# First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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## **Weaving Worship**

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship & Music

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#### The Worship Planning Team | June 2017

Allison Halerz, Pianist-in-Residence Rev. Cassandra Hartley, Assistant Minister for Spiritual Growth & Development Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship and Music theresa rohlck, UUAA Member Laszlo Slomovits, Guest Musician Rev. Lindasusan V. Ulrich, Assistant Minister Rev. Doug Wadkins, Senior Minister

## June 4, 2017 | Crossing the Bridge Service at 10:00am

Today we honor our graduating seniors and add our blessings and hopes for this new chapter of their lives. However, throughout our lives we are "bridging." We are leaving one chapter of our lives behind and journeying into the next. Come celebrate, honor, and explore the sacred gift of this journey.

#### June 11, 2017 | Coming of Age Credo Service Service at 10:00am

In this annual Credo service, we celebrate the 9th grade students who have been part of the Coming of Age program. Their voices are inspiring and articulate, honest and authentic, and bring hope for the future. It is an honor for the congregation to bear witness to the aspirations of these young people, and your support for them is warmly welcomed.

# June 18, 2017 | Flower Communion Service at 10:00am

This Sunday we participate in Flower Communion. Connecting with our Unitarian Universalist heritage, we honor the simple but meaningful tradition. This ritual was created in response to the climate of hatred and fear during the Nazi tyranny and speaks poignantly to our current climate. We invite you to bring a flower to share that speaks to you in some way, and leave with a flower that another has brought.

Together we will honor that it is our unique beauty that makes the full bouquet of larger community lovely!

# June 25, 2017 | Summer Solstice Sing-Along Service at 10:00am

Meteorologically speaking, summer begins June 1. Astronomically, it begins with the summer solstice; in Ann Arbor, this occurs on June 21 (12:24am for those who find joy in details). Celebrate the transition into both summers as we join our voices in a joyful hymnsing with guest musicians.



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



As we move into the summer, I wanted to share a very brief overview of the main points of focus for this first interim year with you. I will focus specifically on areas of ministry that fit within the interim focus points of heritage, mission, leadership, connection, and future.

I begin with a reminder that much of the first year is both an example of the power of immersion and the growing layers of awareness of underlying story of the

congregation. In this use "story" refers to all of the ways that we convey our sense of the congregation, it's mission, and unique identity, and identify from these narratives the sorts of issues that are crucial to explore in this time of transition.

Areas of strongest emphasis for this first year included working with groups within the congregation such as Leadership Development and Chalice Circles to identify some actionable ways to work together during the interim time and plan for the future ministry. I did similar work with the Board and the staff. The core emphasis was to discover our co-ministry style and clarify our beginning work, and to continue to work with what we uncover. We have done a good job of that work together this year.

After our intense Q&A and subsequent listening sessions around worship, the Worship Team has done an extraordinary job of engaging the feedback and thinking carefully and compassionately about the work ahead. We will continue that work before the summer is in full swing and into the next church year. We take seriously that the collaboration of worship involves the entire congregation!

Also this year, I worked on re-establishing a beginning shared ministry with the Lay Pastoral Care Team. We are not staffed for adequate coverage of pastoral needs for a congregation this size, so this is an important area that will require the support of the entire congregation. We will likely explore funding a staff position to work on

pastoral care and social justice ministry support. I will continue to do what I can to make this a healthier ministry both in its current work and for the future.

Working with the Governance Task Force has been a real joy. The heart of the work is to seek clarity and appropriate accountability and to foster a climate of creative ministry. You were served well by your wise and gifted team in this area. We made some excellent progress and recommend a standing committee to work with the Board on continuing this crucial work. Thank you Sandy, Jim, Dixie, Elizabeth, Ed, John, and Tim!

This summer I will take some needed time off, attend some of General Assembly, and get ready for an exciting year two. Thank you all so much for helping me begin with great support and active engagement. If we can continue that spirit, we can do so much more together!

Warmly,

Doug

Rev. Doug Wadkins Senior Interim Minster doug@uuaa.org

## **Upon Reflection**

Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich, Assistant Minister



During the YRUU service at the end of April, my heart swelled with excitement and pride as one of our youth shared their story of being non-binary. What a beautiful thing that they felt comfortable coming out to the congregation about their gender identity and that an entire group of peers had their back. It was one of those moments of Unitarian Universalism at its best.

I never take for granted the fact that three of the four senior staff members here at UUAA - including two of the ordained ministers - are queer.

June is LGBTQ Pride Month, an expansion of the annual Pride marches started by bisexual activist Brenda Howard to commemorate the 1969 rebellion at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. It's a chance not only to celebrate all the gains of the last few decades, but also to remember how much work remains incomplete.

Of course, not all closets have to do with sexual orientation or gender identity. They may also be labeled "Has a Mental Illness." Or "Feels Lonely." They could read "Identifies as a UU Christian" or "Doesn't Believe in God." The door might even say "Enjoys Nickelback" (or another band that people make jokes about).

Closets prevent us from living fully because we feel the need to keep some part of ourselves hidden. Whether accurate or not, the cost of opening the door feels too steep. Often, though, the cost of keeping the door closed is even higher.

What closets are you still in? What would it take to come out?

Peace.

Rev. Lindasusan

Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich

## **Board of Trustee News**

President's Message Beth Hospadaruk, Board President

#### Welcome to June!

It is with a little sadness that my term of President of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor has come to an end. We've been through a lot together, you and I. When Bob and I joined the church in 1990, there is no way I ever imagined that I would follow in the footsteps of those who came before me in this role. Serving the congregation in this manner has changed me in ways that I can only describe as life changing. My spiritual work was the work of the Board, connecting with many of you during our major transition. I thank you for all of it;



thank you for supporting me; thank you for sharing your thoughts, concerns, and kindness with me; and, most of all, thank you for being present, participating, and doing the good work that we UUs are known for, social justice!

I will be joining Stephanie Surfus as the co-chair of the Fundraising/Stewardship Committee. I hope some of you will work with us as we do the important work to make sure that our finances continue to fund our mission. As I said last month, the work is not done, so let's keep moving forward!

Be sure to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 4 at 11:30am. We have much to celebrate as well as voting for our new Board of Trustees members, members of the Senior Minister Search Committee, and Leadership Development Team members.

With all my heart I say one last time,

Be well friends!

Beth

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

# **Governance Task Force Report Sandy Simon, Governance Task Force Chair**

Last August, the Board of Trustees, implementing part of the 2016-2020 UUAA Strategic Plan, appointed a Governance Task Force (GTF) to review our governance structure eight years after implementation of Policy Governance. The GTF was asked to make recommendations on improvements that might help UUAA run more effectively and efficiently.

The GTF is pleased to report that our review is complete, and our recommended changes have been submitted to the Board. Thank you to many of you who gave us your input.

Here is a brief summary of our findings.

The basics of policy governance are working well for us and appear to be appropriate for our size congregation. (Please see the Governance section of uuaa.org for an overview of how our Shared Leadership governance works.)

After reading about church governance, hearing from UUAA lay leaders and staff, and looking at governance in other congregations, the GTF agreed to the following goals:

- **Increase understanding of UUAA governance** -- This includes a complete rewrite of our governing policies to make them easier to read and understand.
- Improve the Board's ability to do strategic planning -- Incorporate more about strategic planning into our Governing Policies and annual evaluation procedures.
- **Strengthen Board oversight of UUAA** -- Re-focus procedures to add more Board monitoring of our progress in living our *Core Values*. Streamline the operations monitoring reports so that they are more likely to be completed and reviewed.
- Amend the UUAA By-Laws to establish a permanent standing committee
   on governance -- a small group of people with long-term knowledge of our
   governance to provide consistent advice to the Board and help with
   governance education.

Please feel free to contact any of the task force members if you have questions, and watch for upcoming modifications to the <u>information on the UUAA web site</u>.

Sandy Simon (GTF Chair), Jim Schaefer (BOT Liaison), Dixie Hibner, Elizabeth LaPorte, Ed Lynn, Tim Richards, John Seeley, Rev. Doug Wadkins (Interim Minister)

## **Activities and Events**

## Habitat for Humanity Good News House 2017 \* Begins Friday, June 2



## **Good News House Group**



This summer is UUAA's 18th year working with the Good News Group of 17 area congregations to renovate two Ypsilanti homes into well constructed, energy-efficient family homes.

#### 2017 Calendar

- Friday, June 2 All UU Work Day
- Saturday, June 10 UU Work Day with Wesley United Methodist Church
- Saturday, July 8 UU Work Day with First UMC Ann Arbor
- Friday, August 11 UU work day with Manchester UMC

Work Days: 8:30am - 3:30pm - About eight site workers and also lunch makers are needed for each work day.

Our 2017 homes are both on Harvest Lane in Ypsilanti. They are the 30th and 31st houses sponsored by the Good News Group! Our 30th house will be named "The Whitacre House" in honor of the Good News founder, Bob Whitacre, who passed away in February, 2017.

Thank you to all generous UUs who have given financial and hands-on work site contributions to this amazingly effective and rewarding community outreach since our involvement began in 2000.

Our interfaith <u>Good News Group</u> has been working together since 1997 and has helped 29 families (with 64 total children) move into affordable, energy-efficient housing. We help families, neighborhoods, and the environment-- and we laugh and have fun doing it.

Since 2009, we have renovated foreclosed homes rather than building new homes, saving resources and helping to stabilize neighborhoods and rebuild communities. A win, win situation.

Can you help? <u>Sign up online using Signup Genius</u> or visit the Habitat Table during Social Hour.

Questions? Contact Mike Muha at mmuha@sbcglobal.net.

## **Climate Action \* Sunday, June 4**



Do you want affordable solar? Do you want to know more about Ann Arbor's Climate Action Plan? Join the UUAA Climate Action Group from 9:00am to 10:00am as we host representatives from the City of Ann Arbor to a special learning session. We'll hear about the city's "A2 Solar Club," a campaign to get more solar installed in Washtenaw County by simplifying the process and offering a low price guarantee.

We'll also learn about the city's Climate Action Plan goals and what actions the city is taking to meet those goals. Learn more about what local government is doing to act on climate. Questions? Contact Kate Hutchens at <a href="mailto:kate.hutchens@gmail.com">kate.hutchens@gmail.com</a>.

## Senior Dinner Out \* Wednesday, June 7



Join us at 6:00pm at Gourmet Garden at 2255 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor for our monthly UUAA Senior Dinner Out. Enjoy good conversation, good company, and good food. Questions? Contact Marie Duke at <a href="mailto:omaduke7@gmail.com">omaduke7@gmail.com</a> or 734-769-0467.

## Living Heritage & Future Faith -- and Lunch! \* Sunday, June 11



Rev. Doug Wadkins and the Transition Team invite you to the Social Hall from 11:30am to 2:00pm for a light lunch and conversation about the heritage and future of UUAA. Share your stories of UUAA that bring lived heritage more fully present to the heart of this congregation. All generations, not just long-time

members, are encouraged to attend. The more we address and internalize the lessons of our UUAA heritage, the more we will be ready as a congregation to move into this new era. <u>Click here to register</u> by Sunday, June 4 to plan for lunch and

childcare.

Questions, contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

## **Introduction to Our Faith \* Saturday, June 17**



A prerequisite for becoming a member, this class is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism for newcomers and a great refresher class for long-time members. Taught by Rev. Doug Wadkins and Rev. Cassandra Hartley with assistance from the Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss, topics include the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, how this congregation is governed, how to get involved at UUAA, the meaning and responsibilities of membership, and the sharing of participants' own spiritual journeys. We will meet in the Fahs Chapel from 10:00am to

2:30pm.

<u>Click here to register</u> by Sunday, June 11. Note that if you would like childcare, we must receive the childcare registration form at least two families by Friday, June 2. Registration forms are also available at the Involvement Table during Social Hour, or you can register by emailing the Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss directly at <a href="https://hannah@uuaa.org">hannah@uuaa.org</a>.

## Alpha House Host Week \* Monday-Sunday, June 26-July 2



Our next host week at Alpha House will be Monday, June 26 through Sunday, July 2. Alpha House helps families experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. We are looking for 115 volunteers to do the tasks for this Host Week: day host, cook, serve meals, play with the kids, overnight host, and more

Come by our table during Social Hour to sign up, or you can sign up on online at <a href="http://bit.ly/2rFdkwY">http://bit.ly/2rFdkwY</a>. Questions? Contact Sandy Eyl at <a href="mailto:sandy.eyl@gmail.com">sandy.eyl@gmail.com</a>.

## Wednesday Morning Readers \* Wednesday, June 28



If you enjoy reading a variety of genres and discussing books, Wednesday Morning Readers is the book club for you! We meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00am in the Jackson Chapel. Book selections are decided by the group as a whole, based on availability.

Our reading schedule for the next few months is as follows:

- June 28, \$2 a Day by Kathryn Edin, H. Luke Shaefer
- July 26, *Replay* by Ken Grimwood
- August 23, *Shadow Land* by Elizabeth Kostova \* TBD since book will not be out in paperback.
- September 27, Hillbilly Elegy, by J. D. Vance
- October 25, *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Hartley at <a href="lizzyt48176@gmail.com"><u>lizzyt48176@gmail.com</u></a>.

## **Announcements and News**

## **Immigration Action Coalition (IAC) -- Sanctuary**

On April 30, 2017, the Immigration Action Coalition (IAC) had a phone call with Kat

Parker of the First Unitarian Society of Denver (FUSD). FUSD voted to become a sanctuary congregation in June 2014. Our conversation with them is described below in question (**UUAA**) and answer (*FUSD*) format.

#### 1. What is the FUSD congregation like?

We're an urban church with about 300 members.

## 2. Who decides whether to take someone into sanctuary? What criteria do they use to make the decision?

The Board, the minister, the Denver Sanctuary Coalition (see the next question for an explanation), and the FUSD immigration group make the decision. Some of the criteria are: the person has exhausted nearly all their legal options; sanctuary will give them a way to be safe while fighting deportation; while in sanctuary, the guest will raise issues of immigration rights as human rights. We have an expectation that the guest will do fundraising to help with the church's costs of housing them.

#### 3. What support do you have for your sanctuary work?

The Denver Sanctuary Coalition is an organization that has members from various Denver congregations that are interested in sanctuary as well as the AFSC (American Friends Service Committee), etc. They provide funds and volunteers to support FUSD's sanctuary guest. A criminal lawyer offered their services pro bono if anyone in FUSD gets into legal trouble due to sanctuary.

#### 4. What experiences have you had with having someone in sanctuary?

Our first sanctuary guest, Arturo, was in sanctuary for nine months in 2014-2015. This gave FUSD congregants a chance to connect personally with him and his family and to learn about the issues and why sanctuary is important. As a result, people who weren't part of the immigration group started hanging out with him.

Arturo had a hard time in sanctuary. He's an active guy who likes to be outdoors, so being effectively under "house arrest" was difficult for him and he became depressed. After nine months, he decided to leave sanctuary.

Our second guest, Jeanette, has been in sanctuary since February 15, 2017. She has three children who are US citizens. She's an activist: she does interviews with the press, fund raising (using gofundme.com), counselling people in danger of deportation, raising awareness about immigration, and consulting with her attorneys about strategy, in addition to having friends visit, hanging out with her kids after school, and her hobbies. To give you an idea of her visibility, Time magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2017. Jeanette's family sometimes spends the night with her in sanctuary.

#### Click here to read more.

Questions? Contact Cheryl Valentine at <a href="mailto:cherylnatzmervalentine@gmail.com">cherylnatzmervalentine@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Food Bucket Donations**



Summer, when school meal programs are not readily available, is the most vulnerable time for those experiencing food insecurity. UUAA will make a food delivery to SOS in June. Along with its food pantry, SOS promotes housing stability and family self-sufficiency through collaboration, care, and respect. Drop off nonperishable food items in the collection area outside the Sunderland Library (next to the Prison Books drop off) in the SGD wing. You can also find a food pantry wish list there. Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

## Bidding Still Open on the Hawthorn Quilt



#### **UUAA Thanks Betsy Price!**

Betsy Price made a fabric interpretation of the Champion Downy Hawthorn that is located on our land and "recognized as the largest of its species - both in the State of Michigan and across the United States."

Betsy donated this piece to the church auction. During the auction, 61 bids were pooled and the quilt was purchased for the church by the congregation so we can enjoy it for many years.

If you were unable to attend the auction and would like to "join the bid" or increase your bid, please make a donation to UUAA with "Quilt" in the memo line. You can also contribute online at uuaa.org. All proceeds go

to the Auction account in the General Fund. Questions? Contact Ed Lynn at ed@uuaa.org.

## **Memorial Gifts**

Thank you to the following people who donated to UUAA with memorial gifts in the first quarter of 2017

#### In Memory of Eric Appleberry

Phyllis Valentine Els Nieuwenhuijsen Marina Brown Bruce and Sara Gibb Fran Lyman Rick Johnson Ed and Barbara Lynn Robert and Barbara Dinan Cathy Doherty Dan, Lynn, and Joseph Ayres



## In Memory of Joan Buchele

Phyllis Valentine

#### In Memory of Jerry McKay

Cecil and Julia McKay Douglas and Cathy Frank Catherine Olson Dr. Jon and Susan Wooley

## Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)



Rob Northrup and I attended the annual meeting of the Stewardship Circle of the Unitarian Universalist Service LUSC Committee (UUSC) last month in Chicago. We had the opportunity to see the new President and CEO of UUSC, Tom Andrews, in action. He is dynamic, forceful, and

deeply committed to our core values. His experience on the Hill, having served two terms in Congress in the 1990s, makes him a highly effective spokesperson for

UUSC's positions and concerns. His most recent work and advocacy has been around the plight of the Rohingya, a Muslim group in Myanmar that has been viciously targeted for expulsion from the country by the national government by any means possible. Methods have included burning and sacking villages, torture and murder against the people, and literally driving them out of the country over the border into Bangladesh. Andrews has testified before the Human Rights Commission regarding the Rohingya situation: <a href="https://humanrightscommission.house.gov/">https://humanrightscommission.house.gov/</a>. With his background and experience in government, both state and national, he is very well qualified to present UUSC's concerns to Washington. In this time of acute need to speak truth to power, we are fortunate to have him representing us.

If you have questions or comments, contact Quincy Northrup at <a href="mailto:qnorthrup@gmail.com">qnorthrup@gmail.com</a>.

## **Zimbabwe Artists Project (ZAP)**



The Arts and Aesthetics Committee would like to thank the congregation for tremendous support during the ZAP art sale. Together we raised \$3570 for the artists and their families in the town of Weya, Zimbabwe.

The representative from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Portland was overjoyed and thankful to our congregation for its generous response.

Questions? Contact Arts and Aesthetics Co-Chair Barbara Hall at <a href="mailto:barbaraoliverhall@gmail.com">barbaraoliverhall@gmail.com</a>.

## **Welcome to Our Newest Members**

## **Robert Graham**



Robert grew up in Ann Arbor and moved with his mom to Saline in 2014. He works at Westarbor Animal Hospital as a kennel assistant.

Robert loves watching, playing, and reading about sports. He also (very enthusiastically) enjoys singing and listening to music and is the Chalice Choir's, the Chalice Sparks', and the Chalice Bells' biggest fan. He is thrilled that he is

learning how to play the hand chimes with the Chalice Bells.

His hobbies include participating in Special Olympics sports (swimming, softball, basketball, soccer, flag football, poly hockey, and track), bike riding, horseback riding at Therapeutic Riding, Inc., helping others whenever he can, and walking his dogs.

Being a part of the UUAA congregation has been healing, growing, and joyful for Robert.

**Sandy Kunkle** 



Sandy and her husband, George, have lived in 15 houses in seven different communities. Their last move was to Ann Arbor in 2010 where they plan to stay until "death do them part." Sandy's past lives include mother of four, preschool director, potter, perpetual student, and currently fiber artist. Throughout she has sung, gardened, and cooked her way to happiness.

In 1967, while searching for a church in which to raise her children, Sandy found a faith community for herself. She has been a firmly entrenched UU ever since.

## **Albert LaRose**



Al was born in Minnesota, raised in Washington State and Oregon, spent six years with the US Army Security Agency serving in California, Korea, and at the National Security Agency in Maryland. In 1963, he married and spent three years at the University of Maryland studying Government and Politics/Economics. After graduating, Al spent two years at the US Copyright Office in DC, during which time he had two sons. He went on to get a Masters in Library Science and worked in many different types of libraries in

many different states after that, along with picking up another degree in Communications. Albert's leisure activities are reading, singing, music (guitar, mandolin, and recorder), good conversation, and gardening.

## Jim Marks



Jim and Judi, also a new UUAA member as of December, are coming from Princeton, NJ. Jim is retiring after a career in public health at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and before that at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Coming to Ann Arbor allows Jim and Judi to be closer to their son, Adam, his wife, Alexis, and their grandchildren. They love A2 and had long thought about settling in a college town because college towns offer so much of interest. They also have a daughter, son-

in-law, and a stepdaughter in Baltimore, who they will visit when they need a break from winter's worst. Jim looks forward to having some time to read, listen to music, and travel as well as spend time with his family.

#### Sarah Rickerd



Sarah is a Chelsea native who returned to the area in 2016 after eight years away. She is a professional ghostwriter, and in her spare time, she dances with Ypsilanti's Unveiled Bellydance Company and spends time exploring Ann Arbor with her family. You'll probably see her son Amos before you see her - he's the one with the perpetually messy hair, sprinting to the doughnut table between services.

As a lifelong religious liberal, Sarah is excited to be a part of such a welcoming, inclusive, and challenging faith

community. She looks forward to meeting you all soon!

## **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 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 time and talents.

Becoming a member involves the following steps:

- Attend an Introduction to Our Faith class (next offered Saturday, June 17, 10:00am-2:30pm -- <u>click here to register</u>).
- 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 a Board member.
- Attend a New Member Recognition Ceremony to be welcomed into the congregation during a Sunday service.

If you would like to start the path to membership, please contact the Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at <a href="https://hannah@uuaa.org">hannah@uuaa.org</a> or 734-665-6158 ext. 105.

## **Office News**

## **Room Reservations Upgrade**

The Room Reservation 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 resemble the ebb and flow of the 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 class year when UUAA holds two services each Sunday. The Summer Program session will then fill the gap from the end of one SGD class year to the beginning of the next, when UUAA holds a single service each Sunday.

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, allowing us to clean up dormant or obsolete reservations. If your scheduled events were deleted, please <a href="resubmit your requests and group contact information here">resubmit your requests and group contact information here</a>. Please allow two weeks for processing.

Summer 2017 is the next session and will run from Monday, June 5 to Sunday, September 10. The UUAA summer building hours will be Sundays from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm, closed on Fridays, and open on Saturdays from 9:00am to noon.

The 2017-2018 Congregational Program Year session will begin on Monday, September 11. This adjusted <u>room reservation system will start accepting reservations</u> on Monday, August 14.

Time Frames for 2017-2018 Sessions

Time Trumes for 2017-2010 Sessions					
2016-2017 Congregational Program Year Session	Session Ends Sunday 6/4/2017				
2017 Summer Program Session		Session Begins Monday 6/5/2017		Session Ends Sunday 9/10/17	
2017-2018 Congregational Program Year Session			Reservation Window Opens Monday 8/14/2017	Session Begins Monday 9/11/2017	Session Ends Sunday 5/27/2017

The Room Reservation Team plans to adjust the online room reservation form. The 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 <a href="mailto:room@uuaa.org">room@uuaa.org</a>.

## **Building Schedule and Publication Deadlines**

# **UUAA Summer Building Hours Beginning Sunday, June 18, UUAA summer building hours will be:**

Sunday | 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Wednesday | 9:00am - 5:00pm Thursday | 9:00am - 9:00pm Friday | Closed Saturday | 9:00am - noon

Questions? Contact Ed Lynn at ed@uuaa.org or Debby Casamatta at deborah@uuaa.org.

Congregational Office Hours Monday - Thursday | 9:00am - 5:00pm

**Telephone** | 734-665-6158 **Fax** | 734-665-7895 **General Email** | office@uuaa.org

#### **Communications 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 <a href="mailto:bulletin@uuaa.org">bulletin@uuaa.org</a>. Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at <a href="mailto:hannah@uuaa.org">hannah@uuaa.org</a>.

The deadline for submitting UUAA events, news, and program notices for inclusion in the *July 2017 Newsletter* is Wednesday, June 21 at 9:00am. Send submissions to newsletter@uuaa.org. Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

Lay and staff program leaders may submit changes, additions, or updates for the website (uuaa.org) to webtech@uuaa.org.

