



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA September 23 - 29, 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 30 - October 6 is Tuesday, September 28 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 26, 9:30am and 11:30am

Join us this Sunday as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, *Where Do We Go from Here?* The new church year has begun, and it has been unlike any other this community has experienced. Where do we go from here? How will you be part of the journey?

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 that masks will be required both 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 UUAU Calendar](#).



Welcome Back, SGD! Registration is Still OPEN

*Sundays, 9:30am and 11:30am for Nursery and Preschool
Sundays, 11:30am for K through 12th Grade*

What a great start to SGD on September 19! We had nearly 90 children and youth attend our first day of in-person programming. Seeing our community coming back together was so gratifying!

It's not too late to enroll. Classes will be held outdoors at least through the end of October, 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 (go straight through the double doors after you enter the building.) Masks are required at all times. Please bring water bottles. In addition, we recommend you prepare for outdoor hazards including sunburns, bug bites and stings, and inclement weather.

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

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

Reconnecting at UUAU

The UUAU 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 September 12 or 19, you can find your name tag on the inside rack. Do you need a new name tag? Ask one of our greeters for assistance.

Questions? Email hannah@uuaa.org.



UUAA SGD

We Need Additional Teaching Assistants for K - 5th Grades! **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.



Order Coffee, Chocolate, and Tea for Pickup at Sunday Social Hour

While we cannot yet sell our wonderful Equal Exchange fair trade coffees, teas, and chocolates at church on Sundays, you can order products, and we will bring them to you!

Just go to UUAAequalexchangeorder@gmail.com. Sales benefit both the UUAA and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Send us a photo of yourself enjoying these wonderful products for a free bag of coffee, box of tea, or a chocolate bar!



CANCELLED - Friday Fun Night Outdoor Movie "SOUL"

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

Cancelled due to weather - please look for more information on rescheduling at a later date.



Caregivers and Kiddos Playdate!

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

Saturday October 30, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Join other parents of young children (0 - 6 years) and their littles for fellowship and fun on the UUAU preschool playground. Meet and connect with other families in our UUAU community! Children (and adults) are invited to wear a costume on the October 30 playdate!

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



Humanist Discussion

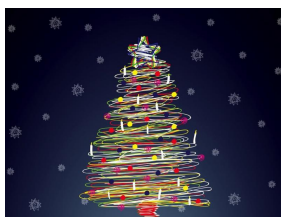
Mondays, September 27 & October 11, 7:00pm

Thursdays, October 7 & 21, 2:00pm

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

We will be presenting and discussing *The Scientific Spirit of American Humanism* by Stephen P. Weldon in four Zoom sessions, beginning on Thursday, October 21 at 2:00pm with the first chapter, "Liberal Christianity and the Frontiers of American Belief." One review described the book as a "fascinating and profound analysis of American society in the 19th and 20th centuries from a completely different angle: the scientific spirit."

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 posted 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.



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. UUAU 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 that 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 UUAU 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—Calling All UUAU Women!

Saturday, October 9 by Zoom (9:00am - 2:00pm) & at the church (2:30pm - 9:00pm)

Register by Wednesday, October 6

Concerns about Covid-19 safety have prompted the WomUUn's Council to cancel the in-person weekend-long 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 UUAU 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 starting September 15 at www.uuaa.org/womUUn.

Questions? Contact Amy Thomas at WomUUunsRetreat@uuaa.org.



From Restorative Justice to Leadership and a Second Chance

Sunday, October 17, 1:00pm

Restorative Justice of UUAA and UUCivs invite you to a presentation and discussion with Daniel Jones on Sunday, October 17 at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. Mr. Jones is a coordinator for the [Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration \(MI-CEMI\)](#) and chair of Voting Access for All (VAAC). Mr. Jones, a former “juvenile lifer,” will speak about his transformative experience inside prison in working to promote awareness and healing for those seeking parole, and how as a returning citizen he has become a community leader. This program is sponsored by UUAA's Restorative Justice, UUCivs, and Unity groups.

If you have questions or want to know more about the event, contact Restorative Justice at HealingAndJustice@uuaa.org.

Links

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

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