



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA May 6 - 12, 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 13 - 19 is Tuesday, May 11 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

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Join Us on Sunday...

Sunday, May 9, 11:30am Eastern

Our theme for the month of May is "Grow."

For our Flower Communion this year, we will be holding a special service on Zoom. To ensure Zoom safety, we ask that you pre-register at uuaa.org/reg before the service. After registration, you will receive a Zoom link for the service. On some devices, you may need to update to the most recent version of Zoom, so please plan accordingly.

On Sunday, the waiting room will open at 11:00am for those registered, and we will open the virtual "doors" for the service at 11:20am. The service will begin at 11:30am Eastern.

If you forget to register before Sunday at 11:00am, the registration link will take you directly to the Zoom service after you register, assuming your devices are updated. However, the process will be much easier if you pre-register!

Please also bring a flower to the Zoom service, to honor the ways in which each home, family, and pod has grown this year.

You will also be able to view the service later [on our YouTube channel](#), although it will not be available immediately after the service.

After the service, join your UUA community for fellowship and connections on Zoom as always at uuaa.org/socialhour.

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

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.



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 his 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.



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.



Humanist Discussions

Thursday, May 6 & 20, 2:00pm

Monday, May 10 & 24, 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, get the log-in information, or get answers to questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



Newcomer Chalice Circle

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

Are you new to UUA? Would you like to get to know others who are also new and explore the tenets of Unitarian Universalism with them? 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.

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 or Sandy at sandykunkle@gmail.com for information and the Zoom link to attend.

UUAA presents...



Got Roots Garden Walk and Learning Tour

Events starting May 17

Got Roots is a project led by Mindful Eating, Racial Justice Arc, Climate Crisis Action, and the Social Justice Council. The goal is to serve and amplify the voices and work of marginalized people as related to food access and economic justice. Sign up below to participate in a garden tour and work event at one of the local community gardens. Learn how gardens can be a tool for liberation. This is an opportunity to get involved with members of the larger Washtenaw County community.

[Learn more and sign up here.](#)



Swimming for All Ages

Tuesday, May 18, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Love water sports and want to get in the local lakes and rivers soon? Want to bring the kids to a lakefront for fun? Want to know more about how you can exercise in local lakes? In this Zoom workshop, find out about local and regional swimming spots and discuss safety for water activities.

[Register for the workshop here.](#)

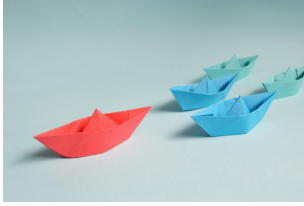


UUAA Fiber Arts Group

Wednesday, May 19, 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 e-mail at crafters@uuua.org.



Announcement of LEAD Scholarship

Twelve members of the Humanist discussion group have recently become "Champions for Diversity" by joining together to fund a 4-year LEAD (Leadership, Excellence, Achievement, Diversity) Scholarship to be awarded to a matriculating BIPOC student at the University of Michigan. The Humanist Group is delighted to be able to forge this link to the Ann Arbor community demonstrating its forward-acting as well as forward-looking philosophy. If you would like to contact any of the members to discuss the scholarship in greater detail or how they decided to offer their commitment, please contact Bruce Gibb at blgibb@aol.com.



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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