



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA October 7 - 13, 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 14 - October 20 is Tuesday, October 12 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 10, 9:30am and 11:30am

Join us this Sunday as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, *Dancing on My Own*, this Sunday we explore why finding a sense of belonging is so important, and yet can feel so elusive.

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.



UUAU Celebrates Indigenous People's Day!

Monday, Oct 11, 2021

In the past twenty years, several states and municipalities including Washtenaw County and the UUAU, have shifted to Celebrating Indigenous People's Day. We hope you are able to use the day to honor the ongoing contribution of Indigenous People. Educational Links can be found on [our website](#).

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](#).



Building Our Vision #RoadTo2050

Month of October

It's that time of year when we ask ourselves:

- What does this congregation mean to me?
- How can I support the important work being done at UUAU?
- How can my generous financial gift to UUAU make a difference?

Please consider these questions and more when you make your annual pledge in support of our 2022 operating budget. This year's goal is \$1.15 million. Find out more at uuaa.org/pledge.

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!

UUAA SGD 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 [SGD Registration 2021/2022](#) form as soon as possible.

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



Are You a Trained Middle School OWL 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" (OWL), a sexuality education

program for youth that models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. It is a 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 OWL 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-19), we need to recruit from our existing pool of trained O.W.L. teachers. With two teachers already committed, that means we need just two more. Please consider helping us bring back this popular and dynamic program!

Interested? Please email stella@uuaa.org.

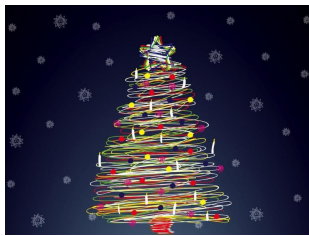
Decline to Sign!



Michigan's 2020 election was deemed safe and secure by [Secretary of State](#) Jocelyn Benson and a [State Senate Oversight Committee](#), but a new petition drive seeks to enact changes that would negatively affect voting accessibility and support. A Republican-backed group, Secure MI Vote, needs to gather 340,000 signatures in 180 days.

The Michigan legislature will then likely adopt the initiative rather than let it appear on a ballot where voters would decide. Tell your friends and family not to sign! [Here's a Bridge Magazine summary of the proposed changes](#).

Questions? uucivs@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.



2021 WomUUn's Retreat—Calling All UUA Women!

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

[Register](#) ASAP

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

Zoom presentations:

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

Outdoor activities follow at UUA: 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.](#)

Registration materials are available at www.uuaa.org/womUUn.

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



Voices from the Holy Land: Bethlehem Today

Sunday, October 10, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

We know of Bethlehem from the Christmas story. How do military occupation, separation wall, settlements, and checkpoints affect the lives of people there today? Join UUs from across the U.S. for *Bethlehem Today: Voices from the Holy Land*

film salon and Zoom discussion on Sunday, October 10 at 3:00pm. View two short films and hear from community members working to preserve Bethlehem's history and culture. [Register here.](#)

Ann Arbor UUJME meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm via Zoom. Contact Mark Jagner at mjagner@yahoo.com for more information or if you have questions.



Humanist Discussion

Mondays, October 11 and 25, 7:00pm

Thursdays, October 21 and November 4, 2:00pm

Topics will include:

- evangelical theology, which is what made the Texas abortion outrage possible
- the Supreme Court's right-wing Catholics, who are destroying true religious freedom plus much more

Discussions of the *The Scientific Spirit of American Humanism* begin Thursday, October 21, 2:00 PM.

Humanism has a long history in our congregation, and a lively group of humanists has been meeting for over 20 years. Gatherings are 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. All meetings are now virtual. To get on our email list, get the login information, or have any other questions answered, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.

North Ann Arbor 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.



Connect with Our Interim Music Consultant

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

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, October 13, 7:00pm - 9:00pm. 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 October 22 - 24, when Bailey will lead in-person intensive sessions on Friday evening and Saturday, and a time (TBA) for children and youth. Watch for more details! Questions? Please email Bailey at bailey@uuaa.org.



Kaleidoscope Bonfire!

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

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

Weather note: in case of rain on Friday, October 15, our backup date is Saturday, October 16. We'll update the [Facebook event page](#) and contact everyone on the email list if we do have a rain date.

For more information, please email KaleidoscopeInfo@uuaa.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 UUAU? 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@uuaa.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 at kamf@umich.edu or Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com.



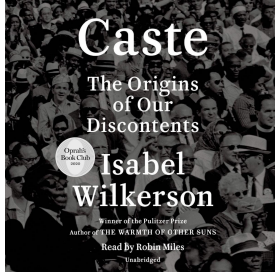
From Restorative Justice to Leadership and a Second Chance

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 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.

Caste: Book Discussion



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

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 17

The 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 the UUAA office.

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



UUAA Fiber Arts Group

October 20, 7:00pm - 9:00pm on Zoom

Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUAA Fiber Arts Group meets twice a month (first Saturday and third Wednesday), 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!

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

Join other parents of young children (0 - 6 years) and their little ones for fellowship and fun on the UUAA preschool playground. Meet and connect with other families in our UUAA 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.

Links

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



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