

# First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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## September Newsletter

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### Weaving Worship

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship & Music

#### September 2016 | Will the Circle Be Unbroken

##### September 4, 2016

Worship | 10:00am

##### Cycles and Circles

What opportunities arise in this new season of spiritual community?

"What can we learn in the ongoing work of wider embrace?"

##### September 11, 2016

Worship | 9:30am & 11:30am (BEGIN TWO SERVICES)

##### Water Communion: An Ingathering for All Ages

All of us together: all ages, all perspectives.  
Gather and join in, sing and reflect.  
Bring a bit of water to add to the common bowl  
or pour from our UUAA well.

Welcome back our Chalice Singers.  
Invest the members of our Board of Trustees.  
Celebrate the regathering of our Congregation as we  
begin the new church year!

##### September 18, 2016

Worship | 9:30am & 11:30am

##### We May Just Learn How to Fly

"Perhaps this is the essence of what the mystics call the  
faith experience...  
for an eternity that can last a microsecond or a  
thousand lifetimes,  
I soar across the dark void of 'the past is gone, the  
future is not yet here.'

Its called transition...  
the most alive, most growth-filled, passionate,  
expansive moments in our lives."

from "The Flying Trapeze" in *The Essene Book of Days* by Danaan Parry

**September 25, 2016**

Worship | 9:30am & 11:30am

**Win, Lose, or Draw**

Who wins in the work to "make America great again?"  
Who loses in a national consciousness where even "all men" still only means "some?"

Any hope for a just, democratic reality will depend on whether or not we are willing to untether from tight slogans, from stories more fantastic than true. Until "we the people" brings both an unrelenting hope and a thousand real, complicated paragraphs in the wake of its every mention, our spiritual work is far from done.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Thomas Rideout".

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout  
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## The Present Moment: A Column From Your Interim Minister

Rev. Dr. Doug Wadkins



Greetings Good People!

I am so exhilarated to begin our adventures together for the next two years! I look forward to what we may discover, the work that we'll do, and the ways that we will be - in community. Since I arrived in Ann Arbor, my initial ministry has been about engaging the systems of this community carefully, thoughtfully, and effectively. I have been learning the ins and outs of ministry UUAA, exploring your history, and listening to the stories that shape you. I have already discovered much, AND there is much more to learn and know. The brain is all abuzz! This process of working person to person and with the structures and stories in the congregation really helps submerge myself in the task of being your intentional transition minister for our shared journey. The recurring theme of these two years, for us all, will be to use the time that is given well. There are significant opportunities that these two years offer, and I will do what I can to help us engage the interim meaningfully and well.

Of course, in the meantime, I have also been in the midst of my own transition, moving here from Bloomington, Indiana. So many of you have been deeply supportive in making my move an experience of being truly welcomed. Thank you to the staff, my relocation team, and the many other members of this community who have accomplished the fine art of hospitality so beautifully.

September will bring forth my more public ministry, with my first sermon with you on Labor Day weekend and then the honoring of our ingathering on September 11. There is, indeed, much for us to do, but I also wish to hold space for us to "be" together. You have just completed an important and powerful chapter in your community's life. You have completed a wonderfully successful long-term shared ministry and said goodbye to Rev. Gail well. A big part of my ministry is to help us not rush forward into the next chapter without having some time for important and soulful work to happen. Together we will explore possibilities, honor core values, and, yes, encounter grief. Remembering that grief is not so much an emotion but a multi-layered experience brought about by change may energize, but most especially significant life change. Grief asks us to slow down, to notice, to honor, and let the depth of what has changed really speak to us. Being present to that experience truly tells us much about who we are and helps stimulate the process of discovering what is next. While grief often involves sadness, it is actually and ultimately an affirmation of life and hope.

So here we go. We journey together into the coming months. We will discover more about each other and our world. We will do some good work. We will make some mistakes. We will make amends, learn, and begin again in love. I am honored to journey with you.

Warmly,  
Doug

Rev. Dr. Doug Wadkins  
Senior Interim Minister  
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## Upon Reflection

Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich, Assistant Minister

It took me several years after leaving school before "the beginning of the year" meant January rather than September. I'm surprised by how easily I've switched back since going into ministry. My body remembers the rhythm.

There have been plenty of variations within that rhythm, of course - each year of seminary had its own beat; parish ministry has involved leaps to different states, and my second year here in Ann Arbor comes with new colleagues, new roles, and new undertakings that could make my head spin.

Under it all, though, is a deeper thrum that settles me when I remember to listen. It's the hum of life that vibrates within my cells. It's the call that reminds me why I chose this vocation. It's the resonance of spiritual community that echoes throughout the week.

As a new church year gets underway, I invite you to take a moment to resist the usual busyness and listen for that thrum. What is it asking you to pick up or lay down right now? What does it awaken?

Peace,  
Rev. Lindasusan

Assistant Minister  
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The UUA Board of Trustees has voted to approve a proposal to change the name of the "Jefferson Room" to the "Viola Liuzzo Room." The proposal was submitted in April 2016 by the Social Justice Council and Challenging Racism. The proposal was published in the *May 2016 Newsletter* and *June 2016 Newsletter* allowing two months of reflection and comment before the July 2016 vote.

Following the procedures laid out in the room naming policy, the Board's vote came after much heartfelt discussion that took into account the thoughtful views congregants expressed for both supporting the change and supporting the current name. In making the decision, the Board referred to the UUA Core Values that state: "We strive to create an intentionally welcoming and safe environment where all feel valued and cared for."

The Board respects Jefferson's enlightened views on education and religious freedom, but his name also carries a legacy of privilege and slavery. Having his name on a room at UUA sends a discordant message that many find hostile. If we choose to truly "walk the walk," then everything matters. Even something as seemingly small as the name of a room. Names matter as symbols of conviction and hope. Who we choose to honor at UUA tells our story.

In naming the room after Viola Liuzzo, we honor a fellow Michigan Unitarian Universalist whose life was lost fighting the same struggle we still face today. She was a hero, a brave woman of conviction and action who deserves to be part of the history we write on our walls.

We are now immersed in a new critical moment of history that Rev. William Barber, who spoke at the Columbus General Assembly, calls the Third Reconstruction. The First Reconstruction followed the Civil War; the second took place during the Civil Rights 1960s; now the Third Reconstruction is upon us. Change is palpable. The youth who marched at GA were on fire, and they're on the cutting edge of the future. "Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy," Martin Luther King Jr. said during the Second Reconstruction. The time has come around again, and the UUA Board voted to be part of that change. We chose to honor in our naming and in the history on our walls those who deserve our wholehearted respect.

Questions? Contact Secretary of the Board, Cathie Breidenbach at [bot@uuaa.org](mailto:bot@uuaa.org).



## President's Message

Beth Hospadaruk, Board President

Welcome to September!

Bob and I have done more than our share of traveling this summer....Since I am a teacher, we often cram it all into the summer months. I have been able to spend one day per week in Kalamazoo with my son and grandson, and what pure joy that is! I hope you all had some fun with family and friends as well.

It is an exciting time around UUA as we gear up for the hustle and bustle of September. The parking lot is "almost" done. Some landscaping is still unfinished; signage and other minor details are in the works. Our UU sign out front is being



repaired and upgraded with LED lighting, and look for some upgrades to the children's outdoor play space, too. Rev. Doug has a lot to learn about us, and I hope when you get the chance to meet and talk with him, you will share with him what your experience here has been.

The Board of Trustees, referencing the new [Strategic Plan](#) and other areas of concern, is working on putting together our annual work plan. The Council of Ministries will meet again later on in September; the board will be learning more about the requirements for our senior minister search process; and our governance system will be studied in depth through a newly formed Governance Task Force. The Finance Team and Fundraising Team are both up and running. If you are interested in fundraising, let me know and I'll hook you up!

Did you know that you can listen to past services via audio on our website? Each week, Carolyn Barber uploads the entire service, which includes all music and words spoken. I have found it very spiritually gratifying to be able to listen to the service if I missed it due to travel or other circumstances. Click [here](#) for audio sermons and make your choice. You might be inspired Monday through Friday instead of just on Sunday! You might hear something you missed the first time or just might uplift you enough to get you through the week. Sunday service is not just for Sundays!

I am looking forward to being back in church on a weekly basis, to Rev. Doug's work with the ministry team, to the Chalice Singers, to the sounds of many children hurrying for the donuts, to catching up with friends, and meeting new members, visitors, and so much more!

Be well friends,  
Beth

Beth Hospadaruk  
2016-2017 Board President  
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## Transition Team 2016: What You Need to Know!



Now that our two-year Interim Ministry has begun, we have a specific team called the Transition Team, which was appointed by the board. Their only agenda is to assist Rev. Wadkins and the congregation as we seek to use the time between settled ministers effectively. They will act as a sounding board, help communications, and bear witness to the fact that transition is ultimately the work of the congregation.

The Transition Team consists of Cesilie Cordovilla, Victor Hola, Lisa Lemble, Betsy Price, Erik Stalhandske and Terri Wilkerson. Their direct email is [transitionteam@uuuaa.org](mailto:transitionteam@uuuaa.org).

Transition Team members met with Rev. Wadkins in August. Together they explored components of the interim time and came to some initial understandings of how the team can assist in that work. Stay tuned for more details from the team about how you can best engage this process in the coming months! Questions? Contact the team at [transitionteam@uuuaa.org](mailto:transitionteam@uuuaa.org).



## Spiritual Growth and Development

**Whole Congregation. Whole Week. Whole Lives.**  
Rev. Cassandra Hartley, Assistant Minister SGD



As we say our final goodbyes to summer and look to the school and church year ahead, there is a feeling of anticipation in the air. September always brings a return to familiar routines and full schedules, but it also brings the possibilities of a fresh start - the excitement of new adventures ahead.

This year in Spiritual Growth & Development, there is much to return to and much to anticipate!

In our children and youth classrooms, we will be returning to beloved curriculums like Our Whole Lives (sexual health), Neighboring Faiths (world religions), Coming of Age, and Peacemakers. We will also be introducing many new curriculums like Spirit of Adventure (a hands-on program to build UU identity for 2nd and 3rd graders), and Harry Potter & UU (a program that gives 4th and 5th graders a chance to fight social justice "horcruxes" throughout the year).

In adult education, we will have another full slate of interesting and diverse classes to pick from, so look for the Fall Courses & Events guide coming out this month. As the year progresses, we also hope to add more classes aimed at specific life stages, such as Young Adults, Families, and Adults in Midlife.

In our family programming, we will return to familiar events like Water Communion, CROP Walk, and the annual Halloween Party. But we also look forward to attending the new Friday Fun Nights, introducing more multigenerational services, and having a "Bringing It Home" publication with activities and ideas to bring the monthly worship theme alive at home.

In our YRUU program, we will return to popular traditions like the annual Ingathering Gnomapalooza and the Halloween Party haunted house, but we also have a very important change. After four years of dedicated and loving service to our youth, Julie Dybdahl will be stepping down as Lead YRUU Coordinator on October 16. Julie will be leaving to focus on her wonderful new job as a social worker at Heartland Hospice, but she will be missed by youth, parents, and staff. The good news is that she will continue serving on our Spiritual Growth & Development committee, and she will still be a member of our congregational community.

The other good news is that Aaron Gibson will be assuming the lead YRUU advisor position as part of his current role as Programs Coordinator. Aaron is well-liked by the youth and brings an exciting, innovative energy to this position.

Fall is certainly a time for balancing big changes with a sense of stability, just as we anticipate the balance of light and dark during Autumn Equinox. This month, may you find your own sense of balance, and may the church year ahead bring you both comfort and growth - both tradition and great adventure.

Blessed Be,  
Rev. Cassandra Hartley  
Assistant Minister for Spiritual Growth & Development



**News from the Harper Room**  
Julie Dybdahl, Lead YRUU Coordinator



YRUUs are happy to help build a shed. Shown left to right: Lia Kahan, Emma Packard, Lexi Morris.

In the heat of the summer, 25 YRUU members and chaperones headed to southeastern Kentucky for their Appalachian Service Trip. A UAAA tradition for over 25 years, this may well have been the hottest trip ever. Even so, our intrepid band built a porch, a room addition, a shed, and sided another shed for five needy families. Here are some thoughts from the youth:

- "One of the best times of my life"
- "Amazing experience. I built things with my own hands AND helped people who really needed it."
- "[The people we helped] welcomed us and treated us like family. It's a sort of welcoming mentality I think everyone should strive for."
- "You bond with people you help unbelievably fast."
- "I never saw so much poverty before. Completely changed my life."
- "I liked the morning devotionals...especially the one we led for the other church groups."

Questions? Contact YRUU Coordinator Julie Dybdahl at [julie@uaaa.org](mailto:julie@uaaa.org).



## Growing Together

Debra Jean Golden, SGD Program Assistant



Our summer program, Bible Heroes and Beyond, came to an end with enthusiastic participation from our K-5th graders. We had a great summer learning about heroes like Moses, Jesus, Muhammad, the Buddha, and Queen Esther (the hip-hop Queen of Persia). Classes have included multi-media and interactive elements to help the stories of our heroes come alive. For example, a fun YouTube video plus jumping rope helped to teach the children about being courageous and telling the truth. The Buddha lesson included the Jakarta tale of the Monkey King, and our teacher, Vinnie, added in a lot of class participation with yoga, which was a big hit.

The month ended with the UAAA Immigration Action Coalition leading a lesson on the heroism of those aiding refugees: the heroes who are alive and working among us every day. At the end of the program, we did a recap of the heroes we learned about

all summer, talking about which ones were our favorites, what traits made them heroic, and how they connected to UU principles.

As the new month begins, be on the lookout for changes in the classrooms as we spruce things up! We hope to have the rooms reflect the lessons/themes and the occupants even more so this coming year.

In joy and peace,

Debra Jean Golden  
SGD Program Assistant



## Adult Spiritual Growth and Development Fall Catalog



On Sunday, September 11, 2016, the *Adult SGD Fall Catalog of Classes & Events* will be published online at [uuaa.org](http://uuaa.org) and in hardcopy available in the Social Hall.

Registration for classes by email and on paper in the Social Hall will begin that day.

Fall Term classes will begin the week of September 12, 2016.

Please direct questions regarding these dates and activities to Charley Burleigh at [chburleigh@aol.com](mailto:chburleigh@aol.com).



## Chalice Circles

Ginny Preuss, Co-Chair Chalice Circles

### Connect through Small Group Ministry

Chalice Circle participants had this to say about their experience:

- "It was a relaxing respite for reflection and community, with a nice opportunity to discuss vital and relevant topics."
- "I got to know a small group of wonderful people on a deeper level and got to share myself in a safe space. It was great for a shy introvert."
- "I had just joined the church, and it allowed me to meet cool and interesting people. I really look forward to it every other week."



The Chalice Circle program is kicking off its 10th year at UUAA. Chalice Circles are a part of our small group ministry program. They provide a structured setting where participants minister to each other. Each circle consists of 8-12 members, including 2 facilitators. Circles meet twice a month for 14 sessions, from mid-October 2016 through May 2017. Participants are assigned short readings and questions in an "Advance Reflection" provided before each session. Members have opportunities to share their experiences and thoughts, usually in connection with the designated readings or questions. Volunteering as a group to complete a small service project is typically the final meeting of each circle. Participating in Chalice Circle is a great way to establish new friendships among UUAA members, friends, and visitors.

**The following sessions will be held from mid-October through mid-May.**

1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings      7:00 - 9:00pm      UUAA      starting 10/18

1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons      12:30 - 2:30pm      UUAA      starting 10/19



1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings	7:00 - 9:00pm	UUAA	starting 10/19
1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons	1:00 - 3:00pm	UUAA	starting 10/19
2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings	6:30 - 8:30pm	Tecumseh	starting 10/25
1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings	6:30 - 8:30pm	Chelsea	starting 10/19

Check your calendars to choose which circle will suit your schedule. Child care is not available for Chalice Circles this year.

UUAA members, friends, and visitors are invited to register for this year's Chalice Circles. Register through September during Social Hour while openings remain. Registration will also be available by email. Review the instructions at [uuaa.org](http://uuaa.org) and select "Chalice Circles" under the Worship drop-down menu. Send your email request to [chalicecircles@uuaa.org](mailto:chalicecircles@uuaa.org).

We hope you will join us!

Questions? Please email [chalicecircles@uuaa.org](mailto:chalicecircles@uuaa.org).



## Activities and Events

### Senior Dinner \* Wednesday, September 7

It's time for all UU seniors to have dinner together at Gourmet Garden at 2255 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. Join the group for the monthly opportunity to meet and greet each other at 6:00pm. No reservations are required. Questions? Contact Marie Duke at [omaduke7@gmail.com](mailto:omaduke7@gmail.com).



### Friday Fun Night \* Friday, September 9

Join us for the September Friday Fun Night. We are excited to offer this opportunity, and we welcome your family and friends to enjoy a night of ...

- A simple meal (donations welcome)
- Board games
- Crafts for kids
- A movie
- Good conversation



Dinner begins at 6:00pm in the Social Hall, with activities to follow throughout the building.

If you can't make it in September, mark your calendar for the October Friday Fun Night on October 7.

Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).



### Dr. Will Tuttle: Lecture and Book Signing \* Tuesday, September 13



All are invited to take part in this Mindful Eating & VegMichigan sponsored event. Join us for appetizers in the Social Hall at 6:00pm, followed by a lecture and book signing in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. Dr. Will Tuttle will discuss *The World Peace Diet*, an Amazon best-seller in March, 2010, which has been published in 16 languages. The book offers a compelling and liberating new understanding of food and our culture. You will leave his presentation inspired and hopeful. Dr. Tuttle is an award-winning visionary speaker, educator, author, and musician with a Ph.D. from UC - Berkeley. Questions? Contact Sheila Sanders at [sheilasanders@comcast.net](mailto:sheilasanders@comcast.net).



## Introduction to OUUr Faith \* Saturday, September 17

This one-session workshop from 10:00am to 2:30pm is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism for both newcomers and long-time members and is the prerequisite for signing the membership book. Topics include the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, how this congregation is governed, how to get involved at UUA, the meaning and responsibilities of membership, and participants' own spiritual journeys.



Please register a week in advance of the workshop. Eight or more participants are needed to run the class, with a maximum of 20. [Click here to register](#) online or fill out a paper registration form available at the Involvement Table during Social Hour, in the Newcomer Welcome Room, and in the front entrance literature rack. You can also register by emailing Hannah Hotchkiss directly at [hannah@uuuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuuaa.org). If you are interested in registering for childcare, let us know two weeks in advance of the class. We need at least two families signed up for childcare to offer it.



## CROP Walk \* Sunday, September 25



It's that time of year again when the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice hosts the annual Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk.

Our congregation will be offering a unique experience this year for the CROP Walk fundraising. Sunday, September 4 through Sunday, September 25, 2016, social justice groups will be competing for CROP Walk supporters during the Social Hour. Connie Frederick, UUA CROP Walk Coordinator, will also be hosting a table where you can pick up your packet of material, commit to walking, donate money, and get an envelope for donations from your supporters. Donations can be made online as well.

The day of the walk, meet at 1:00pm at the gathering location at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor, 1400 W. Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI. All money must be submitted that day. If you are committed to walking, bring your envelopes, or make sure Connie Frederick has your donations to bring to the Crop Walk.

Stop by the CROP Walk Social Hour table to learn more about local hunger relief organizations in Washtenaw County and how local initiatives are also addressing the issue of water justice.

Questions? Contact UUA CROP Walk Coordinator Connie Frederick at [tweettweetconnie@gmail.com](mailto:tweettweetconnie@gmail.com).



## Readers' Theater for Seniors \* Tuesdays, September 27-October 4

Join Terry Madden for a preparation, rehearsal, and a dramatic reading performance of a 25-minute play selected from ArtAge Senior Theatre Resource Center. The three class sessions will include choral reading, small group script readings, and the whole cast dramatic reading with a script of a ten-person play.

The classes meet from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Fahs Chapel. Participants need to be available for all three sessions and registration is required. Note, there is a maximum of 10 participants and a minimum of 8 to offer the class.

To register or for more information, contact Terry Madden at [terence.madden@gmail.com](mailto:terence.madden@gmail.com).



## 17th Annual Men's Retreat \* Friday-Sunday, October 7-9

Everyone who identifies as a man, whether a UUA member or not, is invited to attend this year's Men's Retreat: Telling Your Story.

This retreat, held at the Judson Collins Center on Wampplers Lake, is renowned for blending friendship, fun, intellectual and spiritual discourse, humor, and physical activities. You will have the opportunity to participate in large and small group discussions, fun and thought-provoking campfires, a softball game, nature walks, canoeing, and much more. A member of the Ann Arbor Storytelling Guild will guide us in the basics of formulating and telling a great story, and you'll have the option of telling your story at the Saturday campfire.

Visit us at the Men's Retreat table during the Social Hour to sign up, pick up a brochure, or ask questions.

Questions? Contact Men's Retreat Chair Mike Muha at [mmuha@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmuha@sbcglobal.net) or by calling 734-717-4627.



## Announcements and News

### Accessibility Team




In July, Els Nieuwenhuijsen attended the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU) conference in the Netherlands. The ICUU is a global network of 33 member groups that share resources, develop leadership, inspire, and support one another in building spiritual communities. See [www.ICUU.info](http://www.ICUU.info).

About 140 UUs from 24 countries participated in worship, chalice circles, business meetings, and workshops. With consensus a mission statement was created: "To empower existing and emerging groups to sustain and grow our global faith community."

Els, former pilot test coordinator of the UUA Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry Certificate Program, presented a workshop on climate change, its impact on disability, and how UU congregations can live their values. Ten people from five different countries attended. We discussed disability-related issues and concerns associated with climate change and strategies for UU congregations so that people with disability

feel welcome and can participate fully. The workshop was very well received!

The next ICUU conference will take place in 2018 in India, the Khasi Hills. Date and location are to be determined. Questions? Contact Volunteer Education Program Coordinator for the Accessibility Team Els Nieuwenhuijsen at [elsni@comcast.net](mailto:elsni@comcast.net). 


## Sharing the Collection: Request for Applications



Beginning the week of Monday, September 5, 2016, Sharing the Collection will distribute invitations and applications to non-profits that have over the last five years received the first Sunday collection through our UUAU Sharing the Collection program.


The first Sunday collection is donated to a non-profit community service organization in Washtenaw County that serves predominately disadvantaged and vulnerable populations - such as low income families and individuals, people who have been targets of discrimination, or disabled or abused populations - and depend on community support in terms of funding and/or volunteers.

Sharing the Collection is always open to considering funding for small non-profit operations in Washtenaw County that serve these target populations. Help us identify such organizations by sending us the name of the non-profit and the Executive Director, along with their contact information.

For more information, visit [the UUAU website: Sharing the Collection](#) or email Terry Madden at [terence.madden@gmail.com](mailto:terence.madden@gmail.com). 

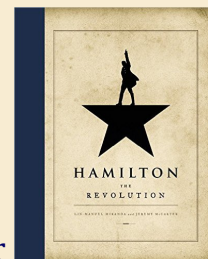
## Social Justice Council (SJC)

We are pleased to announce that the Get Out the Vote! project "Spanish Language Voter Awareness" will be funded in part by the [Fund for Unitarian Universalist Social Responsibility](#). This project provides information about the 2016 elections on Spanish language radio stations in southeast Michigan. It is a collaboration between the SJC, the Immigration Action Coalition at UUAU, and the League of Women Voters (LWV). Funding has also been provided by the SJC and the LWV.


Looking ahead to the Fall: Mark your calendars for a potluck on Monday, October 10, sponsored by the SJC. We will introduce Rev. Doug to the work being done by the various social justice groups in our congregation. We will also honor the social justice legacy of Don Pelz, a longtime UUAU member, who recently died. Questions? Contact SJC Co-Chair Connie McGuire at [cmcguire@umich.edu](mailto:cmcguire@umich.edu). 

## QUUest Bookstore

QUUest is off to an exciting start in September with a customer drawing for the gift book *Hamilton: The Revolution*. Submit your free entry to the QUUest table any Sunday in September during the first Social Hour, one entry per person. The winner will be announced at the end of the first Social Hour on Sunday, September 25.



*Hamilton: The Revolution* by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter includes the full libretto and many photographs. This is a perfect gift for any lover of this show or musical theater in general. The list price is \$45.00.

The prize copy will be wrapped in plastic to keep it pristine. There will be an examination copy available, too. Questions? Contact Lucia Heinold at [heinoldcia@aol.com](mailto:heinoldcia@aol.com). 



The work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) continues to focus on refugees. *The Building Bridges: Refugee Support and Advocacy Toolkit* is available on the [UUSC website](#). Visit

the web page to join the rapid response network and receive updates on actions that you can take, get answers to questions about refugee status, and learn more about partner organizations around the world.

In Pennsylvania, a group of refugee women are on a hunger strike after being held in a detention center with their children for over a year now. These women are from Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala and have been held in a refugee limbo. The new Director of UUSC, Tom Andrews, along with local UUs have gone to the detention center to stand with the mothers in their demand for release. There is a video up on the [UUSC website](#).

At home, Cristy Cardinal, UUAA's own Justice Building Innovator, gave a wonderful description of her work at the Sunday, August 7 Service. Cristy's ambitious project involves the dismantling of the white, cis-hetero-patriarchy. This effort will begin with offering of a multi-session curriculum called "Examining Whiteness." The objective of the sessions is the investigation of white supremacy and what that has meant to the world, the U.S., the community, and our hearts, minds, and souls. Check out the Adult Spiritual Growth and Development Catalog in September for dates and times.

Questions? Contact Quincy Northrup at [qnorthrup@gmail.com](mailto:qnorthrup@gmail.com).

## Office News

### Building Schedule and Publication Deadlines

#### Labor Day Weekend Building Hours

In observance of Labor Day, the building will close Thursday, September 1 at 9:00pm and reopen Sunday, September 4 at 9:00am for Sunday worship. It will close again on Sunday, September 4 at 1:00pm and reopen on Tuesday, September 6 at 9:00am. Questions? Contact Interim Administrator Ed Lynn at [ed@uuuaa.org](mailto:ed@uuuaa.org).

#### Fall Building Hours starting Tuesday, September 6

**Sundays**| 9:00am-4:00pm  
**Mondays-Thursdays**| 9:00am-9:00pm  
**1st & 3rd Fridays**| 5:00pm-9:00pm  
**Other Fridays**| Closed  
**Saturdays**| 9:00am-5:00pm

**Church Office Hours**| Mondays-Thursdays from 9:00am-5:00pm

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