcomer Chalice Circle

Saturday, May 15, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

If you are new to UUAA and would like to get to know others who are new and explore the tenets of Unitarian Universalism, join us for a discussion of the UU Seven Principles. What do they mean to you? Which ones resonate strongly? How do they inspire? You will receive a copy of the Principles and reflection questions in advance. We will practice the deep listening format of Chalice Circles during the discussion.

**Register here by Monday, May 10.** For questions, email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [Hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:Hannah@uuaa.org).

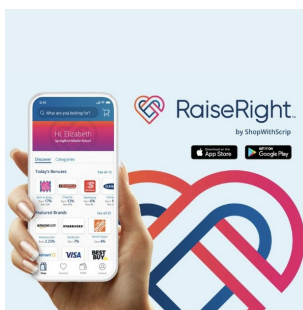


## Community of Writers

Sunday, May 16, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

When you hear "Mother," who or what comes to mind? Write a letter to your mom, a poem about your mother, a reflection on what motherhood was like for you, what you miss about your mother, who was like a mama to you and why, or what you'd like to say to Momma but haven't or can't. These writing prompts for May are offered to the Writers by member Lori Reece.

Interested? Contact Kathy at [kamf@umich.edu](mailto:kamf@umich.edu) or Sandy at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com) for information and the Zoom link to attend.



## Whole Foods Scrip Is Back!

Available only as an e-certificate, Whole Foods scrip donates 3% of your purchases to our congregation. If you already have an account with [Shop with Scrip](#), you can order it online or through the mobile app RaiseRight. If not, you can either have me place the order for you, or you can set up your own account.

To redeem your certificate at checkout, you can:

- Present a printed copy of the certificate.
- Present your certificate's web page on your mobile device.
- Add to your mobile wallet.

To ask questions or place an order, contact Carolyn Barber at [cmbponyclub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmbponyclub@sbcglobal.net).

**Announcing 2021 Habitat for Humanity**



## Work Days

This year's UUAA Habitat work days are

- June 5
- June 18
- July 10
- August 6

Additional days may be added, so stay tuned!

The build site is 530 Browning, Ypsilanti. We work from 8:30am to 3:30pm with a break for lunch. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we can't use lunch volunteers, so please bring your own lunch.

[Sign up here to work on site](#) or [click here to get more details](#).

We still need everyone's help raising funds - our goal this year is \$7000.

[Click here to donate and specify "Habitat for Humanity" fund](#)

## Links

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

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