



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA April 28 - May 4, 2022

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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* May 5 - May 11 is Tuesday, May 3 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

The deadline for the June *Monthly Newsletter* is Saturday, May 21 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

Questions? [Watch this video](#) on how to submit to the *Weekly News*, or email Hannah at communications@uuaa.org.

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Sunday Worship

"Living into UUAA's Humanist Legacy: The Wisdom of Roy Wood Sellars and James Luther Adams in Dialogue"

Sunday, May 1, 9:30am & 11:30am

In-person and online at uuaa.org/service

Congregants at UUAA played a pivotal role in the development of the first Humanist Manifesto, an expression of religious humanism, first published in May 1933. How might this historical legacy continue to guide us today? Join us this Sunday as we explore this theme, and the thinking/philosophies of Roy Wood Sellars and James Luther Adams.

May Sharing the Collection

This Sunday, we will share our collection with the [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#) (UUSC).

Mission: “UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. Our work is grounded in the belief that all people have inherent power and dignity.” Visit them online at www.uusc.org.

You can donate to the collection basket on Sunday, mail your check to UUAA with Sharing the Collection/UUSC in the memo, or contribute to Sharing the Collection online by [clicking here and scrolling](#) to Sharing the Collection—UUSC

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

After the Sunday Service

Social Hour is back. After each service (10:30am and 12:30pm), refreshments will be served in the Social Hall. You may now remove your mask while eating or drinking in the Social Hall. Please watch or read our updated Covid protocols below. There will be a limited number of group display tables to browse, also.

Please note the UUAA’s updated Covid Precautions Policy and Protocols

Anyone entering the UUAA building for activities/business is expected to be fully vaccinated and boosted, as eligible, and must remain properly masked at all times. [A video of our updated policy is available here.](#)

*Exception to the mask requirement: Members of the worship team who are actively speaking may remove their masks. All unmasked speakers on the chancel have tested negative in the preceding 24 hours. Members may remove their masks in the Social Hall while eating and drinking.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

For a full list of events, [visit the UUAA Calendar.](#)



Farewell Gathering for Don Hackney

Sunday, May 1, Social Hall following both services

Please join us on Sunday, May 1 after either the 9:30am or 11:30am service as we honor Don Hackney with cake and fellowship. Don came on staff in the fall of 2018 as the

Building and Grounds Manager and will be dearly missed as his time with and service to the congregation comes to an end. If you feel moved to more tangibly express your gratitude to Don for his service, there will be baskets available for financial contributions of cash and checks. (Please make out checks directly to Don Hackney and not UUAA.)



Building and Grounds Support Needed

If you would like to contribute to the life of our congregation in an active, hands-on way, I invite you to join our Building Care or Grounds Care teams!

Recent staff restructuring has created the need for lay-led teams to help keep UUAA the welcoming, safe, and beautiful place we love.

Sunday Building Care

There are two shifts—8:00am to 11:00am and 11:00am to 2:00pm—so team members can attend one of the services. You can also partner with someone to share the work. Some specific tasks include: unlocking/locking doors, putting out/bringing in UUAA sandwich boards and flags, moving/putting away tables, etc.

Grounds Care

UUAA owns a riding lawn mower, but it needs a small team of drivers! We can also use more help with maintaining our beautiful gardens and trails.

Training will be provided. Interested? [Fill out this Google Form](#) and let me know how you'd like to help—I'll be in touch!

Thank you!

Lissa Oliver

Building Care Team Volunteer



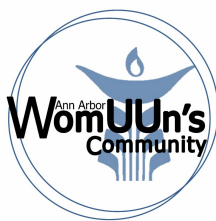
UUAA'S ACTING DIRECTOR POSITIONS: AN UPDATE FROM THE UUAA PERSONNEL WORKING GROUP

Dear Members & Friends of our UUAA Community,

As previewed in our March 2022 update, Personnel Working Group member Leigh Robertson has now completed an assessment process related to our community's two Acting Director positions, the Acting Director of Spiritual Growth and Development and the Acting Director of Music Ministries. The analysis of the feedback that our community provided is now complete, and

this email contains a high-level summary of the qualitative data that was gathered. Based on this data, UUAA is now able to share how we will be proceeding with regards to these two positions. Finally, this message contains some additional reminders and updates that you might find helpful.

[Read more here.](#)



Help Plan the WomUUn's Retreat

Thursday, April 28, 6:30pm, via Zoom

Two co-chairs and many committee members are needed to immediately begin planning our Women's Retreat, which will be in-person. Meetings will be about twice a month for about an hour. Tasks relate to promoting the retreat, recruiting session leaders and planning sessions, talking with camp staff about meals, lodging, and session locations.

- Save the Date for the WomUUn's Retreat! October 7 - 9, YMCA Camp Copneconic, Fenton
- Sign up to help plan the retreat! Email WomUUnsRetreat@UUAA.org.
- Attend the first retreat planning meeting by Zoom (Email WomUUnnRetreat@uuaa.org for the link.)



Support Voting Access for All

Friday, April 29, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, via Zoom

Join a vibrant group of justice-seekers and barrier-breakers to help mobilize voters in their communities. The Voting Access for All Coalition (VAAC), a UUCivs partner, is hosting a voter outreach kick-off event.

Learn skills and strategies from people with experience and connect with others to help inform and inspire voters. Commit the time you can—hang posters, drop off voting materials at jails, or engage people at community events.

[RSVP here.](#) Questions? Email uucivs@uuaa.org.



Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice

Friday, April 29, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, via Zoom

Join Restorative Justice of UUAA and co-sponsors Michigan UU Social Justice Network, Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration, Friends of

Restorative Justice, and Detroit Justice Center in the viewing and panel discussion of this powerful documentary of Sacred Justice through "the examination of Tribal Sovereignty ... as well as Restorative Justice practices such as Peacemaking and Healing." The panel includes the film's director, Audrey Geyer; Chief Judge Joanne Cook, chief appellate judge of the Michigan Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians; and Chief Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, chief judge of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in Harbor Springs.

[Register here.](#)



YOUTH v GOV

YOUTH v GOV Movie Discussion

Sunday, May 1, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Join other climate-concerned UUAA friends to discuss the documentary *YOUTH v GOV*, the story of the *Juliana v. The United States of America* constitutional lawsuit and the 21 American youth, ages 14 to 25, who

are taking on the U.S government over the climate crisis. If you did not view the documentary at a UUAA viewing session, you can find it on Netflix beginning April 29. The Zoom link for our discussion:

<https://zoom.us/j/95091784253>.

Climate Action | Climate Justice Team: Jeannine LaPrad, Ruth Mohr, Sandy Simon, Ed Lynn, Kate Hutchens; climate@uuaa.org



Information Session on Proposed Bylaws Changes

Monday, May 2, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

The community is invited to attend one of two information/comment/question sessions on proposed bylaws changes that will be voted on at the UUAA June congregational meeting.

Proposed changes involve the Leadership Development Team, including the number of members on the committee, and increasing the number of committee members decided by congregants.

There will be an opportunity to attend a Zoom session on bylaws proposed changes.

- **Monday, May 2, 6:30pm - 7:30pm** [Register here](#) to receive the link.

In the meantime, congregants are invited to become familiar with the

proposed bylaws changes and the rationale for them by clicking the following links.

- [Proposed Revisions to UAAA Bylaws - June 2022](#)
- [Rationale for 2022 Bylaw Changes Congregation](#)



Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group

Wednesday, May 4, 3:00pm - 4:30pm, via Zoom

Are you concerned about or caring for a friend, partner, spouse, or parent who is experiencing memory loss? If so, you are invited to share your story, ask questions, and receive support on your caregiver journey in a safe and confidential space. Join fellow travelers at the next meeting of the Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group. The group is jointly sponsored by the UAAA Pastoral Care Team and the Alzheimer's Association. For information or Zoom link, contact Joan at joburleigh@aol.com, Priscilla at paspencer44@yahoo.com, or Sandy at sandykunkle@gmail.com.



Vision 20/50 Reflection Session

Wednesday, May 4, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

What have we learned this year in our Vision 20/50 efforts? What worked? Where can we improve? Please join the Vision Steering Committee for our first annual Vision 20/50 Reflection session on May 4, 7:00pm - 8:30pm on Zoom. We'd like to hear from YOU—no matter where you fit into this diverse congregation. [RSVP here](#) to receive the Zoom link. If you cannot attend, we'd welcome your input by email at vision@uuaa.org.



Humanist Discussions

Thursday, May 5, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday Topic: Climate change

Lively groups of Humanists have been meeting for over 20 years at UAAA, 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, and more. All are welcome. All meetings are still virtual. To get on our email list, get the login information, or get answers to any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



Garden Party—Help Improve Accessibility in the Memorial Garden

Saturday, May 7, 10:00am - noon

Garden Stewards seek three to six persons with strong backs to assist us with improving accessibility by spreading pea gravel in the Memorial Garden and on the walking paths surrounding it. No previous experience needed! Beverages, snacks, singing, and fellowship provided! Questions? Contact Kim at kimclugston1973@yahoo.com.



UUAA Fiber Arts Group

Saturday, May 7, 11:00am - 1:00pm, Young Room

Wednesday, May 18, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, via Zoom

Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUAA Fiber Arts Group meets on the first Saturday and third Wednesday of the month for fellowship and sharing of knowledge and ideas. If you are a beginner looking for support or an experienced crafter, all are welcome. We also have quilters that have joined us.

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.

We meet on the first Saturday of the month, 11:00am - 1:00pm in person at the UUAA Young Room, and on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm - 9:00pm on Zoom. For a Zoom link or questions, send us an email at crafters@uuaa.org.

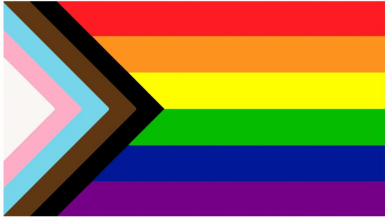
North Ann Arbor UUs

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

North Ann Arbor UUs, a small social group, will gather for a brief check-in and spend our time together offering one another our various reflections on holidays, any one that brings up memories to share. Fellowship, support, and fun are our objectives. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Quincy Northrup at qnorthrup@gmail.com.

TrUU Hope Meetups (with snacks!)

Friday, May 13, 7:00pm - 9:00pm (Friday the



13th! Spooky crafts)

Sunday, May 22, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

TrUU Hope is a UUAA group for LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and similarly identified) youth. We aim to grow community and to provide social, support, educational, and activist programs and opportunities for our youth to explore their identities and interests.

Questions? Want to be added to our email list? Send an email to TruuHopeInfo@uuaa.org.



Mindful Aging

Saturday, May 21, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Join other UUs for a Zoom discussion of the UM Healthy Aging lectures given during April. The topic “Brain Health” included presentations on dementia, treatments, exercise, sleep, caregiving, and more. To view the recorded lectures, [click here](#). For the Zoom link for UUAA’s discussion on May 14, email Sandy Breck at sbreck@umich.edu.



Newcomer Chalice Circle | Covenant

Saturday, May 21, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, via Zoom

[Register here](#) by Sunday, May 15 (Link Here)

If you are new to UUAA and want to get to know others who are new while exploring a basic tenet of Unitarian Universalism, join us for a discussion of what it means to be a covenantal religion. How does this differ from a creedal religion? What inspirations or challenges are presented with a covenant? You will receive short reflections and questions in advance; we will practice a deep listening format during the discussion. We ask that when you sign up that you commit to attending and to log into the Zoom room by the start time. [Register here](#). Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.

You can register through the [link here](#) in our *Weekly News*, by filling out a paper registration on Sundays, or by emailing Hannah@uuaa.org.

Benefit Concert for Refugee Ukrainian Relief Featuring Tret Fure



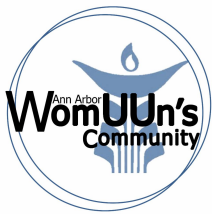
Saturday, May 21, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Please join us in person for acclaimed award-winning contemporary folk artist Tret Fure in a benefit concert to support the Ukrainian Relief Fund at [FemFund.PL](https://www.femfund.pl). This is an in-person performance at UUAA, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor. Admission is free – donations are requested, 100% of which will go to the Refugee Relief Fund.

Space is limited, so registration is required. [This link takes you to the registration form.](#)

Please read UUAA's Covid-19 and health and safety policies for in-person events.

Can't come but want to donate to the Ukrainian Relief Fund? [Use this link and scroll](#) to "Tret Fure Benefit Concert"



Monthly Women's Breakfast Resumes in June

Saturday, June 4, 8:30am

Early risers—join other women from UUAA for breakfast and conversation on the first Saturday of the month starting in June. It's been a long, lonely, and isolated pandemic. We hope you'll feel safe gathering in person once again.

The first breakfast is June 4 at the Alpha Diner (new name for the former Classic Cup Café, where we met pre-pandemic; 4389 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor). Check the menu at www.Alphadiner.com. Contact Judi Marks or Joan Wells at womuuncouncilinfo@uuaa.org.



General Assembly (GA) 2022

Wednesday - Sunday, June 22 - June 26

Portland, OR

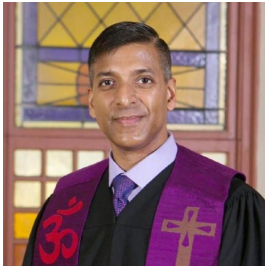
- **Ware Lecturer** (featured speaker) at GA this year will be Ibram X. Kendi, author of *How to Be an Antiracist*.
- **GA Theme:** "Meet the Moment: Reimagining Radical Faith Community."

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist

Association (UUA). Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. GA can be attended in person or online.

Housing and registration are now open. Go to uua.org/ga to learn more and register.

We need delegates to represent UUAA at GA. If you're interested in being a delegate or have questions, email denomination@uuaa.org by April 30.



Rev. Manish Joins Religious Leaders Opposing Violence Against Muslims in South Asia

A letter from global religious leaders was recently published in *The Indian Express*, one of India's largest English language newspapers. The letter opposes violence and discrimination against Muslims in India, as has become increasingly prevalent with the rise of Hindu nationalism and fundamentalism. To read the published letter, please [click here](#).



New Group for Caregivers of Trans Folks

Looking for parents or caregivers of trans people: We are starting a friendly group to help each other support our trans offspring. Email me and we'll plan some get-togethers either in-person, on Zoom, or both, at Finnabar@gmail.com.

The working name for now is SPOTANO (Supportive Parents of Trans and/or Nonbinary Offspring.) Not a therapy group, we are parents who share similar life experiences and want to do well by our kids, no matter what age they are. Join us to tell your story and hear others!



Petitions for Justice and Democracy

Deadlines are fast approaching for important ballot proposals, and many are at risk of not appearing on the November ballot. Please visit the "Petition Table" in the Social Hall after Sunday Services to learn more about these important proposals:

Promote the Vote 2022
Reproductive Freedom for All

Michigan United (aka Good Time)
Raise the Wage

UUCivs, Kaleidoscope, and Restorative Justice are working together to support these initiatives that lift up our UU values of justice and democracy!

Not attending UUAA in person? Email uucivs@uuaa.org—we'll help you sign!



Sharing Radical Welcome Learnings from the Gathering Table

Over 70 congregants participated in the April 3 Radical Welcome Gathering Table. The common refrain at the end was, “We need more time for this conversation!” [Here is the summary of responses](#) to the post-event evaluation with lots of ideas for Radical Welcome priorities for next year and beyond.

If you would like a link to the recording of the April 3 Radical Welcome Gathering Table, email RadicalWelcome@uuaa.org. (This recording is in the process of being edited, so we ask for your patience.)

To view the April 3 worship service, *Living into Radical Welcome*, [click here](#).

Individually, there are so many ways—big or small—to support Radical Welcome. What works for you? We are at RadicalWelcome@uuaa.org if you'd like to connect and discuss.



Quiche Family Settles In

UUAA welcomes the Quiche (kee-chay) family to our community. Mom, twin nine-year-old girls, and the boys, twelve and sixteen, arrived from Guatemala at the end of March. An inviting apartment with a peaceful view and well-stocked cupboards awaited them. The family's first few weeks here have been busy with papers to fill out, things to discover, and new friends to make. Many thanks to all the UUAA family resettlement volunteers and financial contributors. For more information, contact resettlement@uuaa.org.

Habitat Build Season Is Almost Here



The Habitat for Humanity annual on-site build is almost upon us. The Good News House committee has chosen our build dates—you can find them on our [website](#).

While you're on the website, you can volunteer to work on specific dates, to help provide lunches, or to donate to help us meet our goal of \$7,000.

Join in this fun and rewarding project.

Questions? Email h4h@uuaa.org.

Links

[Request a Room](#), [Request an Outdoor Space](#) | [View Past Services](#)

[Log in to Realm](#) | [Make Your Pledge](#)



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