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Weaving Worship

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship & Music

May 2017 | Embodiment

The Worship Planning Team | May 2017

Allison Halerz, Pianist-in-Residence

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

Rev. Doug Wadkins, Senior Minister

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship and Music

Rev. Lindasusan V. Ulrich, Assistant Minister

theresa rohlck, UUAA Member

May 7, 2017 | The Skin We're In Services at 9:30am and 11:30am

When our skin is literally the place where we make contact with the world around us, then our experiences around justice can't be separated from the bodies we inhabit. As we explore issues of racism and white supremacy, UUAA will be joining nearly 600 other Unitarian Universalist congregations around the world in answering the call to disrupt business as usual.

May 14, 2017 | Embodying Caring Community Services at 9:30am and 11:30am

Continuing our time of reflection on the lived mission of this congregation, we will explore the ways that we make real the core value of caring community. In a changing world, in a tradition that takes seriously addressing the world in its fuller truths, we are called to understand what it means for us individually and collectively to offer a space where we can all feel cared for in body, mind, and spirit.

May 21, 2017 | We Sing the Body Electric Services at 9:30am and 11:30am

Music is an essential component of this community and of the very Spirit of Life. Music is a lived experience of embodiment. Today we celebrate the

profound interconnection between body, spirit, and melody. At its best, music fosters meaningful integration of all that we are!

**May 28, 2017 | The Spirit in the Flesh
One Worship Service at 10:00am**

As we move toward a conclusion of our month-long theme of Embodiment, we delve into one of the most integral ways that our full beings seek that embodied truth - in our understandings of and living the truths of sexuality and gender. It is a realm of great confusion, wonderment, and possibility. Today's service will explore some of the core ideas to help us discover a place of greater wisdom, integration, and embodiment itself!



Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout
Director of Worship & Music
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**In the Interim
Rev. Dr. Doug Wadkins**



One of the important components of my work with you in these two years is returning again and again to the interim focus point of Heritage. Heritage as a focus point for interim shared ministry is described in this way: reviewing how the congregation has been shaped and formed. Taking the idea into greater depth over the two years together in a variety of ways we want to explore the congregation's heritage, both corporate and individual, as the foundation upon which the present rests. Throughout the two years of sharing, paying attention to heritage means encouraging and hearing all of the stories about the congregation's past, and embracing the rich variety that makes up this particular congregation. This is why my first few weeks were filled with conversations with many of you asking you to tell me about what you value, love, and remember most about this place. This focus is also about discovering what challenges remain from the past. With all of the work, the key to our focus is not to remain buried in the past but to let the past deepen our understanding of enduring narratives of meaning and how they shape values that draw from the richness of legacy but move us forward into a new era. The more of you that have addressed and internalized the lessons of your heritage, the more you will be ready as a congregation to move into this new era well.

Before we move fully into summer, I will explore some of my understanding of these elements with you in worship, but I want to offer you the chance to explore and talk with each other before we move into full summer mode. On Sunday, June 11 after the single service, I invite you to join me for an important conversation. I invite you to

speak and listen thoughtfully to each other about the stories that bring lived heritage more fully present to the heart of this congregation. You each have some important part of that heritage within you; you embody it. For this conversation to be complete, it needs you. In particular it needs a range of generations present, not just long-time members, but all ages of adults sharing the past, present, and future of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor.

We will offer childcare and light lunch. I hope you will make a special effort to join us for an enlivening and enlightening afternoon together!

Living Heritage & Future Faith

Sunday, June 11 after the service, noon to 2:00pm

Please register here and indicate if you will need childcare.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnkjXlD_Fs2jRkApfbSB5

Blessings for our Good Work,
Doug

Rev. Doug Wadkins
Senior Interim Minister
doug@uuuaa.org



Upon Reflection

Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich, Assistant Minister



"There is no wrong way to have a body." -Hanne Blank

Absolutely everything we do in this world is mediated through our bodies. Our thoughts require neurons to fire. Falling in love releases hormones into our systems. Laughter activates muscles in the face and diaphragm. Our mood may turn bleak when we don't get enough sleep.

Yet we live in a culture that both despises and fetishizes the physical. Given how many years I spent swallowing self-hatred, I find it toxic to be around conversations where people (most often women) criticize themselves mercilessly as "fat" or "ugly." And have you noticed how often a simple decision to have dessert turns into moral self-condemnation? "I'm so bad!" No, you're just eating a cookie.

It doesn't have to be this way. Our bodies are our homes - the only ones we'll have in this lifetime - and they stick by us, however imperfectly. They reach towards healing whenever possible. Our physical presence can offer comfort to the people we love and demonstrate commitment to our deepest values. Incarnation is a gift we get to explore.

How do you meet your body with kindness?

Peace,
Lindasusan

Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich
Assistant Minister
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Welcome to May!

As I write this the Board of Trustees is working to fill the slate from the members suggested for the Senior Minister Search Committee. Over 125 of you suggested over 175 trusted leaders among us. Our goal is to present a final slate of 10 for our June 4 Congregational Meeting. We are working hard to make it a balanced slate of trusted leaders with as much diversity as possible. Complete bio's of each candidate will be sent out via e-mail no later than Sunday, May 14. They will also be found in a binder in the Sunderland Library and at the Involvement Table by that same date. Members will elect four out of 10, the Board will then appoint three more for a total of seven. It is truly an exciting time here as this next phase begins. I certainly hope you are able to attend the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 4 to participate in the business of UUAA and to vote in this very important election.



My time as President is coming to an end at that June 4 meeting. I can hardly believe it has been two years as President and one as Vice President since I said yes to the call. I have proudly served during this time of change and transition and as always, hope that I have served you well. You have supported me, treated me with kindness, shared your concerns and your suggestions, taken me out for coffee, attended many Q & A's and even though we were not able to accomplish everything on everyone's wish list, including mine, I am leaving this position with a sense of accomplishment. I have shared the "Good News" list during the past three Congregational Meetings of good things that have happened during my tenure, and that accumulated list is long! I have deep, deep gratitude for all the board members who have served with me and who helped me make decisions that were not mine alone to make but collectively ours to make on behalf of UUAA. Our work is not done; we have much to do, and the work is not easy.

As always, I'm asking you to stay engaged, stay committed, and just start from where you are to join in the hard work of making this world a better place. I am already looking forward to joining the Fundraising/Stewardship Committee to help keep UUAA financially strong in order to accomplish the many and widely various social justice causes, to support our SGD programs, to support our ministers and staff, and to maintain our beautiful building and grounds. The work continues, and I am thankful for every waking moment of being in community with all of you.

Be well friends,
Beth

Beth Hospadaruk
2016-2017 Board President
president@uuaa.org



Quarterly Finance Report **Allen Duncan, Board Treasurer**

As the first quarter of 2017 has drawn to a close, it is an appropriate time to assess revenue and expenditures relative to the budgeted values of each. Income is very easy to assess, having only five sources categorized in our accounting system (Annual Pledge, Weekly Collection, Rentals, Fundraising, and Other). Figure 1 illustrates that the first quarter yielded income slightly greater than budgeted in each of the five categories.

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income			
4010 • Pledge Related Income	212,275.81	210,000.00	916,280.00
4015 • Weekly Collection	12,711.06	11,750.00	47,970.00
5340 • Facilities Rental	7,100.00	6,550.00	30,200.00
5490 • Other Income	5,990.51	3,435.00	13,300.00
5600 • Fundraising Income	2,496.17	3,500.00	24,500.00
Total Income	240,573.55	235,235.00	1,032,250.00

Figure 1. Income Categories and Year-to-Date Performance Relative to Budget

Expenses are placed in three broad categories (Direct Program, Stewardship, and Personnel). Within each of these categories are sub-categories, illustrated in Figure 2.

Direct Program Expenses	Stewardship Expenses	Personnel Expenses
W • Worship and Music	B • Buildings	Ministers
SG • Spiritual Growth and Development	G • Grounds	Music Staff
SJ • Social Justice	O • Office Services	Spiritual Growth and Dev Staff
CL • Community Life	D • Debt & Mortgage	Other Program Staff
CU • Culture	F • Finance	B&O • Building & Office Team
	FR • Fundraising	
	Other Employee Related Expenses	

Figure 2. Expense Categories and Sub-Categories

For the first quarter of 2017, the ratio of actual expenses to budget values for each of the three categories, as well as that of total expenditures is illustrated in Figure 3.

Expense Category	Q1 2017 Ratio of Actual to Budgeted (%)
Direct Program	57
Stewardship	93
Personnel	100
Total	95

Figure 3. Comparison of Actual to Budgeted Expenditures

The above data indicate that (at least for the first quarter of the year) UUAA is operating within the 2017 budget.

Questions? Contact Treasurer Allen Duncan at aduncan85@gmail.com.



Activities and Events

First Friday Fun Night * Friday, May 5



UUAU FIRST FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

Friday, May 5, 6:00pm- 9:00pm

May First Friday Fun Night

May's Features

- * Cookout (\$5 suggested donation)
- * Game Room with board games and cards
- * Outdoor games (weather permitting)
- * Movie: *Inside Out*
- * Craft: Painting with Celery
- * Readers' Theater

FIRSTFRIDAY@UUAU.ORG

First Friday Fun Nights: September through May



Financial and Estate Planning * Friday, May 5

You are invited to join us at 7:00pm in the Young Room for a short presentation by Toni Wander, UUAU member and financial planner at Old National Wealth Management, plus Jane Bassett, managing partner of Bassett Law. The presentation will focus on financial and estate planning for young families. All are welcome to listen and join in the Q&A. Childcare will be provided. Questions? Contact Toni Wander at toniwander@oldnational.com.



Habitat for Humanity in Thailand * Sunday, May 7



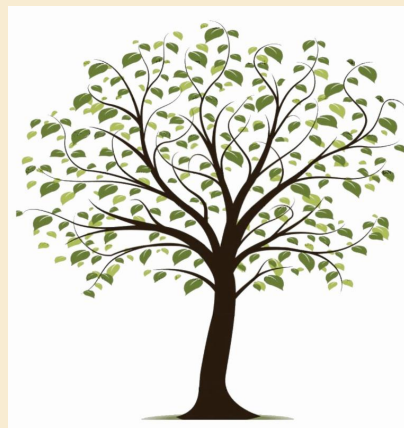
Kick off this year's Habitat for Humanity season and join Cathy and Mike Muha as they talk about their adventure to Thailand to build Habitat houses. They will tell you some history of Habitat International and how they chose to go to Thailand in 2004 to join a "build" with a group of 16 Americans. Not only did they help build eight houses alongside Thai homeowners and volunteers (wonderfully fun people!), but they also visited schools, sculpture parks, beautiful temples, and an elephant sanctuary. They have their certificates to prove

beautiful temples, and an elephant sanctuary. They have their certificates to prove

they are official elephant mahouts! Join us in the Emerson Room at 1:00pm. For more information contact Cathy Muha at cmuha@att.net.



UUAA Annual Auction Returns * Saturday , May 20



Harken back to those halcyon days of 2014. "12 Years a Slave" receives the Oscar for best picture, Connecticut wins the men's NCAA basketball championship, and a European space lander descends onto the surface of a comet. What else happened that year? Oh yes, it was also the last time the UUAA congregation held its annual auction!

Guess what? It's time to party like it's 2014. The auction is back. It will take place Saturday, May 20 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the congregation. There will be many items up for bid including four-day stays at a cottage near Indian River, a "low-country" themed dinner, 45-yard-line Michigan tickets, and many other items. What do to when you aren't bidding? There will be catered food, a cash bar, a 50/50 raffle, and entertainment provided by the Community High School Jazz band, the "Quintessentially Renaissance" quintet, and many others.

How can you take part? Well, you could try to build a time machine and attend the 2014 auction all over again, but it might be simpler just to attend this year's event. The auction has a table during Social Hour where you can buy tickets (\$20 a piece covering admission and food), donate items for bid, and volunteer. Volunteers even get a discount on their tickets. If you have questions check out the website, www.uuaa.org/auction, or email the committee at auction@uuaa.org.



Voices of Children: Many Faiths, One Song * Sunday, May 21

We are proud to announce that the Chalice Sparks will be participating in this special concert. The four choirs featured will sing in their individual faith traditions and will also combine for a group performance. It's going to be a wonderful event!





VOICES OF CHILDREN
MANY FAITHS, ONE SONG

The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County Presents
A Unique Interfaith Music Event
Voices of Children: Many Faiths, One Song

Four Children's Choirs from: The Hindu Chinmaya Mission,
Temple Beth Emeth, St. Clare's Episcopal Church
and The First Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017

Time: 4 pm (doors open at 3:30)

Location: Genesis, 2309 Packard Street

(Temple Beth Emeth and St. Clare's Episcopal)

Given this current climate in our county and country, this will be a beautiful way to show our support for diversity and inclusion. There will be an opportunity to donate to the work of the IRT. For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email gbrides@umich.edu.



UUA GA 2017 * Wednesday - Sunday, June 21 - 25



**General Assembly GA 2017
"Resist and Rejoice"**

Unitarian Universalists from around the country will gather in New Orleans, Louisiana for a General Assembly experience focused on solidarity with the movements for racial, economic, and climate justice. We will invite the culture, history, geography, and people of New Orleans to be our teachers.

Steeped in a history of influences from Europe, the Caribbean, and Africa, New Orleans is one of America's most culturally and historically rich destinations. It is a city known for its music, food, architecture, and festivals. The average high temperature in June is 89 degrees and the average low is 71. New Orleans is also known as a place of re-birth following the devastation of Katrina in 2005. Many Unitarian Universalists have contributed time and funds in the effort to rebuild both the city and the congregations in the area. By going to New Orleans, we can both celebrate our successes and recommit to the relationships that have been forged with this community.

There are two ways you can participate in GA 2017, onsite and offsite. Onsite has registration, travel, and housing financial commitments, while offsite has registration only and at a lower rate than onsite fees. Onsite fees for adults are \$360 for Wednesday through Sunday or \$140 for one day until Monday, May 1, when the fees go up to \$415 and \$160, respectively. Offsite fees are \$140 and then go up to \$165 on Monday, May 1. Delegates can participate either onsite or offsite.

For more information about GA 2017 and all the events, please go to the UUA website at: <http://www.uua.org/ga>

If you are interested in going or would like to be a delegate, please contact Roylea Furniss at refurniss@gmail.com or during Social Hour!



Announcements and News

Farm Project is Back! Mindful Eating Team



Yes, it's time to get back in the soil for season six at Farmer Bill Schmid's, growing and harvesting veggies for Food Gatherer's. Fresh produce is one of the top needs for those who suffer from food insecurity. Last year, our volunteer efforts led to over 3,200 pounds of fresh produce and another \$3,500 in cash donations to help fight hunger in Washtenaw County.

Volunteers work 2-hour shifts on Monday or Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings, at a property right around the corner from UUAA. We plant seeds and seedlings, weed, water, nurture, and harvest a vast array of vegetables as part of Food Gatherer's Faith & Food Garden program. Come once or come often - it's fun, it's healthy, and it's very worthwhile! Our big kick-off is Saturday, May 27, and we need your help. Stop by our table in the Social Hall, or contact Colleen Crawley ccrawley59@gmail.com with questions or to join our list of active volunteers.



"Corruption of Our Democracy" - Congregational Study/Action Issue

Are you interested in exploring this important topic? "Corruption of Our Democracy" was selected at the 2016 Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly (GA) to be the 2016-2020 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI). Information on this CSAI can be found at <https://www.uua.org/statements/current/corruption-of-our-democracy>. There will be workshops on this topic at the 2017 GA, which is coming up in June. Please contact either co-chair of the Social Justice Council Connie McGuire at cmcguire@umich.edu or Carolyn Madden at cgmadden@gmail.com if you'd like to be involved in this discussion.



Immigration Action Coalition (IAC) -- Sanctuary Resolution

The Immigration Action Coalition (IAC), along with other UUAA social justice groups, continues to provide information about the New Sanctuary Movement and request congregational support for a sanctuary resolution. The Board of Trustees approved a draft of a sanctuary resolution in March, stipulating that before UUAA offers physical sanctuary to an individual or family threatened by deportation, the congregation must approve the resolution at the June 4 Annual Meeting. The IAC now seeks input from UUAA congregants. Below is the current draft.

UUAA Sanctuary Resolution

We, the members of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, believing in the worth and dignity of every person and the importance of compassion in human interactions, do hereby resolve to become a Sanctuary Congregation. We are ready and willing to physically host an individual or family in imminent danger of unjust detainment and deportation until their legal options are carried out. We will not do this work alone. Joining with congregations across the country that have declared themselves Sanctuary Congregations, we will work together with other congregations through Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary to support, advocate for, and contribute to the safety and well-being of individuals or families in Washtenaw County who are invited into sanctuary.

Continuing the Sanctuary presentations on April 2 and April 30, the Immigration Action Coalition will hold a Q & A "Town Hall" gathering Sunday, May 21 to answer questions and seek further input on the Sanctuary Resolution.

- **Saturday, May 20** - IAC monthly meeting, 10:00am-11:30am
- **Sunday, May 21** - Why Sanctuary? Q & A "Town Hall" about the meaning of becoming a sanctuary congregation, 12:45pm-2:15pm
- **Sunday, June 4** - UUAA vote on Sanctuary Resolution, 11:45am

Questions? Contact Cheryl Valentine at cherylnatzmervallentine@gmail.com.



International Council of Unitarians and Universalists Meeting: Khasi Hills of India



Are you interested in a trip to India next February to visit the school with which our congregation has shared a partnership for over 15 years? Members of the Khasi Hills Sponsor-a-Student Committee have become aware that the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists will meet in the Khasi Hills from February 11 to 15, 2018. Committee members are considering attending, combining this with one or more visits to Mawkisyiem Lower Primary School and a meeting with the Education Committee of the Unitarian Union of Northeast India. If you are interested in attending with members of the Khasi Hills SAS Committee, contact Cathy Doherty at mysarina@aol.com or Allen Duncan at aduncan85@gmail.com. Information about the ICUU may be found on its web site: <http://icuu.net/>.



Transylvania Partner Church Van Project

Thanks to everyone who donated during the special fundraising for the Partner Church van, UUAA raised the \$4,000 that the Kézdivásárhely congregation needed. Our partners were overjoyed to hear about our success. Even as we prepare to send the money, Rev. Istvan writes about participating in a food drive coordinated by the organization that is helping to sponsor the van. He reports that there are more young people joining in the work now.



2017 marks the 20th anniversary of our partnership with the Kézdivásárhely congregation. Despite a significant language difference, we have learned to communicate deeply with our co-religionists. We have been enriched by the friendships that we have developed with ministers, congregants, and families. We appreciate and have learned from their example of resilience and resistance. We look forward to many more years of joyful collaboration. We hope to bring Rev. Istvan and his wife Rev. Csilla to Ann Arbor in the fall, as well as provide an opportunity in 2018 to UUAA congregants to visit there. Questions? Contact Phyllis Valentine at pav@umich.edu.



Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)



This year, the UUSC will focus on domestic advocacy, placing a priority on efforts to combat xenophobia and hate that has run rampant in US society. There are major initiatives aiming to undermine the Administration's discriminatory actions, especially those targeting marginalized communities. UUSC members have joined with the UUA to sign the Declaration of Conscience. UUSC alone has logged 11,000 signatures. The Sanctuary Movement, in our congregation in the form of the resolution circulating to make us a sanctuary congregation, will be voted on Sunday, June 4 at the Annual

Meeting. There is a lot of good material on the UUSC website along with a Sanctuary Toolkit for your study.

The College of Social Justice will be meeting in New Orleans the weekend before GA to continue their focus on the white supremacy issue as a reality in need of unlearning, relinquishing, and undoing through honest self and societal evaluation. Please visit the UUSC website for review articles on Attorney General Sessions crackdown on border crossings, and particularly his use of terms designed to heighten perceptions of immigrants as dangerous criminals as well as his efforts to prosecute those who harbor or transport immigrants. As we know, many groups and organizations are working to revise and expand the concept of sanctuary. At the heart of this movement is the need to end labeling of immigration as criminal.

For further information about the work of the service committee, go to the UUSC website, the "our work" section and click on the NGO aid map. There is a project right here in Michigan, the Michigan Welfare Rights water campaign.

If you have questions and comments, contact Quincy Northrup at qnorthrup@gmail.com.



Welcome to Our Newest Members

Paula and Brian Matzke



Brian grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana and went to college at Indiana University Bloomington. He moved to Ann Arbor in 2006. He has a PhD in English from the University of Michigan, and taught writing at UM for several years before going back to school this year for a Masters degree from the School of Information. He hopes to become an academic

librarian.

Paula grew up in a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts and went to college at the University of New Hampshire. She moved to Ann Arbor in 2011 and is currently pursuing her PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Michigan.

When they are not teaching or studying, Paula and Brian enjoy cooking, reading, watching movies, and playing with their pug, Jordan.



Rochelle and Deron Murphree



Rochelle and her family moved to the Ann Arbor area in 2015. She is the mother of 4 daughters, ages 18, 16, 15, and 7 and wife to Deron. Before settling in Michigan, Rochelle and her family spent several years traveling while Deron was on Active Duty with the US Navy. Now settled in Ann Arbor, Rochelle works for a local litigation law firm. She also moonlights as a marketing consultant. In her free time, Rochelle enjoys knitting, baking, reading, and spending time in

nature.

Deron grew up in a Southern Baptist household in Alabama. Upon joining the navy, he parted ways with the Baptist denomination and began to embark on his own spiritual journey. Since leaving military life, he has adopted a more humanistic philosophy toward life. Currently Deron works at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Deron lives with his family in Ann Arbor and looks forward to contributing to his

community and the universe by striving to be the best human being he possibly can. In his spare time, Deron is an avid comic book collector and reader of science fiction novels.



Lorelle Otis



As a teen, Lorelle tried Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and other churches. She found what she was looking for when her dad took her to a service at UUAA in 1963. She has attended UU services in every city she has lived in since then. As an artist, she has worked as a graphic designer, exhibit designer, painter, illustrator, and art teacher.



Aubrey Patino



Aubrey has been attending UUAA services on and off for years and is pleased to finally become a member. She lives in Ann Arbor with her husband Gustavo and four year old daughter, Sophia. Her husband teaches at the OU Beaumont School of Medicine and she works for the nonprofit Avalon Housing. She loves the diversity of thought, commitment to justice issues, and spiritual development curriculum at UUAA.

She is grateful for what the community at UUAA has to offer her and her family and looks forward to giving back as a member.



Rachel Sak

Rachel settled in Michigan 20 years ago when she married a native Michigander and had two sons. After working more than 13 years at the U of M Hospital, she left her job in 2010 and returned to school to earn an engineering degree. Now she is working on her PhD. She is also ready to reconnect with herself and community through work as a member of UUAA. One of the stranger things she has done is learn to drive a tractor-trailer and earned her commercial driver license.



Catie Wytychak and Neal McKenna

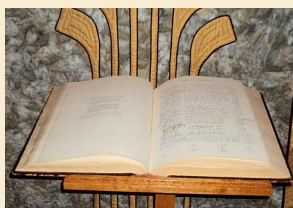


Catie Wytychak and Neal McKenna met while working in Redlands, CA. Catie had just returned from two years in the Peace Corps in El Salvador, and Neal from living in China teaching English to kids. They started dating and moved here in 2013 for grad school. Catie (MS, SNRE) currently works for the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, and Neal (MA,

Chinese Studies) works in the Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies at U-M. Catie enjoys swimming, designing, and reading; and Neal enjoys cooking, soccer, and games of all kinds.



Good Reasons to Join



There are many good reasons to make your commitment to UUAA official. Now, more than ever, is an exciting time to join. As the congregation begins the search process

for a new Senior Minister and examines the role UUAA will play in dealing with social issues facing the country such as immigration, the voting power of members will be instrumental in shaping the future of the congregation.

In addition to voting privileges, members in good standing can hold leadership positions, receive priority in pastoral care and rites of passage, and organize new UUAA-sponsored groups.

In return for membership privileges, the congregation asks that members undertake the stewardship of the congregation through financial support and the giving of your time and talents as feasible.

Becoming a member involves the following steps:

- Attend an Introduction to Our Faith class (next offered Saturday, June 17, 10:00am-2:30pm)
- Understand and be in accord with the UUAA Mission and By-Laws
- Complete the Enrollment Packet, which includes an Annual Pledge Form and Talents and Interests Survey
- Sign the Membership Book, witnessed by a minister and board member
- Attend a New Member Recognition Ceremony during a Sunday service to be welcomed into the congregation

If you would like to start the path to membership, please contact the Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org or 665-6158 ext. 105.



Office News

Room Reservations Upgrade

The Room Team is working to upgrade how we reserve space in the UUAA building. We hope that streamlining our process will result in consistent and easier to use reservations for each registered congregational group.

The room reservation calendar will be divided into two sessions that reflect the ebb and flow of building use throughout the year. In this system, event dates included in a room request will fall within a single session.

The Congregational Program Year session will mirror the SGD program year. The Summer Program session will then fill the gap from the end of one SGD class year to the beginning of the next SGD program year.

We are currently in the 2016-2017 Congregational Program Year session, which will end on Sunday, June 4. All room reservations for events after Sunday, June 4 have been deleted from the UUAA calendar. This "house cleaning" allows cleanup of dormant or obsolete reservations. If scheduled events were deleted, please [resubmit your room requests](#) and group contact information for each session [here](#).

2017 Summer Program is the next session and will run from Monday, June 5 to Sunday, September 10. Room reservation requests for the 2017 Summer Program session are currently being accepted.

The 2017-2018 Congregational Program Year session will begin on Monday, September 11. The new room reservation system will start accepting reservations and updated contact information for the 2017-2018 Congregational Program Year session on Monday, August 14.

Time Frames for 2017-2018 Sessions

2016-2017 Congregational Program Year Session	Session Ends Sunday 6/4/2017				
2017 Summer Program Session	Session Reservation Window Opens Monday 5/1/2017	Session Begins Monday 6/5/2017			
2017-2018 Congregational Program Year Session			Session Reservation Window Opens Monday 8/14/2017	Session Begins Monday 9/11/2017	Session Ends Sunday 5/27/2017 (estimate)

The Room Team plans to adjust the online room reservation form. These changes will improve requesting accommodations for accessibility, room setup, and special arrangements for large groups. We appreciate your patience as we transition to a new session-based system.

Questions? Contact room@uuaa.org.



Building Schedule and Publication Deadlines

Memorial Day Holiday Building Hours

Friday-Saturday, May 26-27 | Closed
Sunday, May 28 | 9:00am to 11:30am
Sunday, May 28 | One Worship Service | 10:00am
Monday, May 29 | Closed

Regular Building Hours

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

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

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Communicating at UUAA

The deadline for submitting UUAA events, news, and program notices for inclusion in the *Weekly Bulletin* is 5:00pm each Wednesday. Send submissions to bulletin@uuaa.org. Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

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newsletter@uuaa.org. Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

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