



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUAA August 19 - 25, 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 26 - September 1 is Tuesday, August 24 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](mailto:communications@uuaa.org).

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### Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, August 22, 11:30am

Join us this Sunday at [uuaa.org/service](https://uuaa.org/service). It's time for our annual Animal Blessing service on Sunday, August 22! This will be a Zoom service, which means it will be even easier to bring your pets, favorite stuffed animals, or pictures of beloved pets who have passed. In past services, we've blessed every creature from giant cockroaches to chickens, so we can't wait to see who shows up this year. We also encourage you to bring your companions to social hour afterward. The service will be on Zoom; [you can preregister here](#).

After the service, join our UUAA community for connection and conversation at [uuaa.org/socialhour](https://uuaa.org/socialhour).

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

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## Upcoming Events

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

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### Thank You for Completing the Poll

Here are the results:

*Are you fully vaccinated?*

Yes: 130

No: 0



### An Open Call for SGD Teachers!

Spiritual Growth and Development (SGD) teachers perform an invaluable service for the UUAU community and for our children and youth. We are seeking congregants who have attended UUAU 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](mailto:stella@uuaa.org).



UUAU SGD

### SGD Children and Youth Registration for 2021/2022 Is Now OPEN!

The Spiritual Growth and Development (SGD) Program is excited to welcome back children and youth for 2021/2022! Registration for classes is now open. Please fill out the [Google form here](#) as soon as possible.

Classes meet on Sundays from September through May. The first part of the SGD session will take place primarily outdoors and will include both large-group and small-group learning activities. Class placements will depend on enrollment and volunteer recruitment.

Want to know more? Please email [stella@uuaa.org](mailto:stella@uuaa.org).



## Humanist Study Group

Thursday, August 19, 2:00pm

No meeting Monday, August 23

Humanism has a long history in our congregation. A lively group of Humanists has been meeting for over 20 years, gathering on the second and fourth Monday evenings (suspended until September) 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. This month the topics will include *The Power Worshippers* by Katherine Stewart and *Facebook's Next Target: The Religious Experience* by Elizabeth Dias.

All are welcome, regardless of theology or philosophy.

All meetings are still virtual. To get on our mail list, get the login information, or have any other questions answered, send a query to [humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org](mailto:humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org).



## Newcomer Chalice Circle | The Seven UU Principles

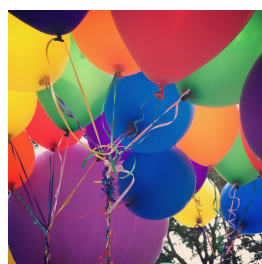
Saturday, August 21, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Are you new to UUA? 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. 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.

Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [Hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:Hannah@uuaa.org).



## Kaleidoscope Picnic!

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

We welcome all LGBTQIA members and allies in the UUA 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 email us at [kaleidoscope@uuaa.org](mailto:kaleidoscope@uuaa.org).



### September Sharing the Collection

*Sunday, September 12*

On Sunday September 12, we will share our collection with [Community Action Network \(CAN\)](#). CAN operates community centers in low-income Ann Arbor neighborhoods where it offers a host of programs, including academic tutoring and enrichment, basic needs, and other supportive services to children, youth, and families. CAN also builds community by facilitating resident council elections, co-hosting community activities, and strengthening parent/school relationships.

Questions? Contact Jan Duncan at [janetdunc@gmail.com](mailto:janetdunc@gmail.com).



### Volunteers Needed for Alpha House Fundraiser

*Thursday, September 23, 3:30pm - 7:00pm*

[Alpha House](#) is an emergency shelter for families temporarily experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. This is a group that UUA supports as a priority for anti-racism/anti-oppression work in the community. This year, Alpha House's outdoor Fall food-truck fundraiser will be held on the Alpha House grounds on September 23. It will feature food trucks that serve Korean, BBQ, and pasta.

Volunteers are needed to work as greeters, food runners, or miscellaneous runners. If you can help, contact volunteer coordinator Mark Hefner at [mheffner@alphahouse-ihn.org](mailto:mheffner@alphahouse-ihn.org). Check out the enticing menu [here](#). More to come about attending the fundraiser in future news!

## Links

[Reserve a Zoom room](#) | [View past services](#)  
[Log in to Realm](#) | [Make your pledge](#)



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