



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUA June 2 - June 8, 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 9 - June 15* is Tuesday, June 7 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.



Sunday Worship and Annual Meeting

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

day.)

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

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, and must be returned no later than end-of-the-day Friday, June 5. [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

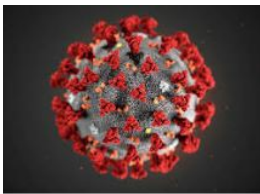
Information Sessions Result in Updates to Proposed Bylaw Changes

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](#)



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

The UUAA 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 UUAA'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.

UUAA 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 UUAA 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 27 - June 2

Total Positive Cases: 0

Support the ministries of UUAH: Make an online offering.

Upcoming Events & Announcements For a full list of events, [visit the UUAH Calendar.](#)



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



Pride Bonfire

Saturday, June 4, 7:30pm - 10:00pm

This weekend, join Kaleidoscope (LGBTQIA+) for a bonfire in the UUAH parking lot! Bring your own chair and snacks. BYOB but no hard liquor please.

Questions? Email kaleidoscopeinfo@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
- UUAA 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

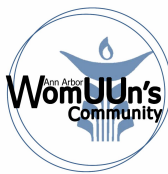
Saturday, June 4, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

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 TrUUHopelInfo@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 womuuncouncilinfo@uuaa.org.



UUAA 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. 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.



Green Corner:

A2 ZERO Celebration on Main Street

June 5 - June 11

Two years ago, the Ann Arbor city council adopted a plan known as A2 ZERO, to transition the city to carbon neutrality. This week-long celebration features walkable, family friendly, and informative events—music stages every day, plus food, a movie, a bike rally, and a Dance Party for the Planet on Thursday, June 9, with a local DJ powered by a solar generator. Find out more about the June 9 events [here](#). Check out all the week's events by clicking [here](#).



"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 (UUAA), led by Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Senior Minister of UUAA.

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.



Info about Assisted Listening Q & A's

Thursday, June 9, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, via Zoom

Saturday, June 11, 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Sanctuary

UUAA's Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM) and the Audio Visual (AV) Team will be co-hosting a Zoom Q & A about the assistive technology we're exploring on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00pm.

To register and receive the Zoom link for this meeting, [click here](#).

In addition, there will be an in-person opportunity to try out the technology and ask questions on Saturday, June 11, at noon in the Sanctuary at the church.*

We will have a demonstration running again on Sunday, June 12, 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. [Click here for instructions on downloading the app](#).

*Note: Ann Arbor-Saline Road is closed between Maple and Wagner, so please follow the detour signs to reach the church.



Saturday, June 11, 1:00pm -2:30pm

Join other UUs for a Zoom discussion of the UM Healthy Aging lectures given during May. The topic, "Cultivating Resilience," included presentations on coping during COVID 19, grieving and loss, losing the illusion of control of life, coping with climate change, and more. To view the recorded lectures, click [here](#). For the Zoom link for UUA's discussion on June 11, email Sandy Breck at sbreck@umich.edu.



Sharing the Collection: Student Advocacy Center of Michigan

Sunday, June 12

On Sunday, June 12, the Sunday Service collection benefits the Student Advocacy Center of Michigan. The Student Advocacy Center strives "to help Michigan students, K - 12, get back in school, stay in school, and grow in spaces where they feel safe, heard, loved, and challenged."

You may mail your check to: UUA (Attn: Ed Lynn), 4001 Ann Arbor–Saline Road, Ann Arbor 48103. Please write "Sharing the Collection/Student Advocacy" in the memo line. You can also donate through our website or by logging into Realm.

In April we collected \$2675 for IHN/Alpha House. Please contact sharecollection@uua.org with any questions or suggestions.



Humanist Discussions

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

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@uua.org.



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 UUA 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.



PILGRIMAGE
TO PEACE

What Can Faith Communities Do to Promote Peace in Palestine/Israel?

*Tuesday, June 14, 6:00pm - 7:30pm,
Zion Lutheran Church*

Join Churches for Middle East Peace leaders for conversation about engagement in constructive conflict, peace and the reality of life in Israel and Palestine. Jennifer Maidrand, Outreach Manager, will share CMEP resources for education and advocacy on Palestine/Israel. Tala Raheb, Amb. Warren Clark Fellow, will share her experiences growing up in Occupied Bethlehem, Palestine. UUA is a founding member of Churches for Middle East Peace.

This event is at Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty St. in Ann Arbor. Questions? Contact uujme@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.



Engage with Racial Justice Arc Over the Summer

Monday, June 20, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Passionate about racial justice and anti-racism? Join UUA's Racial Justice Arc (RJA) meetings throughout the summer via Zoom on third Mondays of the month at 6:30pm. Since established in 2021, RJA has created congregational resources on "Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression for Families," "Talking Points on Critical Race Theory," and "Actions UUs Can Take to Support Anti-Racism," held book circles discussing *3*, and *Me and White Supremacy*, and participated in the congregation-wide Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Gathering Table event. We'll use the summer months to lay the groundwork for a strong start to the 2022 - 2023 congregational year, and we could use your help! Email racialjusticearc@uuaa.org to get involved. You can learn more [here](#).



TrUU Hope at Dexter Pride

Wednesday, June 22, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Join TrUU Hope at the Dexter Pride Festival at Dexter Monument Park, Wednesday, June 22!

TrUU Hope coordinators will be at UUA at 5:30pm to drive youth who request a ride. Please email truuhopeinfo@uuaa.org by noon on June 21 to let us know you need a ride. Otherwise, no RSVP needed, just meet us in Dexter Monument Park at 6:00pm—look for the "TrUU Hope" sign! Allies are welcome.

TrUU Hope is a UUA group for LGBTQIA+ youth. We aim to grow community and to provide social, support, educational, and activist opportunities for our youth to explore their identities and interests.

Questions? Want to be added to our email list? Email TruuHopeInfo@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.



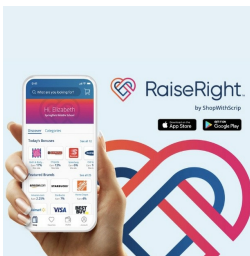
Food Justice: Volunteer Opportunities at Growing Hope

Growing Hope in Ypsilanti needs our help! This nonprofit organization is focused on strengthening and supporting the local food system throughout the community and beyond. They operate an urban farm, staff the Ypsilanti Farmers Markets, and facilitate programming around home and community gardening.

Farm and garden volunteer opportunities are Wednesday mornings and you can sign up for available slots [here](#)

Many other opportunities, including helping set up or staff the Downtown and Depot Town farmers markets in Ypsilanti, can be found [here](#).

Questions? Contact foodjustice@uuaa.org



OMG! The Refrigerator Died! A PSA from the Scrip Program

Some time in your life, you will have the pain and sorrow of a major appliance dying. Lean on scrip to help you out of your situation and benefit UUAA.

Your refrigerator is making strange noises. You've shopped around for a replacement, so you know the retailer and the cost. That's where scrip comes in.

Most of the major retailers offer e-gift certificates through [RaiseRight](#) (formerly Shop with Scrip) that you can access within minutes. You can [set up your account](#), or for help, stop by the Scrip Table at Social Hour or send an email to cbarber@umich.edu.

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 UUA hopes to bring a reentry program to our community in the Fall. Questions? Contact restorativejusticeinfo@uuaa.

Links

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

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



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