



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUA May 26 - June 1, 2022

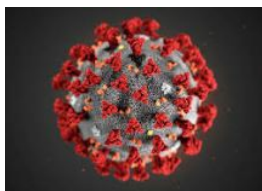
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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5:00pm.

The deadline for the *Weekly News for June 2 - June 8* is Tuesday, May 31 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

The deadline for the *July Monthly Newsletter* is Tuesday, June 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.



FROM UUA's COVID ADVISORY TEAM: UPDATE TO COVID 'GENERAL NOTIFICATION' PROCEDURES

The UUA COVID Advisory Team met this week and has decided to move to a once-a-week Dashboard system for General Notifications of COVID cases within our community. This Dashboard will be included in UUA's weekly e-news, and will indicate the number of positive COVID reports within our community over the course of the preceding week, including "0" cases, if there are none.

UUA will continue to act immediately on any Close Contact Notifications that may be needed, notifying any potentially exposed close contacts right away. This change impacts only how UUA will be handling General Notifications, for those who are not close contacts, and mirrors recent changes in COVID General Notification procedures by local institutions such

as the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

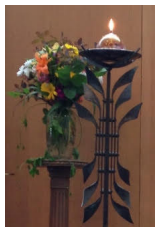
Any questions or feedback about this change may be directed to the COVID Advisory Team at covidteam@uuaa.org. The members of UUAA's COVID-19 Advisory Team are Jim Lee, Jim Marks, Tom Reischl, Laura Bauman, Cassandra Hartley, Carter Smith, and Manish Mishra-Marzetti.

Weekly COVID Dashboard

May 17 - May 26

Total Positive Cases: 1

Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering.



Summer Sunday Worship Starts Today
Sunday, May 29
One Service at 10:30am

In-person and online at uuaa.org/service

"Honoring the Call to Peace"

Join us this Memorial Day weekend as we explore the themes of conflict and peace, in our personal lives and the wider world.

After the Sunday Service

Because of the rising number of Covid cases in Washtenaw County, we are serving grab-and-go donuts and ask that you remain masked at all times in the building; this includes the Social Hall.

[Please read the updates from our Covid Advisory Team sent out May 18.](#)

AIM Assisted Listening Device Demo

Sunday, May 29, 10:30am (during the service)

UUAA's Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM) and the Audio Visual (AV) Team have been collaborating on ways to improve assisted listening in the Sanctuary. We will have a demo running of one possible option this Sunday (5/29) during the 10:30am service. See signage on the booth window for information or talk to Mike at the back desk before the service to try it out. A dedicated session will be scheduled in the near future for anyone to learn more, try out the technology, and ask questions. [Click here for instructions on downloading the app.](#)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

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



Congregational Meeting Notice

Sunday, June 5, 10:30am - 12:45pm, via Zoom

The 2022 Annual Congregation Meeting will be held virtually on Sunday, June 5. (Note: The building will not be open that day.)

There will be a Service of Celebration beginning at 10:30am, followed by the meeting at 11:00am. The meeting will include a vote on proposed Bylaw changes related to the membership of the Leadership Development Team (see article below). Absentee voting will be available. [Please see the website for the meeting packet](#), which includes printable ballots, along with the agenda, previous minutes, and relevant content.



Final Bylaw Changes to Be Voted On

Sunday, June 5

Information Sessions Result in Updates to Proposed Bylaw Changes

Thank you to all who attended the information sessions on the proposed bylaw changes. The discussion was fruitful.

Based on discussion from the two sessions the language has been tweaked a bit and is available for final review (link below) before the June 5 meeting.

If approved, the bylaw would set the number of members of the Leadership Development Team at seven (instead of five), and increase the number of members elected by the congregation. It also removes the requirement of appointing one recent former Trustee to the committee.

[Proposed Bylaw Changes for 2022](#)
[Rationale for 2022 Bylaw Changes](#)



Upholding Our Values Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign drive continues! This effort will fund major changes, most importantly, paying off our mortgage, as

well as working toward one of our Vision 20/50 Foundational Areas—
Financial Stability. [Find more information here.](#)

Thank you to the following for your generous commitment: Joan and Charley Burleigh, Tom Chettleburgh and Kathy Sargeant, Carol and Tom Cramer, Janet and Allen Duncan, Jim Gallas and Dixie Hibner, Bruce and Sara Gibb, Anne Hagiwara, Becky Hoort, Connie McGuire and Tim Richards, Ruth Mohr and David Owens, Cathy and Mike Muha, Katie Pelz-Davis, Betsy Price, Larry and Sue Schweinhart, Tom and Elinor Sommerfeld, Becky Swank, Arthur Verhoogt and Henrike Florusbosch, Joan Wells



TrUU Hope Meetups (with snacks!)

Sunday, May 29, 12:00pm - 3:00pm (after the service)

Join us for pizza and crafts and to hang out!

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 TruuHopelInfo@uuaa.org.



Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 3:00pm - 4:30pm via Zoom

The Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group is sponsored by the UUAA Pastoral Care Team and the Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Joan Burleigh, Priscilla Spencer, and Sandy Kunkle are the facilitators.

If you have a friend, spouse, or partner with memory loss and you are interested in local support, you are invited to attend our next Zoom meeting on Wednesday, June 1 from 3:00pm - 4:30pm. For information and the Zoom link, contact either facilitator for June: Joan at joburleigh@aol.com or Sandy at sandykunkle@gmail.com.

Humanist Discussions

Thursday, June 2, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Monday, June 13, 7:00pm to 9:00pm



Topics for Thursday, June 2: “How Politics Poisoned the Evangelical Church,” by Tim Alberta; “How Democrats Can Win the Morality Wars,” by David Brooks; “Why Is the Supreme Court Using Religious Belief to Alter Secular Law?”, by Thom Hartmann; and “Prayer as Participation,” by Arden Mahlberg

Topics for Monday, June 13: To be determined

Lively groups of Humanists have been meeting for over 20 years at UUA, 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 Zoom login information, or get answers to any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



Habitat for Humanity Build Season Begins

Saturday, June 4

Habitat for Humanity (H4H) Build Season Begins

Our summer build season is about to begin. This year’s Good News House is in the West Willow neighborhood of Ypsilanti, at 893 Nash Ave.

Our workdays are:

- Saturday, June 4
- Friday, June 24
- Friday, July 15
- Possible August days

Lunches:

- Bring your own sandwiches
- UUA will supply drinks and dessert.

Signup for working and/or lunch donations:

- [Use our SignUpGenius site.](#)
- Visit us at the H4H table between Sunday services.
- Have a look at [our web page](#) for more details and links.



SPOTANO Zoom Meeting

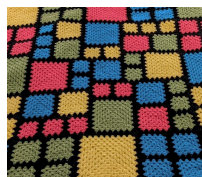
Saturday, June 4, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

SPOTANO (Supportive Parents of Trans and/or Non-binary Offspring) is having our first Zoom gathering.

We are starting a friendly group to help each other support our trans offspring.

This is 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!

Email JJ for more info and the link to the Zoom at TrUUHopeInfo@uuaa.org.



UUA Fiber Arts Group

Saturday, June 4, 11:00am - 1:00pm, in person

Wednesday, June 15, 7:00pm - 9:00pm via Zoom

Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUA 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 UUA 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.



“Living in a Time of Stress, Trauma, and Burnout”

Wednesday, June 8, 7:00pm - 9:00pm EST.

Are you holding tension and/or anger over the potential rollback of *Roe v. Wade*? Are you feeling anxious about ongoing, and increasing, climate devastation? Has the cumulative stress of the pandemic got you feeling exhausted and burned out? These social and environmental stressors that touch all of us are experienced even more acutely by those with directly impacted or targeted identities and/or life circumstances; some of us disproportionately bear the burden of social and/or environmental stress, trauma, and burnout. Acknowledging these stressful realities, we invite you to join us for a single-session seminar, jointly sponsored by the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) and the First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor (UUA), led by Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Senior Minister of UUA.

Participants will listen together to Brene Brown, Amelia Nagoski, and Emily Nagoski's 2020 podcast exploring the physiological nature of stress, trauma, and burnout, drawing on the Nagoski sisters' book, *Burnout: The Secret to Unlocking the Stress Cycle* (2020). Participants are requested to please bring a journal (or other note-taking device/option) to this seminar, the first hour of which will include a shared listening of the podcast, followed by discussion and conversation facilitated by Rev. Manish. Please join us for this opportunity to reflect on, and be in deeper touch with, our personal physical, emotional, and spiritual needs related to stress, trauma, and burnout. (Please note: this session will not be recorded or archived in order to honor copyrighted material; however, we may offer this opportunity again at an additional date/time, if sufficient demand is there.)

To register for this event, please email Rev. Manish at manish@uuaa.org. The CLF will be generating a registration form for this seminar, which will lead to the needed Zoom link. Rev. Manish will send interested individuals the CLF registration link as soon as it becomes available.



Newcomer Chalice Circle | The 7 UU Principles

Saturday, June 18, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, via Zoom

[Register here](#) by Sunday, June 12

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 the Seven UU Principles. What do they mean to you? Which ones resonate strongly? How do they inspire you? You will receive short reflections and questions in advance; we will practice a deep listening format during the discussion. We ask that when you [register](#) you commit to attending and to log into the Zoom room by the start time. Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.



Monthly Women's Breakfast

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 womuunscouncilinfo@uuaa.org.



Volunteers Needed for Magic Summer for K–6th Grade

Sundays, June 19 - August 7, 10:15am - 11:45am

Our summer session begins on June 19. This year we will be using Soul Matters' brand new eight-week curriculum, "Magic Summer." Each Sunday, we will need one lead teacher and two or three assistants to help run this fun, simple, and engaging curriculum. You can help with the lesson or serve as a playground monitor.

The simple Sunday morning lessons are based on four magic "S's"...

- Service to Others
- Silence and Mindfulness
- Sunshine and Movement
- Silliness!

If you have been looking for an opportunity to give back, this might be the perfect opportunity! No need to commit to the entire summer; even if you can only help out on one Sunday, we would be so grateful!

If you are interested in signing up, please [click on this link](#).

If you have questions about the program or want to learn more about each session, please email Stella Anderson at stella@uuaa.org.



Introduction to Our Faith

Wednesdays, June 22 & 29, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, via Zoom
Register by Thursday, June 16

This two-session Zoom class launches you on your path toward membership in this congregation. We will share our spiritual journeys, cover the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, explore your calling and how to get involved, and discuss the meaning and responsibilities of membership. This class is a prerequisite to official membership. [Registration deadline is Thursday, June 16](#). Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.



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



WomUUn's Retreat—Seeking Workshop Presenters and Crafters

Friday - Sunday, October 7 - 9

- **Present a Workshop:** Would you like to teach a class at the 2022 WomUUn's Retreat? Workshops should fit in the theme “Finding Joy!” and should be 60 - 90 minutes in length. Proposals will be reviewed by the committee and selections made to provide variety and depth in our weekend curriculum.
- **Display your “WomUUn's Wares”:** We encourage women crafters, artists, authors, musicians, etc. to bring items they have made to the retreat. Attendees will be able to view and purchase handicrafts, art, music, and books.

Contact WomUUnRetreat@UUA.org.



Green Corner—Dandelions: Terrors on the Turf or Jaunty Harbingers of Spring?

Worldwide, many accept the sunniness of dandelions speckling lawns and parks. In the US, we spray them into oblivion. Are dandelions really the bane of a gardener's existence? Or an attitude in need of adjustment?

Consider: The millions of gallons of herbicides sprayed on lawns across the country, herbicides that are dangerous to pets, birds, and people.

Consider: The vast monies spent in the annual battle against a weed.

Imagine: The peace of re-imagining dandelions as cheerful flowers of springtime rather than weeds—a change of attitude and semantics. You decide.



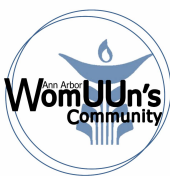
Ukrainian Relief Fund

UUAA raised \$2,500 for the Ukrainian Relief Fund FemFund.PL. Thank you to all who donated and to Tret Fure for the wonderful evening of live music. It is not too late to donate. [Give online here.](#)



Restorative Justice—Thank You!

Restorative Justice recently responded to a request for slightly used shoes to be donated to [S&D PJ Housing](#), which serves to create transitional homes for women parolees and/or tether from prison with no resources or safe living conditions. The organization was founded by E.B. Jordan, once incarcerated for two years. These shoes (20 - 25 pairs) were taken to Detroit and donated to S&D PJ Housing, and Ms. Jordan sends her heartfelt thanks. Stay tuned—Restorative Justice of UUAA hopes to bring a reentry program to our community in the Fall. Questions? Contact restorativejusticeinfo@uuaa.



WomUUn's Retreat—Join the Committee!

We are seeking two co-chairs and many committee members to help plan our 2022 in-person WomUUn's Retreat. Meetings are twice a month by Zoom 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 WomUUn's Retreat! October 7 - 9, YMCA Camp Copneconic, Fenton, Michigan
- Sign up to help plan the retreat! Email WomUUUnRetreat@UUA.org.



Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee Sales

Equal Exchange sales support UUAA, the UU Service Committee (UUSC), and small farmers.

This month, as a congregation, we honor UUSC with our donations. It is important to remember our sales benefit UUSC year round! Please come to the Equal Exchange Fair Trade UUSC Table in the Social Hall after both services every Sunday to shop for coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts, olive oil from Palestinians, and more. All of our sales benefit UAAA and the UUSC while helping small farmers around the world who have been hit hard by the pandemic.

Links

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

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