



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA August 12 - 18, 2021

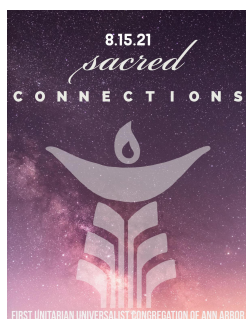
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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5:00pm.

The deadline for the *Weekly News* August 19 - 25 is Tuesday, August 17 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

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

Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering



Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, August 15, 11:30am

Join us this Sunday on Zoom at 11:30am Eastern. [You can preregister with the Zoom link here](#), or visit uuaa.org/service shortly before 11:30am. This will be Kari's last service at UUAA before she starts her junior year at Wellesley College in a few weeks.

After the service, join the UUAA community for connection and conversation at uuaa.org/socialhour.

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.](#)

As we prepare to reopen next month, we'd love to get a snapshot of where our community stands in terms of vaccination!

(This poll is completely optional, and individual responses will not be collected or shared.)

Thank you.

Are you fully vaccinated?

Yes

Select

No

Select



An Open Call for SGD Teachers!

Spiritual Growth & Development (SGD) teachers perform an invaluable service for the UAAA community and for our children and youth. We are seeking congregants who have attended

UAAA for at least one year who are interested in joining a teaching team. Our dedicated volunteers are committed to thoughtfully engaging and nurturing the youngest members of our community. Classes meet on Sundays from September through May. All curriculum materials and training are provided. Previous teaching or parenting experience is not required. Additional volunteer opportunities are also available. Want to know more? Please email stella@uuaa.org.



Reconnect * Reimagine Picnic

Saturday, August 14, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

All ages are invited to celebrate UAAA in community. Enjoy outdoor games, crafts, pop-up vendors, and water play. Reconnect and get to know new congregants. Relish in the beauty of our land, and see the upgrades to the playground and outdoor space.

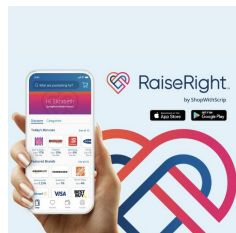
- Wear bathing suits and bring towels for fun under the sprinkler and on the Slip and Slide.
- Bring your own picnic and blanket. We will supply ice cream, snacks,

and drinks.

- Come with cash, checkbook, or a credit card to shop with our pop-up vendors.
- Be prepared to be awed and amazed by Alexander the Great (4:00pm - 5:00pm).
- Fuel your imagination for crafts.
- And be ready to get your game on!

If you would like to work with the fun crew hosting this event, [sign up here](#) to help with games, crafts, or cleanup.

Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.



Scrip Table Returns

Saturday, August 14, 3:00pm - 6:00pm (In person!)

We're back for a one-day stand! Just a reminder that if you shop at Whole Foods, Ace, Amazon, Fresh Thyme, Marathon, Meijer, Panera, People's Food Coop, Rite Aid, Shell, Speedway, Starbucks, Target, Domino's, Goodrich Quality 16 Theaters, or Tim Horton, you could be earning funds for the congregation by using scrip (gift cards) purchased at our table, paid for with cash or check only. Also, remember when you shop at Arbor Farms to tell the cashier that you support First UU. Ask us about how Kroger's and Busch's programs work.

Questions? Contact scrip@uuaa.org.



Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, September 24, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

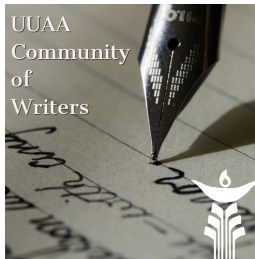
Survey due by Saturday, August 14 - please vote using the link below.

Do you like movies? Then join the Friday Fun Night Team and your UUAU community for a movie under the stars on Friday, September 24 at 7:30pm. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic if you so choose. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

What would you like to see? How about a classic like the *Wizard of Oz*? Maybe animation is your thing. Sci-fi? Rom-com? Musicals? The possibilities are endless. Make movie suggestions by clicking [here](#) and then selecting as many of the choices as you want. You can select "Other" and then fill in your favorite movie title, which will automatically be added to the list.

In a few weeks, the Friday Fun Night Team will send out another survey with the top five choices. The one receiving the most votes will be shown on

the grounds of the UUAA congregation as part of Friday Fun Night on September 24 at 7:30 pm.



Community of Writers

Sunday, August 15, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Quincy Northrup, who will facilitate the readings and the afterwords at the August meeting, suggests members write on the topic, "The Road Not Taken," taking inspiration from the Robert Frost poem. Everyone is also invited to read a poem that he or she has found supremely suited for reading aloud. As always, total reading time is limited to 5 minutes.

For more information and/or to request the Zoom link, contact Kathy Friedrichs at kamf@umich.edu or Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com.



Humanist Study Group

Thursday, August 19, 2:00pm

Monday evening meetings will be suspended until September.

Topics will include "Can Silicon Valley Find God?" (*NY Times*) and "How evangelicals abandoned Christianity — and became 'conservatives' instead" (*Salon*).

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 (though not in August) 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 still virtual. To get on our mailing list, get the log-in information, or ask any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



Newcomer Chalice Circle | The Seven UU Principles

Saturday, August 21, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Registration Deadline, Monday, August 16

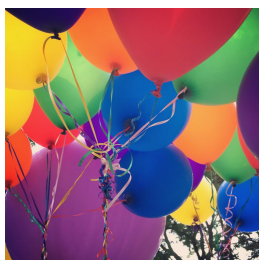
Are you new to UUAA? Would you like to get to know others who are new and explore the tenets of Unitarian Universalism with them? Join us for a discussion of the UU Seven Principles.

- What do they mean to you?
- Which ones resonate strongly?
- How do they inspire you?

You will receive the Principles and reflection questions in advance, and we will practice a deep-listening format during the discussion. Because we require a certain number of participants, we ask you to make the commitment to attend if you register.

To register, [click here](#). The registration deadline is Monday, August 16.

Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuua.org.



Kaleidoscope Picnic!

Saturday, August 21, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

We welcome all LGBTQIA members and allies in the UUAA community to join us for a bring-your-own-food picnic at County Farm Park on Saturday, August 21, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Meet fellow community members, chat with the organizers, and participate in a couple of low-energy icebreakers. This event is open to all ages and to those who identify as LGBTQIA or as allies. Well-behaved dogs are welcome.

For more information and specific location within County Farm Park, please RSVP through Facebook [here](#) or email us at kaleidoscope@uuua.org.



Calling Memorial Reception Volunteers

Have you attended a memorial service at UUAA and noticed the thoughtful work done by volunteers during the reception after the service? You can be part of that loving team of helpers if you can occasionally share just two to four hours of your time.

Memorial services and receptions are held at UUAA throughout the year for congregants who have passed away. The Memorial Reception Team helps families in this difficult time by managing the setup, serving, and cleanup for each reception. Our Memorial Reception Team needs additional volunteers.

To join the team, email Betsy Price at cottonbets@gmail.com.

Links

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

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



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