



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA September 29 - October 6, 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* October 7 - October 13 is Tuesday, October 5 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, October 4, 9:30am and 11:30am

Join us this Sunday as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am,

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](#).



UUAU SGD

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.



UUAU SGD

Are You a Trained Middle School O.W.L. Facilitator? We Need You!

Sundays at 11:30am starting in January (or sooner if possible)

One of the cornerstones of our Spiritual Growth and

Development Program is Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.), a sexuality education program for youth that models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. It is an holistic program that moves beyond the intellect to address the attitudes, values, and feelings that youth have about themselves and the world. We usually offer O.W.L. to 8th graders as a full academic year course; this year we are hoping to put together a teaching team by January. Because teaching O.W.L. requires participation in a comprehensive training (and those trainings are currently scarce due to covid), we need to recruit from our existing pool of trained O.W.L. teachers. With two teachers already committed, that means we only need two more. Please consider helping us bring back this popular and dynamic program!

Questions? Please email stella@uuaa.org.



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!

Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group

Wednesday, October 6, 3:00pm - 4:30pm



If you care for or have a friend, partner, spouse or family member experiencing memory loss you are invited to attend the support group for caregivers. The group is co-sponsored by the UUA Pastoral Care Team and the Alzheimer's Association. It offers a safe space to share your concerns and questions and receive support from others who are on a similar journey. For more information and/or the Zoom link, contact one of the facilitators: Joan Burleigh at joburleigh@aol.com, Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com, or Meredith Ley meredithl888@gmail.com.



Humanist Discussion

Monday, 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.



Connect with our Interim Music Consultant

Wednesday, October 13, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Our Interim Music Consultant, Bailey Whiteman, has begun her work and wants to connect with each of you in the coming weeks.

Please join Bailey on Zoom Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7-9 pm. We'll meet, learn about the work she's engaged in, and build a common understanding of why interim work is exciting and transformative.

Additionally, please save Oct. 22-24, when Bailey will lead in-person intensive sessions Friday evening and Saturday, and a time (TBA) for children and youth. Watch for more details!

Questions: please email Bailey at bailey@uuaa.org.



2021 WomUUn's Retreat—Calling All UAA Women!

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

Register by Wednesday, October 6

Join us at a virtual and outdoor Retreat--registration is \$25 (\$15 for youth), scholarships available. UAA COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed.

Zoom presentations: Climate Action & Justice; Beyond the Binary; Let's Talk: How Are We Navigating the New "Normal"?

Outdoor activities follow at UAA: Maker workshops; Nature walks, Yoga, Hula-hooping workshop; Campfire with storytelling

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE](#)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL SCHEDULE.](#)

Contact Co-Chairs Amy Thomas (womensretreat@uuaa.org) or Melinda McKay (248-707-0389) with questions.

Registration materials will be available starting September 15 at **www.uuaa.org/womUUn**.

Questions? Contact Amy Thomas at **WomUUnsRetreat@uuaa.org**.



North AA UU Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

The North Ann Arbor UU is a casual social group that meets the second Tuesday of each month. Topics of conversation vary widely, with the October meeting briefly presenting recent books we have read, and why they are worth sharing.

Newcomers and visitors are welcome. To receive notices of future meetings contact **NorthAA_info@uuaa.org**.



Kaleidoscope Bonfire!

Friday, October 15, 6:00pm -9:00pm

Join members of the UAA LGBTQIA community for a convivial social bonfire at UAA! We will provide a fire. Please bring a chair for yourself, any snacks you might want to have, a mask. Dress according to the weather -- you may want to bring a blanket!

Weather note: in case of rain on Friday October 15th, our backup date is Saturday Friday October 16th. We'll update the **[Facebook event](#)** and email

the listserv if so.

For more information, please email KaleidoscopeInfo@uuuaa.org. See you there!



Newcomer Chalice Circle | The Seven UU Principles

Saturday, October 16, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 11

Are you new to UUAA? Would you like to explore the tenets of Unitarian Universalism with others who are new? Join us for a Zoom discussion of the Seven UU Principles. What do they mean to you? Which ones resonate strongly? How do they inspire? You will receive the principles and reflection questions in advance. We will practice a deep-listening format during the discussion. Please [register by Monday, October 11](#). We ask that when you sign up you commit to attending and log into the Zoom room by the start time. Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuuaa.org.



Community of Writers Zoom Gathering

Sunday October 17, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Join the Community of Writers via Zoom on Sunday October 17 to share how your reading habits affect your writing. Have your reading habits changed during the pandemic? Has your reading helped you cope? Or have you dug deeper? Perhaps you would like to share how your lifelong reading habits have changed. This writing prompt is suggested by member Pauline Lowenhardt. Come join us to read and/or listen. No experience needed. For more information, contact Kathy Friedrichs kamf@umich.edu or Sandy Kunkle sandykunkle@gmail.com.



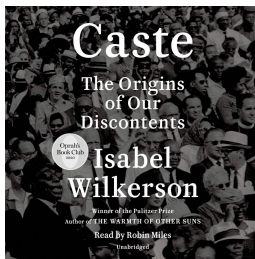
From Restorative Justice to Leadership and a Second Chance

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 UUA'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.



Caste Book Discussion

October 20, 27, November 3, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 17

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 Tim Richards will co-chair three sessions for those who have read the book.

[Register here](#) by October 17. A minimum of five people are required. Some copies of *Caste* are available in a box on UUA's front lobby Welcome Table.

Questions? Contact Edie Croake at ecroake@emeritus.wccnet.edu.



UUA Fiber Arts Group

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

November 6 (first Saturday of the month), 11:00am - 1:00pm in person

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.



Caregivers and Kiddos Playdate!

Caregivers and Kiddos

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 UUA preschool playground. Meet and connect with other families in our UUA 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.



October Sharing the Collection

Sunday, October 3 and you can continue to donate to Sharing the collection online.

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 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.

Links

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

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