



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUAA June 10 - June 16, 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* June 17 - 23 is Tuesday, June 15 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

Questions? [Watch this video](#) on how to submit to the *Weekly News*, or email Interim Communications Ministry Specialist Karishma Gottfried at [communications@uuaa.org](mailto:communications@uuaa.org).

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### **Sunday Service**

*Sunday, June 13, 11:30am*

Join us for a live Zoom service this Sunday at 11:30am Eastern.

You will be able to join the service on Sunday by going to [uuaa.org/service](https://uuaa.org/service) where it will prompt you to register for the gathering. [You can also pre-register ahead of time here](#).

After the service, stay on the Zoom to join our UUAA community for social hour.

This month, we will share our collection with [Michigan UU Social Justice Network](#) MUUSJN is a



UU action organization whose vision is "Michigan faith communities connected and empowered to create a more just and caring world."

You can give at [uuaa.org/giving](http://uuaa.org/giving). Questions? Email Jan Duncan at [janetdunc@gmail.com](mailto:janetdunc@gmail.com).

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

## Upcoming Events

For a full list of events, [visit the UAAA Calendar](#).

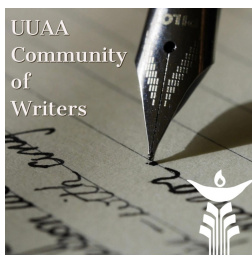


### (Re)Introducing Summer Intern

Karishma Gottfried, who served as UAAA's Undergraduate Student Ministry Intern last summer and continued during the congregational year as Communications Ministry Specialist, will be returning to her internship role for the summer. Karishma, a rising junior studying religion at Wellesley College, will be ending her positions at UAAA at the end of the summer

to focus on life in Massachusetts. She will continue to hold communications duties as Interim Communications Director until additional support can be found.

You can contact her at [kari@uuaa.org](mailto:kari@uuaa.org). She is working remotely full time this summer from Ashland, Oregon.



### Community of Writers Congregational Reading

*Sunday, June 13, 12:30pm*

The congregation is invited to readings of original writings by the UAAA Community of Writers on June 13 following the service. Guests will have time to pose questions and make comments, interacting with the

Writers and each other. A link to this Zoom event will be provided to anyone who would like to attend. Contact Kathy Friedrichs at [kamf@umich.edu](mailto:kamf@umich.edu) or Sandy Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com).

### Humanist Discussions

*Monday, June 14, 7:00pm*



Thursday, June 17, 2:00pm

The Monday topic will be a discussion of the “On Being” interview with Jill Tarter, co-founder of the SETI Institute, and “Humanism and Post-Humanism” by Russell Blackford.

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 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 mail list, get the log-in information, or get answers to questions, send a query to [humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org](mailto:humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org).



### Newcomer Chalice Circle

Saturday, June 19, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

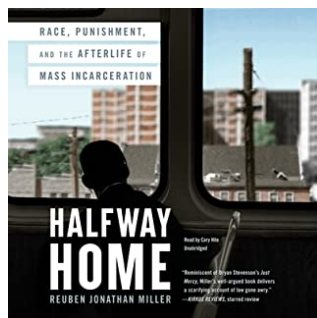
Registration deadline: Monday, June 14

If you are new to UUA and would like to explore the tenets of Unitarian Universalism, join us for a Chalice Circle discussion of the UU Seven Principles. What do they mean to you? How do they inspire you?

Once you have registered, you will receive the Principles and reflection questions in advance. We will practice a deep-listening format during the discussion. Because these sessions depend on having a certain number of participants, we ask that you commit to attending and strive to arrive on time. We begin each session explaining how Chalice Circles work and the expectation of confidentiality.

[Register by June 14 using this link](#)

Questions? Email [Hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:Hannah@uuaa.org).



### Halfway Home: Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 16, 10:00am - 11:30am

Restorative Justice is pleased to present a discussion of Reuben Miller's new book *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*.

Reuben Miller is an assistant professor at the University of Chicago in the School of Social Service Administration and a frequent speaker for Restorative Justice. According to Paul Butler of the

*Washington Post*, the book is a "guide to the legal and social cruelties piled on Americans who have felony convictions." Please join us as Susan Ashmore leads us in discussion of this important account of life for returning citizens.

[RSVP for the event here.](#)



### **Green Sanctuary 2030: A Faithful Response to the Climate Crisis**

*Wednesday, June 16, 7:00pm - 8:30pm*

Please join us for an interactive discussion with Rev. Karen Brammer, Green Sanctuary Manager at UUA, to learn about what other congregations are doing through their Green Sanctuary programs to reduce their carbon footprints and center climate/environmental justice. Email [climate@uuaa.org](mailto:climate@uuaa.org) to obtain the Zoom link if you plan to attend.



### **UU Fiber Arts Group**

*Wednesday, June 16, 7:00pm - 9:00pm*  
(Zoom)

*Saturday, July 10, 11:00am (In-person)*

*Wednesday, July 21, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm*  
(Zoom)

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.

We are now also planning some outdoor gatherings. We have one such gathering planned at the Chelsea yarn store on July 10 at 11am, followed by lunch and more.

We will send out more info on our Facebook page, Happy Scrappers, and by email. If you would like to get on our mailing list or learn more, email [crafters@uuaa.org](mailto:crafters@uuaa.org).

### **Partner Church Participation in June Service**

*Sunday, June 20, 11:30am*



The Partner Church program is participating in the Sunday service on June 20 through music, children's story, and video of our Partner Church's social justice programs.

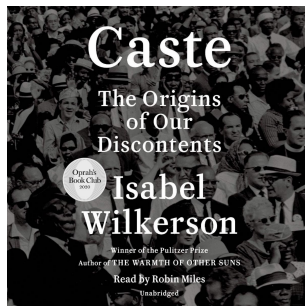


## June Alpha House Host Week

June 21 - 27

Alpha House, a shelter for families experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County, was founded by UUAA and other congregations as a community response to family homelessness.

Our June host week is coming up! You can help by donating funds, dropping off a dish, or supervising children's activities (outdoors, or indoors if you are comfortable). Find more information and sign up online at <http://uuaa.org/AlphaSignup>. For questions, email [alphahouse@uuaa.org](mailto:alphahouse@uuaa.org).



## Caste: Book Discussion

Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 10:00 - 11:30am

Registration deadline: Monday, July 5

A Racial Justice Arc team warmly invites you to a discussion of *Caste - The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson, a stunning description of the presence and damage of caste in the United States, India, and Nazi Germany. Edie Croake and Susan Randall will co-chair three sessions for those who have read the book.

**Register here by July 5.** A minimum of five people are required. Copies of *Caste* are available in a box on the Welcome Table in UUAA's front lobby.

Questions? Contact Edie Croake at [ecroake@wccnet.edu](mailto:ecroake@wccnet.edu).



## The Five Jagged Rocks of Unitarian Universalism

Time TBD, four 45-minute weekly sessions in July with an optional additional 30-45 minute training

Join Student Intern Karishma Gottfried in exploring a part of Unitarian Universalist theology through small group discussion and spiritual practice. For those

interested in taking an active leadership role in small groups, there will be additional optional debrief and facilitator training sessions after each gathering.

If you are interested in participating in the small group and/or facilitator training, [please fill out this When2Meet](#) to add your input so we can find a time that works best for you.

For questions, contact [kari@uuaa.org](mailto:kari@uuaa.org).

## Links

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

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



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