



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA September 16 - 22, 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* September 23 - 29 is Tuesday, September 21 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

The *Monthly News* goes out at the beginning of every month, and all submissions for the October newsletter must be sent in by September 21 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.

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Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, September 19, 9:30am and 11:30am

Join us this Sunday as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, *Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow*. Join us as we explore what it means to practice an active, engaged hope. We will also honor the lay leadership of our congregation as we enter into the new congregational year. We will share our collection with [Community Action Network \(CAN\)](#).

There will be a social hour after both services, with eating done outdoors. We will also be livestreaming the service if you prefer to attend from home. You can join us at uuaa.org/service.

Please note masks will be required indoors and outdoors for everyone over the age of 2, except when eating or drinking. *

If you have questions or concerns about the mask requirement, please contact Hannah Hotchkiss, Coordinator of Welcome Ministries and Membership, at hannah@uuaa.org.

*Exception to the mask requirement: Members of the worship team who are actively speaking can remove their masks. The first row of chairs in the Sanctuary will be removed to ensure proper distancing.

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 UUA Calendar](#).



Welcome Back, SGD! Classes Begin on Sunday Morning

Sunday, September 19, 9:30am and 11:30am for Nursery and Preschool, 11:30am for K - 12th Grade

Welcome back to the Spiritual Growth and Development (SGD) Program for 2021 - 2022! In-person classes for kindergarten through 12th grade children and youth begin on Sunday, September 19 at 11:30am. Nursery and preschool care will be available at 9:30am and 11:30am. Classes will be held outdoors on our beautiful grounds, led by teams of committed and enthusiastic volunteer teachers and assistants. In the event of rain, classes will take place under the social hall tent. Class times are approximately 11:30am - 12:45pm. Please bring your children and youth to the Fahs Chapel when you arrive at the building (straight through the double doors after you enter the building.)

Registration for classes is now open. Please fill out the following registration form as soon as possible: [SGD Registration 2021/2022](#).

Questions or concerns? Please email stella@uuaa.org.

Reconnecting at UUA



The UUAA community is joyfully regathering and reconnecting. To help you navigate Sunday mornings, here is what to expect. If you are returning for the first time since our reopening, check in on the front walkway to pick up your name tag. If you attended our September 12 reopening, you can find your name tag on the inside rack.

Need a new name tag? Ask one of our greeters for assistance.

Questions? Email hannah@uuaa.org.



Welcome Bailey Whiteman, Interim Music Consultant

Bailey Whiteman joins UUAA for the 2021 - 2022 congregational year as our interim music consultant. Previously, she was the director of music at the Washington Ethical Society (DC), a dually affiliated, UU-adjacent Ethical Culture society. She holds a BMus (Vocal Performance, Boston University) and an MMus (Vocal Performance, New England Conservatory), as well as UUA Music Leader certification. Bailey is a member of the Association for Unitarian Universalist Music Ministries (AUUMM), where she serves on the nominating committee, and is also a supporting member of the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA). Other professional development includes three UUA Renaissance Modules, the Transforming Hearts Collective's Trans Inclusion in Congregations training, Beloved Conversations, Jubilee II and III, and Wellspring™.

Bailey and her family (husband Doug and two children, Jonathan Peter and Mila) have been active Unitarian Universalists since 2002, starting at All Souls Church Unitarian (DC), and now at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Bethesda, MD). A certified OWL (Our Whole Lives) sexuality education facilitator for grades K - 1, 4 - 6, 7 - 9, and 10 - 12, Bailey loves helping children and youth integrate their understanding of human sexuality and relationships with what it means to be faithful Unitarian Universalists. Beyond her calling to serve Unitarian Universalism, Bailey enjoys homeschooling with her younger child, dancing, and reading middle grades fiction.

You can reach Bailey at bailey@uuaa.org.

We Need Additional Teaching Assistants for K - 5th Grade!

No Long-Term Commitment Required

Sundays at 11:30am-12:45pm



In order to provide the best possible spiritual learning experience for our children and youth, we need more volunteers to help out on occasional Sundays. Our K - 1st grade and 2nd - 5th grade classes are large, and the SGD Program is hoping to secure additional assistants to provide support for the teaching teams.

If you would like to help, please fill out the following forms:

[K - 1st Grade Class Assistants](#)

[2nd - 5th Grade Class Assistants](#)

Questions? Please email stella@uuaa.org.



Board of Trustees Meetings

To register for the link to the upcoming board meeting on September 21 at 7:00pm and any other board meeting, you can visit the [UUAA website here](#).



UUSC Board Welcomes Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti!

The [Unitarian Universalist Service](#)

[Committee \(UUSC\)](#), based in Cambridge's historic Central Square, has welcomed new board members including Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti to support the institution's mission of advancing human rights and social justice on a global scale.


"UUSC is thrilled to have the passion and commitment for social change that Manish has demonstrated in his professional and personal life," said Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, CEO and president of UUSC. "He brings a range of knowledge and expertise that will enrich our decision making and help us more concretely live into our mission and values. We look forward to working with, learning from, and advancing justice in deep collaboration."



Habitat for Humanity Advocacy

Habitat for Humanity does more than help provide secure, affordable homeownership and racial equity in housing. We also advocate for affordable housing, energy efficiency, home mortgage rule reforms, and more. We need your help to increase access to stable, affordable housing now more than ever. When you advocate with Habitat, you're helping to change systems and policies in the U.S. and working alongside people in our

community! [Learn more here.](#)



UUA
Community
of
Writers

UUA Community of Writers Meeting

Sunday, September 19, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

The Community of Writers September meeting will be facilitated by Bruce Lund. He states, "I've heard it said that every UU can write a sermon, poem, essay, memoir, or story on their relationship to the Creation that surrounds and pervades their lives. Let's get started ... bring your 'creation' on Creation to the September writers group meeting." You are invited to join the writers who will read their own creative writing on this topic or another of their choosing.

For more information and Zoom link, contact Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com.



Friday Fun Night Outdoor Movie "SOUL"

Friday, September 24, 6:30pm - 9:30pm

SOUL – PIXAR/DISNEY ACADEMY AWARD WINNER FOR BEST ANIMATED FILM FOR 2020.

A hilarious, heart-filled adventure that introduces Joe, a middle school band teacher, who lands the gig of his life at the best jazz club in town. One misstep lands Joe in a fantastical place: The Great Before. There he teams up with Soul 22, and together they find the answers to some of life's biggest questions. The movie is rated PG for adult themes and language. [For a sneak peek...](#)

Thanks to the congregants who suggested films and voted for their movie choice. Also, for the young of age and young at heart from 7:00pm to 7:20pm, we will be presenting storytelling with video of books presented at past Sunday services. Join the Friday Fun Night Team and your UUA community for the movie *Soul* under the stars on Friday, September 24 doors open at 6:30pm. Storytelling is at 7:00pm. The movie begins at 7:30pm. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, insect repellent, and a picnic if you would like. Popcorn, snacks, and beverages will be provided.



Caregivers and Kiddos Playdate!

Saturday, September 25, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Join the Caregivers and Kiddos group and meet other parents/caregivers of young children (0 - 5 years) and their children at our fourth-Saturday-of-the-month playdate. We'll meet in the outdoor preschool playground at the UUA church.

Contact charlene.mangi@gmail.com for more information and stay up to date with all Caregivers and Kiddos activities.



Humanist Discussion

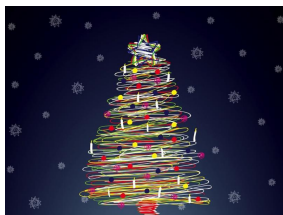
Mondays, September 27 & October 11, 7:00pm

Thursdays, September 16 & October 7, 2:00pm

Topics will include "When Dictators Find God" by David Brooks and "God Has No Place in Supreme Court Opinions" by Linda Greenhouse.

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. Meetings are still virtual. To get on our email list, get the login information, or ask any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



Coming in October

Sponsor a Child partners with Community Action Network (CAN) to provide children from under-resourced Washtenaw County neighborhoods with holiday gifts. Since most children are back in school, we will be able to get more than “gift cards”! The list of children who need help will be announced in October, so come and choose as soon as the names are available. We hope to have a table at Social Hour for signing up. Remember, you will be providing four gifts—two gifts the child needs and two that they want.

Questions? Contact ilene.beninson@gmail.com.



UUA Fiber Arts Group

October 2 (first Saturday of the month), 11:00am - 1:00pm in person

October 20 (third Wednesday of the month), 7:00pm - 9:00pm on 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.

Questions? Contact Sissely@aol.com.



October Sharing the Collection

Sunday, October 3

On Sunday October 3, we will share our collection with the Children's Literacy Network (CLN), a group which is "growing readers for life". Children's Literacy Network's mission is "to design and implement literacy-based programs to provide equitable opportunities for children to develop a love of reading and books." CLN is proud to partner with UUA again and excited to celebrate our 30th anniversary this year! Visit them online:

<http://www.childrensliteracynetwork.org>.

Questions? Contact Jan Duncan at janetdunc@gmail.com.



2021 WomUUn's Retreat Transitions to Hybrid Event

Saturday, October 9

Concerns about Covid-19 safety have prompted the WomUUn's Council to cancel the in-person 2021 WomUUn's Retreat. Everyone who registered will receive a full refund. A hybrid retreat offering a selection of physically distanced in-person and virtual workshops will be offered at UUA on Saturday, October 9.

A highlight is our keynote session "Beyond the Binary: Celebrating the Spectrums of Gender and Sexuality." We invite all women in the congregation to join us. Registration materials will be available by September 15 at www.uuaa.org/womUUn.

Contact Amy Thomas at WomUUnsRetreat@uuaa.org.

Links

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

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