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### UUAA April 2019 Newsletter

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## Weaving Worship

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship & Music

### April 2019 | Wholeness

#### UUAA's Worship Planning Team

Rev. Lindasusan V. Ulrich, Assistant Minister

Allison Halerz, Pianist-in-Residence

Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Senior Minister

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship and Music

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

#### April 7, 2019

**Worship: 9:30am and 11:30am**

**The World We Are Building**

We welcome guest musician Tret Fure and guest leader Rev. Sam Teitel. Join the Chalice Sparks Children's Choir and the UUAA worship team for celebration and reflection.

Tret Fure is a singer, songwriter, musician, and artist whose work has influenced the American folk and women's genres for over four decades. The Rev. Sam Teitel is among Unitarian Universalism's most interesting thinkers, and Minister for First Unitarian Church of Memphis | The Church of the River.

A Child Dedication Ceremony is planned as part of this service.

#### April 14, 2019

## **Worship: 9:30am and 11:30am Wholeness and Interdependence**

The Zulu concept "ubuntu" speaks truth and paradox: "I am because we are." Unitarian Universalism calls the individual mind and the community heart equally sacred, and necessary to each other. This week we explore the whole truths that arise when independence and interdependence are honored at once.

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**April 21, 2019**

**Worship: 9:30am and 11:30am**

**Easter and Earth | crafted in conversation with UUAA's Climate Action Group**

This year, the holy days of Easter and Earth Day are quite near. In the old story of new life, is there hope for the planet?

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**April 28, 2019**

**Worship: 9:30am and 11:30am**

**Every Body's Church | crafted in conversation with UUAA's Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM)**

Our welcome must grow each time our community does. Where are our growing edges in building the church for every body?



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Installation News



## Installation Events \* Friday-Sunday, April 5-7

Please plan to attend Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti's Installation as our senior minister on Sunday, April 7. There will be a variety of events over the weekend to celebrate this important occasion.

**On Friday, April 5**, after Friday Fun dinner, we'll have a special guest at Friday Fun Night. Professor Wes Napoline, a Unitarian Universalist and research scientist in chemistry, will present a program on "The Intersection of Science and Spirituality." Dinner begins at 6:00pm; programming begins at 7:00pm.

**On Saturday, April 6**, Tret Fure will give a free concert at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Tret is a contemporary singer-songwriter and has worked in the genre known as women's music. This concert is open to the community, so feel free to bring your friends from outside the congregation.

**Sunday, April 7, is Installation Day.** Several special out-of-town guests will join us at our usual Sunday morning services at 9:30am and 11:30am.

**The Installation Service** will be at 4:00pm on Sunday. This is where we, the congregation who called Rev. Manish last April, officially install him as our new senior minister. Rev. Manish and the congregation will formalize our new relationship by making promises to each other.

**Child care** and activities for older kids will be provided during the installation service. If you plan to take advantage of child care or the kids' activities, please send a message to [childcare@uuaa.org](mailto:childcare@uuaa.org) with the age(s) of your child or children.

**After the installation** service, at about 5:30pm, there will be a reception in the Social Hall where you can nibble on Indian and American foods and chat with congregants and special out-of-town guests.

### Some of the guests we're expecting are:

- Rev. Nancy McDonald-Ladd, who preached the sermon at the Sunday morning worship service in Columbus, Ohio, in 2016. She is the author of the recently published book, *After the Good News: Progressive Faith Beyond Optimism*.
- Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom, who co-edited with Rev. Manish the book *Justice on Earth*.
- Elandria Williams, co-moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the facilitator who is working with us in our year-long project to identify our congregation's mission.
- Mr. Barb Greve, co-moderator with Elandria Williams of the UUA.
- Gini and Rev. Wendy Von Courter. Gini Von Courter is a former moderator of the UUA.

If you can, please carpool to church for the installation service. We expect that parking will be tight.



## Pastoral Care Network News

### Pastoral Care Network

We are excited to share updates about the new Pastoral Care Network we are building.

First, we want to share the overall vision for the Pastoral Care Network. It provides an overview of the people and process that will make the network a success. The network is what we are striving toward; a future we hope we can live into overtime. [Click here to view image.](#)



There are two features of the new Pastoral Care Network that deserve highlighting:

- Our definition of Pastoral Care: The embodiment of the love we share for each other, encompassing times of need and joy.
- EVERYONE can give and receive care: In a network, everyone plays a role - congregants, ministers, staff, and group ministries -- in the creation of a thriving beloved community.

We are also sharing our anticipated timeline. We want to be transparent in our process and let you know when you can expect to hear more about the new Pastoral Care Network infrastructure. [Click here to view image.](#)



The New Pastoral Care Team looks forward to building a network that supports the unique and growing needs of the vibrant UUAA community.

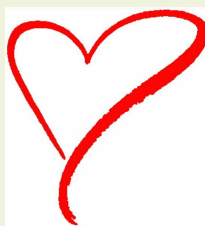
Quiana Perkins  
Social Justice and Pastoral Care Ministries Coordinator  
[quiiana@uuuaa.org](mailto:quiiana@uuuaa.org)

Office hours are Sunday 9:00am-2:00pm; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday noon-9:00am and Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm.



## For Your Calendar

### Memory Loss Caregiver Support \* Wednesday, April 3



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 David 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](mailto:joburleigh@aol.com), Sandy Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com), or Meredith Ley at [meredith1888@gmail.com](mailto:meredith1888@gmail.com).



### Senior Dinner Out \* Wednesday, April 3



UUAA seniors, join us for a night out. We will meet at 6:00 pm at Hot Pot Chen at 2255 West Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. You may just drop in; no reservations are required -- just fun and good conversation to solve the world's problems. Questions? Contact Marie Duke at 734-769-0467 or [omaduke7@gmail.com](mailto:omaduke7@gmail.com).



### Friday Fun Night \* Friday, April 5



# UUAA FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

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

## Playing with Puppets

### This Month's Features

- \* Puppet Storytime with Jan Duncan
- \* Taco bar, salad bar, fruit salad & cupcakes
- \* Guest Speaker: Wes Napoline: "The Intersection of Science and Spirituality"
- \* Craft: Puppet Making!
- \* Movie: Paddington
- \* Tom's Arcade & Game Room
- \* Infant and Toddler Childcare Available



FRIDAYFUNNIGHT@UUAA.ORG

Friday Fun Night regularly serves both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. If you need other dietary accommodations, please email us at [fridayfunnight@uuaa.org](mailto:fridayfunnight@uuaa.org) a week in advance.

### UUAA People of Color Visioning \* Saturday, April 6



In support of the ongoing congregational visioning project, Elandria Williams is hosting a gathering of congregants of color. If you self-identify as a Person of Color, you are invited to meet from 9:30am to 11:00am for caucusing and community building. Please RSVP to Quiana by Monday, April 1. Questions? Email [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

### Mothers & Others Playdates \* Saturdays, April 12 & 26

## Connect with other UU parents & caregivers of young children for play dates, support, nights out & childcare for UU events.

Join us for playdates in the UUAA nursery on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month 10:15-11:15. Join our email list and search for "UUAA Mothers and

Others" on Facebook. Contact us or sign up at the Women's Community Table in the social hall.

Regular participation encouraged but not required. Contact Arika Lyca at 614-507-1161 or [arika.grace@gmail.com](mailto:arika.grace@gmail.com) or Charlene Mangi at 703-624-6643 or [charlene.mangi@gmail.com](mailto:charlene.mangi@gmail.com).



## UUAA Annual Auction \* Saturday, April 13



### Are You Smitten with the Mitten?

Gentle people, start your engines -- the annual auction is 4:00pm to 7:00pm at UUAA. The theme for 2019 is Michigan.

The auction committee is selling tickets, taking donations, and recruiting volunteers every Sunday in the Social Hall during Social Hour. Tickets include a buffet catered by the Moveable Feast, a drink ticket,

and festive evening. The auction is our largest fundraiser so your attendance and bidding serves the ministries and programs of UUAA in a tangible way.

To see what's been donated so far and buy a ticket online, head over to [www.uuaa.org/auction](http://www.uuaa.org/auction) (there is also information at [www.uuaa.org/auctioninformation](http://www.uuaa.org/auctioninformation)). You can donate an item, buy a ticket, or volunteer online. Some of the items already donated are a stay at Mark Doman and Jane Allen's Burt Lake cottage, a group dinner with Rev. Manish at Sandy Simon's house and many other events, items and services.

At the event, there will be silent bidding and a live auction emceed by Bob and Beth Hospadaruk. The Community High jazz band and some of our congregants will provide live music.

What is needed? Like Uncle Sam, we need you. For those of you who've been to the auction, you know that the event is a big production with usually close 200

people attending and many items up for bid. If you can spare a couple of hours to help set up, tear down, bar tend, etc., we would be most appreciative. You can volunteer and still enjoy the food, music, bidding and socializing.

We also need more items for bidding. So if you've always want to channel your inner Swedish chef and host a dinner, please do. If you have a cottage that you would be willing to offer, please do. If you have a skill like financial planning, landscaping, or juggling to donate please do.

Questions? Email [auction@uuua.org](mailto:auction@uuua.org).

## Introduction to Financial & Estate Planning \* Sunday, April 14

Your UUAA Stewardship Committee invites you to the first workshop in a series of events planned to offer financial education to our UUAA community. The first workshop, "Introduction to Financial Planning and Estate Planning," is being held from 1:00pm to 2:00pm in the Jackson Chapel.

This event is intended for all ages and stages -- so whether you're single or a young family, whether you're beginning to consider retirement or considering your legacy, we invite you to come get your questions answered by a panel of three financial and estate planning professionals. John Erdevig is not only a UUAA congregant but also an attorney who has been helping Ann Arbor-area households with estate planning and residential real estate transactions since 1997. During our workshop, John will be helping attendees consider how to start estate planning wherever they are by creating trusts, wills, or using other affordable estate planning services. Toni Wander, also a UUAA congregant, is a Senior Partner and Wealth Planner with Legacy Wealth Partners. Using her 25 years of experience, she will be walking attendees through retirement and investment fundamentals. Jane A. Bassett is an attorney with 25 years of experience in estate planning, Medicaid planning, and Special Needs Trusts. She will be speaking on estate planning and asset protection involving persons with a disability or aging concerns. Child care will be available for this event upon request. Please RSVP or consider sending in your questions ahead of time to Sam Lewis at [samjohnsonlewis@gmail.com](mailto:samjohnsonlewis@gmail.com).

## Healing Justice \* Sunday, April 14

### Challenging Racism Presents *Healing Justice*

Have you wanted to know more about the school-to-prison pipeline and how to disrupt it? Join us for a three-part film viewing followed by discussions of the new World Trust film *Healing Justice*.

Save these dates:



Part 2: Redefining Justice, Sunday, March 31,  
1:00pm-3:00pm in the Fahs Chapel

Part 3: The Power of Healing, Sunday, April 14,  
1:00pm-3:00pm in the Fahs Chapel



Sign up at the Social Justice Table during Social Hour.

Questions? Contact Kathy McLean, [jdkamclean@comcast.net](mailto:jdkamclean@comcast.net),  
Kathy Friedrichs, [kamf@umich.edu](mailto:kamf@umich.edu), or Margaret Pekarek,  
[mdawsonpekarek@gmail.com](mailto:mdawsonpekarek@gmail.com).



## Annual Report Deadline \* Monday, April 15

### 2019 Annual Report

It is time to consider what to share in an annual report about your recognized congregational team's events and activities. The 2018-2019 Annual Report deadline will be Monday, April 15 at 5:00pm.

Recognized congregant team leaders are encouraged to write an annual report. This year's annual report will be online only. Each group's report will appear as a link on the 2018-2019 annual report page.

UUAA staff will not be able to provide editing, so please make sure you've proofed each group's text before sending it in.

Please aim for a word count of no more than 300 words. When appropriate, use bullet lists to encourage others to read what you've shared. Basic elements to include are:

- The recognized team's name.
- The author of the team's report.
- A brief description of the team or ministry.
- A description of how UUAA core values were met by the team.
- Highlights of activities from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.
- Major themes or a few key accomplishments. Your report need not include every detail - just enough to give others the flavor of your group's ministry.
- Names of active participants in the ministry.
- Future ideas, plans, and goals.

Submit each annual report as a Word file to [annualreport@uuaa.org](mailto:annualreport@uuaa.org). Submissions beyond a word count of 300 words will be returned for further editing. Early submissions are very much appreciated.

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## Alpha House Host Week \* Monday-Sunday, April 15-21



Alpha House is a shelter for families experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. Four times per year, UUAA volunteers host a service week at Alpha House, bringing dishes, serving meals, and overseeing children's activity time among other slots!

Sign up online at [tinyurl.com/AHApr19](http://tinyurl.com/AHApr19) for your favorite Alpha House role! We need more than 100 volunteers and \$400 for groceries. New to UUAA or Alpha House? Contact [alphahouse@uuaa.org](mailto:alphahouse@uuaa.org) for more info!

**BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Everyone working with residents (dinner/brunch servers, activity time) **MUST** provide their full legal name including any former legal name (such as a maiden name or birth name). When arriving for your slot (everyone except cooks and maintenance), check in at the front desk where the staff will confirm you have had a background check - or they will complete it on the spot.

**MAINTENANCE:** On Saturday, April 20, we will be cleaning out a bike shed and doing some bike maintenance! Sign up online at [tinyurl.com/AHApr19](https://tinyurl.com/AHApr19) but know you may have to scroll a lot to see the slots for April 20.

**FYI:** Sometimes Alpha House parents work late, so you might not see as many people at dinnertime (or have as many kids at weeknight activity time). Our food is needed, because residents are reheating the food from the dining room refrigerator later at night. To prevent food waste, Thursday, April 18 will be a leftovers night.

**COOKS/DINNER:** Kids are picky eaters and like simple foods (please no green bean casserole). If you are trying to determine the number of servings, we cook for 24 unless otherwise noted. You can find the number of adults and kids, any food allergies, and a list of favorite meals here: (<https://tinyurl.com/AHResidents>). You can see the meals served recently here: (<https://tinyurl.com/AHPastMeals>).

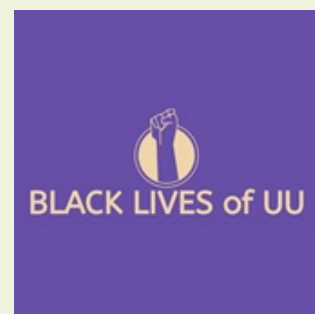
Please note that residents move into housing every week, so the above links are updated regularly. It's helpful if you include a note with your dish to list the ingredients in a food you cooked, or provide the nutrition label with ingredients, of any products or sauces used.

Questions? Email [alphahouse@uuuaa.org](mailto:alphahouse@uuuaa.org).



## BLUU Online Worship \* Sunday, April 21

**Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU)  
Online Worship Watch Event!  
Sunday, April 21, 2019  
Doors Open: 3:45pm  
Discussion to follow the worship service**



*This Worship Service Is Explicitly Black*

BLUU's online worship service is Black sacred space in its entirety -- by and for Black people, with the words and voices of Black folks across the diaspora. We invite Black UU and Black UU-adjacent folks to attend. Please respect this event as a Black safe space. Questions? Contact Quiana at [quiana@uuuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuuaa.org).



## Farm Project Forum \* Sunday, April 28

Who is Farmer Bill, and why do we plant and tend gardens on his property? Spoiler alert - it all benefits Food Gatherers! Join us in the Fahs Chapel at 1:00pm as we get ready to kick off the 8th season in our fight against hunger in Washtenaw

County. Meet Farmer Bill, learn the history of our project, and find out what's new this year. This forum is for new and longtime volunteers, as well as the just plain curious. Snacks will be served. Questions? Contact Colleen Crawley [ccrawley59@gmail.com](mailto:ccrawley59@gmail.com).



## Babies & Bailouts \* Sunday, April 28

UUAA and Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) invite the entire congregation to Babies and Bailouts -- End Money Bail Live Panel Watch Party and Donation Drive at 7:00pm.

Babies and Bailouts is a chance for communities to come together to learn more about the money bail system and also gather much needed baby supplies for women and families being impacted by mass incarceration.

The End Money Bail Panel will feature a diverse range of voices active in the fight to change the money bail system. This campaign will include a facilitated post-panel discussion and donation drive where items for a local partner organization that supports women and families will be collected.

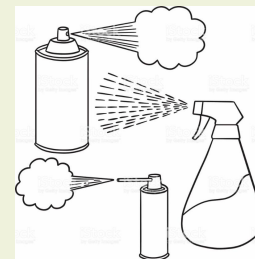
We currently are seeking volunteers to help with all aspects of this amazing event; if you are able to volunteer or have questions, email Quiana Perkins at [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).



## News and Announcements

### Aspiring to Be Fragrance Free

In order to extend our welcoming, we ask congregants, to the best of their abilities, to refrain from using perfumed soaps, moisturizers, colognes, and other fragrances. Our aspiration is to be as accommodating to fragrance sensitivities as possible.



### Humanist Study Groups

#### Are you a Humanist?

Do you believe that we must decide for ourselves what the meaning of our lives are? Do you believe that humans, rather than a supreme being, define morality and ethics? Do you believe that God is created in humans' image? If you answered yes to any of these questions, or if you are unsure of the answers, then consider joining our group as we search for answers to these questions.



Humanism has a long history in our congregation, and a lively group of humanists has been meeting for about 20 years. A current group of

about 20 members gathers on the 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons of the month to discuss topics relating to humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science; the list is long and varied.

The Evening Humanists discuss the same issues, with some of the same participants, but at a time when those who have commitments during the day can attend. The topics will be just as varied and lively. Both groups meet at UUAA.

Currently a major issue for our discussion is making our congregation Freethinker Friendly, to make us a welcoming community for people with all spiritual beliefs, including beliefs that do not include a god or a higher power.

Anyone is welcome at either or both of these meetings.

Wednesday, April 3 and 17 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, April 4 and 18 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Questions? Contact Bruce Gibb at [blgibb@aol.com](mailto:blgibb@aol.com) for information about the Thursday group and Hal Breidenbach at [hal@breidenbach.net](mailto:hal@breidenbach.net) for information about the Wednesday group.



## Immigration Action Coalition Asylum News

On Monday, March 11, UUAA began our journey to actualize our 2017 congregational commitment to immigration justice. We posted bond for an asylum seeker from Central America and moved her into a room in the classroom wing of our building. She has come to us with a background of profound violence and tragedy and has traveled a long way seeking safety. We hope her residency here will allow her the opportunity to begin the process of healing and finding hope, as well as mentally and logistically preparing for a formal asylum hearing.

The UUAA Immigration Action Coalition has been organizing volunteers to help with shopping, transportation, English lessons, and more. They are delighted that so many in our beloved UUAA community have stepped forward. Over 60 people attended the volunteer training session on March 16. Training covers building safety, confidentiality, and cultural sensitivity. If you would like to help and have not yet gone through training, please contact [asylum@uuaa.org](mailto:asylum@uuaa.org).

Please remember to help keep our guest's identity private. Do not post photos or any information about her identity. This will help keep the rest of her family safe.

And thank you to all who pledged to help cover the cost of Sanctuary. As of Wednesday, March 20, pledges for our Sanctuary drive are approaching \$40,000, with about 93% of that amount already realized. Thank you for your generosity in walking with our guest.

As one volunteer who helped prepare for our guest's arrival said, "There's so much hurt in the world, and once in a while, you get an opportunity to ease a small piece of it; this was such a day and time for all of us."

[Learn more about the Immigration Action Coalition at UUAA using this link.](#)





## UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

### UN Commission Report on the Shooting of Protesters in Gaza

An independent commission investigating killings and injuries that occurred at the separation fence between Israel and Gaza recently presented its findings to the UN Human Rights Council. From March 30 to December 31, 2018, Israeli forces shot and wounded 6,016 protestors with live ammunition. 189 people died at the protest sites, 183 from live fire.

"A senior Israeli official recently stated to international media that each and every bullet received authorization by an experienced commander." "...the Commission, however, found that application of lethal force was in the majority of cases authorized unlawfully," said Commission Chair Santiago Canton of Argentina.

"Israeli soldiers killed and gravely injured civilians who were neither participating directly in hostilities nor posing an imminent threat to the Israeli Security Forces, or to the civilian population in Israel. The Israeli Security Forces committed violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. Some of those violations may constitute war crimes or crimes against humanity, and must be immediately investigated by Israel," said Commissioner Kaari Betty Murungi of Kenya.

"Israeli snipers used high velocity bullets and long-range sniper rifles equipped with sophisticated optical aiming devices. They saw the target magnified in their sight and they knew the consequences of shooting, but still pulled the trigger, not once or twice but more than 6000 times", said Commissioner Sara Hossain of Bangladesh. "The snipers killed thirty-two children, three clearly marked paramedics, and two clearly marked journalists. They shot at unarmed protestors, children and disabled persons, and at health workers and journalists performing their duties, knowing who they were," said Hossain.

The demonstrations were almost entirely civilian in nature, with clearly stated political aims. The Commission found no justification for the use of lethal force against protestors posing no imminent threat to those around them.

Questions? Email UJJME chair at [mjagner@yahoo.com](mailto:mjagner@yahoo.com).



### Scrip Program

#### **For those of you who have wondered what the Scrip Program is, but didn't want to take the time to ask**

Scrip is "something that is not currency but that can be used in the same way as money," such as a gift or debit card. By using scrip, congregants earn free money for the church while buying what they would buy anyway. Over 700 retailers participate in the program, offering rebates from 2 to 16%. The Scrip program was budgeted to earn \$7000 last year and earned \$7,186 from scrip sales. If more

congregants participated, we could easily raise this number to \$50,000. All it takes is "intention."

- Arbor Farms is sending us about \$190 each month, just for saying "I support First UU" as you check out (no scrip needed).
- More families are placing online orders with Great Lakes Scrip. This earns them rebates that can be itemized on their income taxes.
- Meijer and Whole Foods scrip (3% rebate) continue to be very popular, as well as People's Food Co-op (5%) and Speedway (4%).
- Busch's program links My Way cards to the church when registered regularly online.
- Income from Kroger's remains steady but low, as their profit margin hovers lower and lower, and requires online enrollment to link your Kroger Plus card to the congregation. (Our organization number is 82740.)
- We are starting to see nice quarterly checks from our participation in the Amazon Smile program. Do you remember to order through Smile? And if you use Amazon scrip to pay for the order, it really adds up!

I am so grateful for the reliable regulars who help at the Scrip Table - Barb Dinan, Jo Dodge, Sara Gibb, Cindy Hegg Krueger, Sara Mathews, and Becky Swank, especially Jo, who helps out multiple times each month, and Becky, who publicizes Scrip Table news and helps Jo fill in for me when I am out of town.

You can help, too. Figure out where you regularly spend your money (groceries, gas, pharmacy, restaurants, and household goods), then come talk to us - especially if you have a major purchase in mind! Questions? Stop by the Scrip Table or contact Carolyn Barber at [cmbarber@umich.edu](mailto:cmbarber@umich.edu).



## Womyn's Retreat | Committee & Workshop Proposals

**Save the Date! Friday-Sunday, September 27-29** at YMCA Camp Copneconic, located in Fenton, MI just 45 minutes north of Ann Arbor. All who identify as women are invited to join us at a welcoming weekend as we "Create Our Stories." The committee is working hard to have registration open by mid-May.

How can you get involved?

- **Join the Womyn's Retreat Committee** - We need several additional energetic, creative, community-building women to help build a wonderful weekend. UU women ages 15+ are encouraged to help. Next meeting is April 7 after 2nd service.
- **Present a Workshop** - Would you like to teach a class at the 2019 Womyn's Retreat? Workshops can be on any topic that would be of interest to UU women and should be 60-90 minutes in length. Any woman age 15+ is welcome to submit a workshop proposal. Submitting a proposal is not a guarantee that your session will be selected. Proposals will be reviewed by the committee, and selections will be made to provide variety and depth in our weekend curriculum.
- **Display your "Womyn's Wares"** - We welcome women crafters, artists, authors, musicians, etc. to bring items they have made to the retreat. We will have a "store" where attendees will be able to view and purchase handicrafts, art, music, and books. Contact Judi Lintott at [jlintott@comcast.net](mailto:jlintott@comcast.net).

- Lead morning yoga or a nature walk
- Sign up to offer massage (must be certified therapist)
- Help plan small group activities and discussions
- Help plan the closing worship
- Take responsibility for the pot-luck snack area

To help with any of these retreat activities, please email Retreat Chair Roen Montalva at [roenmontalva@gmail.com](mailto:roenmontalva@gmail.com).



## Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)



UUSC has been active on the southern border for many years. No More Deaths, active over the last decade, is a UUSC partner. They provide food, water, and medical care to immigrants at the border. In collaboration with the UU Church of Phoenix, they have put forward "Faith Floods the Desert," a faith-based action designed to bring together religious leaders, volunteers, and activists from across the country. It has arranged volunteer placements in El Paso and Tijuana to work with congregations preparing to provide sanctuary.

Another partner organization, Freedom for Immigrants, supports a free hotline that gives those in detention the ability to contact family members, lawyers, and seek other advice. Since its inception in 2016, it has supported more than 20,000 users.

Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), another UUSC partner organization, supports teams of mobile lawyers, provides accompaniment and emergency supplies, and conducts art-based trauma therapy. In the past months, there have been numerous trips to Honduras to oversee elections and provide general support for those working for positive change. There are four staff there working with partner organizations.

Also, the College of Social Justice UUSC partner Foro de Mujeres por la Vida works to facilitate emersion learning whereby adult volunteers learn about factors that so often drive migration, such as violence against women and predatory practices of corporate farming.

Please [join UUSC](#). Your \$40 a year helps to keep this vital organization vibrant, a facilitator of our most important values.

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



## On the Horizon

General Assembly 2019 \* Wednesday - Sunday, June 19 - 23

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify



## UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly will convene June 19-23, 2019 in Spokane, Washington.

annually to send voting delegates. **The 2019 General Assembly will be June 19-23 in Spokane, Washington.** Most General Assembly events will be held in the Spokane Convention Center.

### **The Power of We**

What do we want Unitarian Universalism to be? It is a time when we are asking big questions in our faith, and GA 2019 will be focused on digging into those questions together. It is a critical

chance for congregational leaders and passionate UUs to set new goals and aspirations for our religious community. Help begin to reshape our Association and our congregations in new and powerful ways.

This year's theme is about collective power, "The Power of We," as well as the possibility, the purpose, the struggle, and the joy of what it means to be together in faithful community. In the past two years, Unitarian Universalism has recommitted to the work of liberation inside and outside our faith community. The antidote to a time of dangerous dehumanization is a love that connects us to our deeper humanity. Come to Spokane to experience what our shared faith can become when we embrace the Power of We.

### **Registration and Housing**

GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)

### **Spokane**

The Spokane region is the gateway for adventure and exploration in the Intermountain Northwest. Located driving distance from Glacier National Park and Yellowstone, Spokane is nestled in natural beauty.

Spokane is located on interstate I-90, 110 miles from the Canadian border and 18 miles from Idaho. It is the largest city between Seattle and Minneapolis.

Spokane International Airport (GEG) is serviced by Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, and United Airlines. Nonstop service is offered to 17 destinations, including Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix, and LAX.

Spokane is accessible by rail via Amtrak's Empire Builder route (Chicago - St. Paul/Minneapolis - Spokane - Portland/Seattle). It is also reachable by Greyhound Bus.

### **Excellent Programming**

GA will offer more than 100 programming selections over the course of five days. This year, in addition to Theme-Based Programming, the schedule will feature Role-Based Track Programming, including time for discussion among attendees, sharing inspiring models and stories, and concrete suggestions for how to further the work or "take it home." More programming details are available at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

### **Financial Aid Available**

The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga) in the month of March to learn about scholarships to support delegates - particularly those from marginalized groups - and volunteer opportunities (work in exchange for registration).







Did you know that UUAA has a preschool located right in our church? [Community Day Care](#) (CDC) is a non-profit preschool for children ages 2.5 to 5 and is housed in the lower level of UUAA SGD wing. Based in Ann Arbor for nearly 50 years, CDC's certified teachers use the research-based HighScope curriculum to provide children with hands-on experiences and choice-based play in order to foster social growth, problem solving, and an eagerness to learn and explore. CDC offers flexible scheduling and provides scholarships to families in need. Contact [beth@communitydaycareinc.org](mailto:beth@communitydaycareinc.org) for additional information.



## Welcome to Our Newest Members

### Lee Boeke Burke & John Burke



John is a retired psychologist who worked in rehabilitation with patients recovering from stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, and more. Lee and John have been married for 37 years of almost bliss. They were introduced to UU on Cape Cod and then moved to Wisconsin, where they were deeply involved members of the Appleton Fox Valley Fellowship.

Lee is an artist, gardener, counselor, ex director of Religious Education, and former UU Partner Church Council Outreach Coordinator at Fox Valley. She enjoys meeting new people, swimming, hiking, yoga, travel and spending time with family and friends.

John and Lee moved to Chelsea this past Thanksgiving. They have two adult children who live in Warren, Michigan and Brooklyn, New York.



### Louis & Janet Callaway



Lou and Janet Callaway were brought up in the Congregational and Methodist Churches, respectively. They have been regular attendees of UUAA for over five years.

Lou, born in Chicago, raised in Gary, Indiana, and a graduate of Drake University in Iowa, is a Ford Motor Company retiree. Since moving to Ann Arbor nearly 30 years ago, he has been a member of several non-profit boards as well as the Ann Arbor Rotary Club, serving one term as President.

Janet was born on a farm near Kalamazoo and moved here to attend the U of M. She never left. Over the years her winding career path has included being a professional cellist, an educator, and an organizational development and process improvement consultant. She was director of religious education at UUAA from 1980-1983. She has served on the boards of several non-profits.

Lou and Janet were married in 1994. Collectively they have four children and four grandchildren. They serve as greeters and value the varied opportunities for involvement that this warm and stimulating congregation offers.



## John Chastain



John grew up in St. Clair Shores in his great grandfather's farm house. He spent his childhood there and in the upper thumb area riding motorcycles with his parents, camping and hiking across the Great Lakes region, and reading extensively.

After graduating from Lakeshore High School, John went to work for the city of St. Clair Shores for 32 years, advancing to DPW Sewer Supervisor/DEA certified water operator and he raised two children from preschool to adulthood as a single dad.

John moved to Ann Arbor in 2017 for family reasons and started attending UUAA. He was formerly a member of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Active in environmental and social justice, John is also a member of the ACLU. He still loves reading, the outdoors, and motorcycles.




## Cynthia Dunitz

Cynthia is joyful at finding a congregation that resonates with the values of charity and voluntarism that were instilled in her at a young age as part of being raised in the Jewish faith.

She looks forward to sharing and working with a congregation committed to individual spiritual growth, each other and social justice for the community at large.


Cynthia likes musicals (especially Sondheim), dogs (especially shiba inus) and sharing an occasional anchovy pizza with those of a similar palate. Any takers?



## Laura Johnstone



Arriving in Ann Arbor in 1975 to attend UM, Laura fell in love with the area and never left. She has put her communications degree and skills to use in the labor community and in the private sector for 30+ years, in addition to volunteering for several projects in the arts and nonprofit worlds. She is ecstatic and feels blessed to discover the UUAA community, which completely aligns with her beliefs and values. Laura looks forward to what brings through upholding the covenant of the church.



## Michelle Scott



Michelle moved to Ann Arbor in January. She joined a Unitarian Universalist congregation about seven years ago in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She is from Escanaba, Michigan. Michelle was raised Roman Catholic and is now agnostic. She is interested in world religions, history, and cultures and enjoys the warm outdoors, cooking/baking, unique experiences, and time spent with children. She is a school psychologist and has a cat named Tigger.



## Anna Winder-Chavey



Anna is fourth generation Unitarian Universalist, raised in the Grosse Pointe church. After graduating from the University of Michigan, she moved to California and New York City, where she met her husband and started their furry family that includes two rescued cats and one dog. After marrying in Malibu in May 2017, they were thrilled to find that her husband matched to the Internal Residence program at University of Michigan! Anna's lifelong passion for animal welfare is what fuels her career, working as a consultant for nonprofits and beginning to build her company. She has loved the opportunity to meet people more

intimately through Chalice Circle and volunteer groups and hopes to get to know more of you in the coming years.



## Becoming a Member

If you have completed the Introduction to Our Faith class and are ready to officially join UUAA as a member, please contact Welcome Ministries Hannah Hotchkiss at [hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org) to learn about upcoming signing dates.



## Office and Building News

### Publication Deadlines

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at 5:00pm**

Submissions should be sent as an attachment in Word format and limited to 90 words or fewer. Send submissions to [bulletin@uuaa.org](mailto:bulletin@uuaa.org).

**May Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, April 21 at 9:00am**

All submissions should be sent as an attachment in Word format and limited to 300 words or fewer. Send submissions to [newsletter@uuaa.org](mailto:newsletter@uuaa.org).

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



## Reserving a Room at UUAA

Submit your room requests by using our room reservation form link ([Request a Room](#)) found on the lower right corner of the home page at [www.uuaa.org](http://www.uuaa.org). Completing this form will allow the Room Team to accommodate requests for accessibility needs, room setup, audio/visual equipment, and special arrangements for large groups. Please allow two weeks for requests to be processed.

The UUAA room reservation calendar system is divided into two sessions:

- The **Congregational Program Session** | through Sunday, May 19, 2019
- The **Summer Program Session** | begins Monday, May 20, 2019

Recurring events will be scheduled only within each session. If a recurring event flows into the next program session, a new room reservation request will need to be submitted.

If you are expecting 50 or more attendees, please submit a room request form and allow extra time for your request to be processed, as it will need to be approved by the UUAA staff prior to being placed on the calendar. Questions? Email [room@uuaa.org](mailto:room@uuaa.org).



## Building Hours

**Sunday** | 8:30am to 4:00pm  
**Monday to Thursday** | 9:00am to 9:00pm  
**1st & 3rd Friday** | 5:00pm to 9:00pm  
**Other Fridays** | Closed  
**Saturday** | 9:00am to 4:00pm

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



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