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Weaving Worship

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship & Music

August 2018 | UU Principles

August Worship Planning Team

Allison Halerz, Pianist-in-Residence

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

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship and Music

Rev. Lindasusan V. Ulrich, Assistant Minister

See upcoming *Weekly Bulletins* for sermon topics.



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A Note on Political Language

As observed by the Unitarian Universalist Association, "Religious individuals and groups have played a prophetic role in public life throughout history by calling

attention to oppression, demanding change, and holding leaders and institutions accountable." While UUAA has latitude in some areas of activity as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, there are also some restrictions.

- UUAA may not endorse or oppose specific political candidates. Please note that this includes emails sent from an @uuaa.org email address or sent to an @uuaa.org group.
- UUAA may announce the details of events that are nonpartisan in nature or that deal directly with relevant political or social advocacy issues.

These restrictions apply only to a congregation as a legal entity, or to a person or group speaking in the name of the congregation. You may freely engage in these activities as an individual. However, if you're identified by or likely to be associated with the congregation, it may be helpful to clearly state that you're speaking as an individual.

Important links for UUAA and UUA communication policies:

[UUAA Communications Policy](#)

[The Real Rules](#) from the Unitarian Universalist Association



For Your Calendar

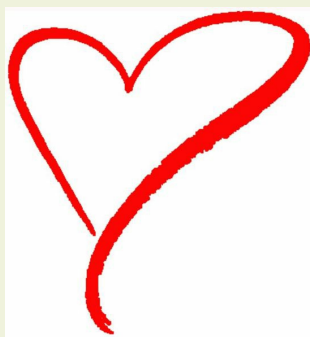
Senior Dinner Out * Wednesday, August 1



Our Senior Dinner Out will be at 6:00pm at Hot Pot Chen (2255 West Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor). Come and enjoy conversation with fellow UUAA seniors. No reservation is required. Questions? Contact Marie Duke at omaduke7@gmail.com or 734-769-0467.



The Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group * Wednesday, August 1



The Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group, sponsored by the UUAA Pastoral Care Team in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, meets regularly the first Wednesday of each month from 3:00pm to 4:30pm in the Brown Room. It is a drop-in group, open to both members of the congregation and the larger community. We encourage congregants who may know a person giving care to someone with memory loss to let them know that they are welcome to join the support group.

A support group offers caregivers, family members, and friends of people with memory loss the opportunity to ask questions, share stories, give and receive comfort, and gain practical knowledge. A confidential, positive setting for sharing experiences is known to be an important factor in how well one copes with caregiver stress. Questions? Contact Joan Burleigh at joburleigh@aol.com, Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com, or Meredith Ley at meredith1888@gmail.com.

Stay tuned, in September we will be offering a workshop on Communication given by the Alzheimer's Association. Details to follow in future bulletins and newsletters.



Outdoors Women's Group Picnic * Sunday, August 5



Calling all outdoors and nature loving women! Bring your own picnic to enjoy outside at UUAA after Sunday service (11:30am to 1:30pm). Kids and partners are welcome. Questions? Contact Sandy Eyl at sandy.eyl@gmail.com or 313-213-5559. If you are not available that day, take our survey: bit.ly/2t7wFZS.

20s & 30s +/- Group | Planning Meeting * Sunday, August 5

The 20's and 30's +/- Group is hosting a planning meeting from 1:30pm to 2:30pm in the Young Room. The purpose and intention of this gathering is to decide the structure for the upcoming year and potentially choose formal leadership roles. All are warmly welcomed and highly encouraged to attend, even if you have not attended an event preciously! Please direct your questions to Kaite Young-Kendall at kaite.young.kendall@gmail.com.

Community of Writers * Sunday, August 12



Everyone interested in writing is welcome to bring a piece of their writing to read at the meeting of the UUAA Community of Writers in the David Room from 11:30am to 1:00pm. A writing may be a work in progress or a completed essay, memoir chapter, story, poem, or drama scene. Each person is invited to read their writing for four minutes for the group's positive feedback. We will also solicit suggestions of activities for our Fall meetings. Questions? Contact Mary Lund at mlund@mi.rr.com.

UUAA Men's Retreat * Friday-Sunday, September 28-30



Our annual retreat at the Judson Collins Center is on the horizon. Will you dare to join us?

Hearty belly laughs; moments of deep personal insight; joy and a sense of connectedness in joining with new friends in making music and playing games; happiness, empathy, validation, relief -- while sharing stories in a small "lodge" group.

I experienced all of these in my first Men's Retreat. That I might experience and feel so much in a single weekend -- a weekend that I entered into with trepidation, cynicism, and a small amount of anxiety -- was a happy surprise. No longer. My introverted self has grown addicted to this annual tradition. I've only missed once since that first time in 2009. A few of my brothers have not missed a single one in 18 years.

Each year we have a theme that helps shape our activities and conversations, but always in the spirit of fulfilling our most important goals, which are to have fun, to make meaningful connections with other men, and to grow our community.

This year we will explore something very basic to our existence as a group. What does it mean to be someone who identifies as a man? What does it mean for you? How has that changed over time? Is it different for UU men? Does our awareness of the harm we have done to women change our understanding or responsibilities? How about our understanding of gender as a continuum rather than a binary? What personal stories and perspectives would you like to bring to the conversation? Together, we can create a "Field Guide to Being a UU Man in 2018."

For more information, visit us during Social Hour or email mensretreat@uuua.org.

Gregg Peterson



On the Horizon

2018 Civil Rights Mississippi Pilgrimage

UUAA congregants are planning a four-day pilgrimage to key Civil Rights Movement sites in Mississippi, October 28 through October 31, 2018. This affordable experience will include the site where three Civil Rights workers disappeared, Medgar Evers' home, the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, the Mississippi Delta where Fannie Lou Hamer lived and died, and the location where young Emmett Till was killed. Registration will open soon. Join our [mailing list](#) to be the first to hear. Last Spring three members, Cathy Muha, Fran Lyman, and Barb Cherem, went on the 10th anniversary of this annual civil rights trip and gave a presentation upon their return. They would love to answer any questions you may have about the trip. Questions? Contact Barb Cherem at barbaracherem@yahoo.com.



News and Announcements

Denominational Connections Team | General Assembly



The General Assembly (GA) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) was held June 20-24, 2018, in Kansas City, Missouri. UUAA was represented at GA by six delegates: Marina Brown and Mark Jagner were delegates in Kansas City, and Laura Bollettino, Louise Kazarinoff, Kathy McLean, and Sandy Simon were off-site delegates. This is the first time that UUAA has had more than one off-site delegate.

site delegate.

Delegates at GA conducted a variety of business. They selected "Undoing Intersectional White Supremacy" as the Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) for two years of study and action by UU congregations. Delegates adopted three Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs): "End Family Separation and Detention of Asylum Seekers and Abolish ICE," "Dismantle Predatory Medical Care Practices in Prisons and End Prisons for Profit," and "We Are All Related: Solidarity NOW with Indigenous Water Protectors."

Delegates also made some changes to the UUA's bylaws:

- Changing to gender-neutral language in various parts of the bylaws;
- Giving religious educators the right to be delegates at GA;

- Assigning two seats on the UUA Board for youth trustees;
- Removing details on the social witness process from the bylaws; and
- Allowing for the possibility of co-moderators rather than a single moderator.

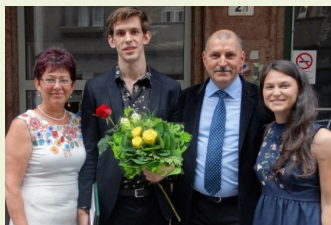
The Ware Lecture, delivered by Brittany Packnett was fantastic. You can watch it here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018/ware>

Next year GA will be held June 19-23, 2019, in Spokane, WA. If you are interested in being a delegate at GA next year, contact Laura Bollettino at laurab@umich.edu. Note that you don't have to go to Spokane to be a delegate; ask Laura for information about being an off-site delegate.

The Denominational Connections Team (DCT), which coordinates delegates to GA, among other things, is looking for new members. If you're interested in joining, or if you just want to know more about what the DCT does, contact Laura Bollettino at laurab@umich.edu.



Transylvania Partner Church News



Attila with his parents and sister.

Attila Lestyan, a university student who we have supported with a room and board scholarship in Budapest, graduated in July with a degree in Theater and Film Arts. After a brief vacation, he will be spending five months in Japan on a grant.

Eight UUA congregants are heading off to Transylvania to help our Partner Church celebrate the 450th anniversary of the Edict of Torda, a landmark in religious tolerance. We will spend four days with our Partners and then visit other cities and towns of historical and cultural interest. We look forward to telling you all about it when we return.



Sunday Welcome Team Opportunities for 2018-2019



We have openings for 2018-2019 Sunday Welcome Teams. Summer is a great time to try out ushering, greeting, staffing the Involvement Table, or assisting with Social Hour. Typically, Sunday Welcome Team members sign up to help one service a month.

If you are interested in learning more about Sunday Welcome Team opportunities, fill out a form at the Involvement Table during Social Hour or contact Welcome Ministries

Be a 2018-2019 SGD Teacher



Every year, we need 60+ adult volunteers to run our SGD program. We have opportunities to work with kids from preschool to 12th grade. Check out our recruitment board during Social Hour to see pictures of the year, quotes from the teachers, and what classes we still need help with. Contact sgd@uuuaa.org.

Scrip Program | Shopwithscrip Special Deal Ending August 3

Shhh! Back to school sales are starting. From July 21 - August 3, Shopwithscrip.com is offering 64 special bonuses from clothing (L.L. Bean, Old Navy, T.J. Maxx) to household (Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot) to food (Bob Evans, Whole Foods). If you haven't signed up for Great Lakes' online payment (PrestoPay) to order yourself, now is a great time to do so, stop by our table during Social Hour and we'll place an order for you. Questions? Contact Carolyn Barber at cbarber@umich.edu.

Sharing the Collection



The Sharing the Collection Committee is happy to share the good news: In our July collection, we raised \$1,283 for Avalon Nonprofit Housing (www.avalonhousing.org). So far in 2018, we have raised over \$16,000 to benefit non-profits in Washtenaw County who are serving the needy and the disadvantaged. Help us do more: mark your calendar for these upcoming collections:

- August 5, to benefit Children's Literacy Network (www.childrensliteracynetwork.org)
- September 9, to benefit SOS Community Services (www.soscs.org)

Questions? Contact Bob Dinan at bdinan83@gmail.com.

UUAA Mothers' Group Forming

Calling UU women with young children -- would you like to coordinate with other UU moms for playdates, support, nights out, childcare for UU Womyn's events, and more? Let's discuss the possibilities. Email me or sign up at the Womyn's Table during Social Hour. Questions? Contact Carolyn Schultz at waterlines5@yahoo.com.

UUSC Coffee Project



Support small farm cooperatives globally while helping to fundraise for UUSC social justice programs and this congregation. Visit our table following the service to choose from fair trade chocolates, fruit and nut bars, coffee, teas, nuts, dried fruits, and Palestinian olive oils. Questions? Contact Ilene Beninson at ilene.beninson@gmail.com.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) News



The UUSC web site has been updated with new material. Especially interesting are profiles of more of the partner organizations involved in various countries along the immigration route. There are eleven partners in six countries. A partner in Guatemala,

Asociacion Pop no'j assists migrant children deported from Mexico or the US to Guatemala and is also training classroom teachers to work with these children. Freedom for Immigrants is working in the US border to expand visitation programs for people in detention and offer more phone calls pro bono.

The web site also features a time line of UUSC efforts, beginning in 1977, to speak out and act against the history of US repressive involvement with Central America. UUSC has organized many congressional delegations, monitored elections, and worked with in-country partners to advance human rights in the face of incredible odds. The three aspects of the issue have always been the same: right to safety in Central America, right to safety on the migrant trail, and right to a humane asylum-seeking process.

UUSC's annual fundraising effort for these and many other programs around the world, Guest at Your Table (GAYT), is coming soon. This year GAYT contributions will help fund efforts to advance migrant justice. This is our best way to financially support the outreach work of this great organization, a key part of our UU family.

Questions? Contact Quincy Northrup at qnorthrup@gmail.com.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Tim Miller



Tim is a native of New England and came to Michigan to pursue studies in music performance on saxophone and music education at the University of Michigan. Upon graduation, he spent the first part of his career as a founding member of the Prism Quartet. Tim now lives in Belleville with Diane, his wife of 24 years, where he teaches middle school band. He has found a love of Irish music and has been spending his free time learning and playing the Uilleann pipes.

Barbara LaRose



Barbara grew up in Yorkshire, England and studied physical therapy in London. At age 25, she got a job in Washington, DC. While there she met her husband, Al, and they got married in 1963. Barbara became a housewife and mother when her two sons were born, which she enjoyed. She went back to work part time when the boys were teenagers. Barbara has experience in pediatrics, geriatrics, and home health and has lived in seven states. Barbara and Al moved here a year ago to be near family.



Dawn Salo



Dawn's first experience coming to UUAA was in September of 2017 for the Water Communion. The theme that month was "Radical Welcome." Dawn describes her experience, "I have felt so welcomed, so educated, and every Sunday I am moved by the incredible ministry that awakens in me a spirit to become more active and inclusive. I feel I have found a place where I can grow and adopt and seek truth in the highest form of love." Dawn is originally from Michigan but moved to Arizona when she was eight. She moved back this past September and fell in love with Michigan's beauty.



Laura Sparrow



Born in Massachusetts, Laura grew up in an old ship builder's house near the coast and attended First Unitarian Church of Norwell, MA. Most of her church experience before this, though, has been Congregational, but UUAA seems now like the perfect fit. As a life-long high school teacher, she loves working with the youth in YRUU.



April Wendling



As an environmental health manager of the Wayne County Health Department, a Ph.D. in public health, an adjunct instructor of math and science at Monroe County Community College, and an environmentalist and animal lover, April has searched for a place where she can make a valuable contribution. She believes that UUAA is that place.





Becoming a Member

Stepping Stones



Experience being part of the congregation by attending Sunday services and seeking out groups of interest.



Learn about the UU faith and history by attending an Introduction to Our Faith class. (For more information about registering for upcoming sessions, check the Sunday Bulletin or contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.)



Upon completing Introduction to Our Faith and learning about the rights and responsibilities of membership, arrange with the Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss to sign the membership book and submit paperwork.

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



Office and Building News

Publication Deadlines

Weekly Bulletin

Submissions should be sent as an attachment in Word format and limited to 90 words or fewer. Send submissions to bulletin@uuaa.org by Wednesday at 5:00pm. Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

September Newsletter

Submissions for the *September Newsletter* should be sent as an attachment in Word format and limited to 300 words or fewer. Send submissions to newsletter@uuaa.org by 9:00am on Tuesday, August 21.

Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.



Summer & Fall 2018 Room Reservations

The UUAA room reservation calendar system is divided into two sessions: The Summer Program Session and the Congregational Program Session.

- **The Summer Program Session** is the period from the end of the SGD class year to the beginning of the next one. The current Summer Session runs Monday, May 21, 2018 through Saturday, September 15, 2018.
- **The Congregational Program Session** is the period when UUAA holds regular SGD classes. The 2018-2019 Congregational Program Session will

Recurring congregational program session room reservations will not extend through the summer. All recurring events will be scheduled only for the session during which the request falls. Please resubmit any recurring room reservation requests if your group plans to meet during the Summer Program Session.

Here is the schedule for reserving rooms:

Date	Session	Details
Now	Summer Program Session 2018	When submitting your summer room requests, please note our summer 2018 UUAA building hours: Sunday 9:00am - 4:00pm 2nd and 4th Monday 9:00am - 9:00pm Monday through Wednesday 9:00am - 5:00pm Thursday 9:00am - 9:00pm Friday UUAA building is closed Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm
July 1	Cong. Program Session 2018-19	Accepting reservation requests for groups of 50 or more people
August 1	Cong. Program Session 2018-19	Accepting all room reservation requests

Please submit your room requests by using our room reservation form found at www.uuaa.org on the lower right corner of the home page. This form will allow the Room Team to accommodate requests for accessibility needs, room setup, and special arrangements for large groups.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the Room Reservation Team at room@uuaa.org.



Building Hours

Summer Building Hours Through Saturday, September 15

Sunday | 9:00am to 4:00pm
2nd and 4th Monday | 9:00am to 9:00pm
Monday through Wednesday | 9:00am to 5:00pm
Thursday | 9:00am to 9:00pm
Friday | Closed
Saturday | 9:00am to 12:00pm

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



See what's happening on our social sites:

