



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUAA October 14 - 20, 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 21 - 27 is Tuesday, October 19 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, October 17, 9:30am and 11:30am*

Join us this Sunday as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, *How Do We Jenga?* Join us this week as we reflect on ways this community has built (and will continue to build) strong relationships through music..

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](https://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](mailto: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](#).



### **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 UUA?
- How can my generous financial gift to UUA 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](https://uuaa.org/pledge).



### **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 OWL 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 OWL teachers. Two teachers have already committed, so we only need two more.

Please consider helping us bring back this popular and dynamic program!

Interested? Please email [stella@uuaa.org](mailto:stella@uuaa.org).



## Centered Leadership Class

Think of all the great things in life that are free. Library books, fresh air, those AOL CDs that used to arrive in the mail, and, of course, grocery store samples. Well, there's one more thing for a few lucky congregants to add to the list—UUA's Centered Leadership class. The class actually normally costs \$30.00, but for a limited number of UUA members who sign up, the Leadership Development Team (LDT) is paying the class fee.

The class, led by two UU ministers, contains several modules. It includes speakers from within and outside the UU movement. After each module there will be a Zoom gathering with other congregants and LDT members to discuss the class. Topics include governance, congregational polity, how to be a member, and building a beloved community. [Follow this link](#) to find out more about the class.

Interested? Contact Dixie Hibner at [Dixiehibner@comcast.net](mailto:Dixiehibner@comcast.net) or Janet Callaway at [JanetCallaway40@gmail.com](mailto:JanetCallaway40@gmail.com).



## 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.

If the signature drive is successful, 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](mailto:uucivs@uuaa.org).



## Upcoming Sessions on Aging

The Pastoral Care Team has been planning a series of sessions to be presented starting in 2022 on various aspects of aging. We would like to hear from experts and from people with real life experience within our own congregation. The early sessions will focus on the physical and cognitive aspects of aging, wellness practices for aging, preparation of legal documents, and how to modify your current home to better serve you as you age.

If you would like to offer your own experience or expertise, or that of someone you know, please contact Sandy Breck at [sbreck@umich.edu](mailto:sbreck@umich.edu).



## Kaleidoscope Bonfire!

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

Join members of UAAA's LGBTQIA community for a convivial social bonfire at UAAA! We will provide the 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](mailto:KaleidoscopeInfo@uuaa.org). See you there!



## Newcomer Chalice Circle | The Seven UU Principles

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

Are you new to UAAA? 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. We ask that when you sign up you commit to attending and logging into the Zoom room by the

start time.

Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [Hannah@uuaa.org](mailto: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 the Zoom link or more information, contact Kathy Friedrichs at [kamf@umich.edu](mailto:kamf@umich.edu) or Sandy Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com).



## From Restorative Justice to Leadership and a Second Chance

*Sunday, October 17, 1:00pm*

We are excited to invite you to our in person and online event. Restorative Justice of UUA and UUCivs are co-sponsoring a presentation and discussion with Daniel Jones on Sunday, October 17 at 1:00 in the Sanctuary or [join us here on Zoom](#), for those who prefer not to be at events in person.

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.

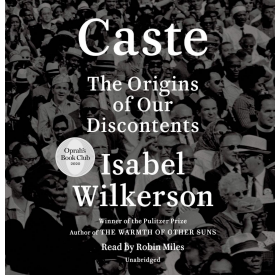
Please note that masks are required in the UUA building.

If you have questions or want to know more about the event, contact Restorative Justice at [restorativejusticeinfo@uuaa.org](mailto:restorativejusticeinfo@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](mailto:ecroake@emeritus.wccnet.edu).



### **UUAA Fiber Arts Group**

*Wednesday, 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](mailto:Sissely@aol.com).



### **Ignite Fall Fire**

*Friday, October 22, 7:00pm - 8:30pm*

The Office of Congregational Life is hosting an Ignite Bonfire on Friday, October 22 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at UUAA. This event is for all community members who are between the ages of 20 and 39. The gathering will be a mix of icebreakers plus chatting plus hot chocolate! No RSVP is required, but do BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR. We will provide the warm fire and hot chocolate!

Questions? [quianadenae@uuaa.org](mailto:quianadenae@uuaa.org).

### **Interim Music Ministry: Dreaming Together**

*Friday, October 22, 6:30pm - 7:30pm and 8:00pm - 9:00pm*

*Saturday, October 23, 9:30am - 11:00am, 11:30am - 1:00pm; and 1:30pm - 3:00pm*

*Sunday, October 24, after each service*



October 22 - 24 is UUAA's first in-person opportunity to meet Interim Music Consultant Bailey Whiteman. Come join Bailey at UUAA in the Phifer Sanctuary or by [Zoom](#) at any or all of these sessions:

• *Friday, October 22*

6:30pm - 7:30pm and 8:00pm - 9:00pm

• *Saturday, October 23*

9:30am - 11:00am, 11:30am - 1:00pm, and 1:30pm - 3:00pm

The sessions will build on each other, and everyone at UUAA is encouraged to attend as many sessions as they are able.

We'll get to know each other, teach Bailey about who we are and what our music ministries have been, are, and are becoming. There will be opportunities to share UUAA history, create a timeline, dream big dreams, and more!

For those unable to join Friday and/or Saturday, come meet Bailey on Sunday, October 24 in the Jackson Chapel or on [Zoom](#) after either service.

Bailey is so excited to get to know UUAA. Please mark your calendars so that you can be part of exploring and mapping UUAA's music ministry.

If you have any questions, ask Bailey at [bailey@uuaa.org](mailto:bailey@uuaa.org).



### Humanist Discussion

*Monday, October 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 *Scientific Spirit of American Humanism* begin Thursday, October 21 at 2:00pm. 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 still virtual. To get on our email list, get the login information, or have any other questions answered, send a query to [humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org](mailto:humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org).

### UUAA Spooky Halloween Party

*Friday, October 29, 6:00pm - 9:00pm*

Join us for the famous UUAA Halloween Extravaganza. Come for pizza and veggies at 6:00pm,



followed by a walk on the pumpkin trail, a bonfire, and the famous YRUU Haunted House, which will be the Haunted Trail this year. Other activities include candy roulette and a photo-op booth. We encourage you to add a jack-o'-lantern of your own to the pumpkin trail.

[Click here for details](#). If you are interested in volunteering for this event, [sign up here](#). Questions? Email [Hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:Hannah@uuaa.org).



### 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 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](mailto: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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