



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA October 21 - 27, 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 28 - November 3 is Tuesday, October 26 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

The monthly newsletter deadline for the November newsletter is today, October 21 by 5:00pm. Please send in your monthly news pieces [using 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.

Please note the following holiday deadlines for the upcoming Monthly Newsletter and the Weekly News:

Monthly Newsletter Deadlines

December newsletter - Deadline Sunday, November 14, will be sent out November 22/23.

January newsletter - Deadline Sunday, December 12 - will be sent out December 20

Weekly News - Holiday repeat weeks

November 25th - information will repeat

December 30th - information will repeat

Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering



Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, October 24, 9:30am and 11:30am

Join us this Sunday as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, *The Harmony of Our Stories*, we reflect on our relationships in community, the stories and experiences that inform who we are, and the harmony that we create together. Special guest Bailey Whiteman joins us in this Sunday's service.

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 UUA Calendar](#).



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.



All-Congregation Climate Engagement Survey

UUAA's "Vision 20/50" asks all of us - kids, teens, and adults - to engage deeply with the pressing climate issues of our times. How can we, as a religious organization, help create a

more just and sustainable world?

To help guide our climate action and climate justice work, UUAA is enrolled in the Green Sanctuary 2030 certification program provided by the Unitarian Universalist Association. One of our first tasks is to survey the congregation to get a snapshot of our levels of climate concern and engagement as we begin the certification process. This is NOT a scientific survey, but meant to be a general picture of our congregation today. There are no "right" or "good" or "bad" answers.

We ask that everyone of all ages submit answers to the survey -- It usually takes less than 10 minutes to complete:

[CLICK THIS LINK TO TAKE THE CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY](#)

Thank you for helping with this important work!

The UUAA Climate Action and Justice Group *Jeannine LaPrad, Ruth Mohr, Ed Lynn, Sandy Simon, Priscilla Spencer, and Kate Hutchens*



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 UUAA 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 or Janet Callaway at 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.



Mindful Aging Series - Request for Help

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 first from experts, as well 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, expertise, or that of someone you know, please contact Sandy Breck at sbreck@umich.edu.



Sharing the Collection Leader Needed

Once a month, UUA shares the weekly collection with a community-based service organization such as Alpha House, Habitat for Humanity, or UUSC. Jan Duncan has served as the chair of STC for two years and is stepping down to direct her energy into her work as an AAPS educator. We need new leadership

to continue to do this work. There is a team of volunteers waiting for a leader.

If you would like to make a difference by helping with this work, contact Coordinator of Congregational Life QuianaDenae to learn more.

quianadenae@uuuaa.org.



Humanist Discussion

Thursday, October 21, 2:00pm

Monday, October 25, 7:00pm

Thursday's topics will be the introduction and first chapter of *The Scientific Spirit of American Humanism* plus two articles on religion and psychology.

Monday's topic will be "The 9.9 Percent Is the New American Aristocracy" from the *Atlantic Monthly*.

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.

All meetings are still virtual. To get on our mail list, get the login information, or any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuuaa.org.



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 UUA A in the lower parking lot. 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? Contact quianadenae@uuuaa.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 UUA's first in-person opportunity to meet Interim Music Consultant Bailey Whiteman. Come join Bailey at UUA 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*

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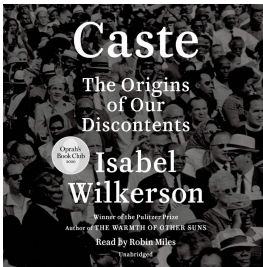
The sessions will build on each other, and everyone at UUA is encouraged to attend as many sessions as they are able.

We'll get to know each other and tell Bailey who we are and what our music ministries have been, are, and are becoming. There will be opportunities to share UUA 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 UUA. Please mark your calendars so that you can be part of exploring and mapping UUA's music ministry.

If you have any questions, ask Bailey at bailey@uuaa.org.



Caste: Book Discussion

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

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. Some copies of *Caste* are available in the UUA office.

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

UUA Spooky Halloween Party

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

Join us for the famous UUA Halloween



Extravaganza. This year's dinner and activities will all be outside, so dress for the weather.

- Come in costume!
- Bring a carved pumpkin (or many) to add to the Pumpkin Trail. (You can reclaim your pumpkin at the end of the event or the next day!)
- Bring your own camping chair for dinner.
- Schedule of activities
 - 6:00pm - Pizza and veggies, candy roulette wheel, and photo op booth
 - 6:45pm - Pumpkin Trail to the fire pit for donuts and cider and goody bags
 - 7:00pm - Haunted Trail created by YRUU for all ages

If you think you are coming, let us know by filling out this [RSVP form](#). Last minute change of plans? No worries! Join us anyway. We are trying to get a ballpark number for ordering dinner and donuts.

Our fun and dedicated group of volunteers could use your help. [Sign up to volunteer here](#).

For more details [click here](#). Questions? Email Hannah@uuua.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 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.



November Sharing the Collection

Sunday, November 7

On Sunday, November 7 we will share our collection with [IHN/Alpha House](#). IHN was established in 1992 to provide shelter and support to homeless and at-risk families. The group serves over 40 families a year - up to six at a time - in their shelter, Alpha House, and an additional 20 to 30 families in their home-based support program. IHN provides intensive support services to address each family's individual needs and barriers to securing permanent housing.

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



Newcomer Chalice Circle | The Seven UU Principles

Saturday, November 20, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Registration Deadline: Monday, November 15

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, November 15. 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.

Links

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



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