

UUAA May 2019 Newsletter

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Weaving Worship Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship & Music

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UUAA's Worship Planning Team

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

May 5, 2019 Worship: 9:30am and 11:30am Awaken, Commence

What is the process our high schoolers are undergoing to move out of high school and into their next step? How can we as members of their community support our youth as they transition to the next phase of their lives? Come hear the thoughts of members of YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists), our high school youth group, as they speak on how education impacts their lives and the lives of youth around them.

May 12, 2019 Worship: 9:30am and 11:30am Flower Communion

Join us for Flower Communion as we examine the intersection of history and new life. If you're able, please bring a flower to share. We'll also celebrate UUAA's 154th birthday and honor longtime members whose commitment to the

congregation has extended over decades.

May 19, 2019 Worship: 9:30am and 11:30am Together, in Loving Community

Love is a central component building a caring, interconnected community. Join us this Sunday as we explore how we bring alive the spirit of love individually and in our communal lives at UUAA.

May 26, 2019 Worship: 9:30am and 11:30am Learning, Growth, & Evolution

How might our human curiosity fuel our individual and communal learning and growth? Join us this Sunday as we honor the themes of Memorial Day weekend and explore the role of learning and growth in our lives.



Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout Director of Worship and Music glen.thomas@uuaa.org

Slate of Candidates for Board & Leadership Development Positions

2019 Slate of Candidates

Submitted by Leadership Development Team Representative Dixie Hibner

The Leadership Development Team (LDT) is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for election at the June 2 Annual Meeting. There will be additional biographical information about each candidate in your May E-News.

President: Erik Stalhandske Treasurer: Vanessa Campbell Trustee at large: Toni Wander Trustee at large: Erin Krajcik LDT Elected Position: Leigh Robertson

These candidates were selected by the LDT following a careful selection and vetting process. We posted a recommendation form on the UUAA website and used the Sunday Bulletin and a table in the Social Hall inviting nominations from the Congregation. We contacted all eligible suggested candidates to learn a bit more about them and discern their interest in serving. Finally, we interviewed each potential candidate to confirm they would be the best match for the position.

We believe this is an extremely strong field and are pleased to offer this slate to you for confirmation. If you have questions, please email <u>ldt@uuaa.org</u>.

For Your Calendar

Memory Loss Caregiver Support * Wednesday, May 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 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, Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com, or Meredith Ley at meredithl888@gmail.com.

Senior Dinner Out * Wednesday, May 1



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

Vocies of Children: Bee the Change * Sunday, May 5



Support our Chalice Sparks as they end their season with the 3rd annual Voices of Children concert at 4:00pm at Genesis of Ann Arbor (2309 Packard St., Ann Arbor). Voices of Children: Bee the Change is sponsored by the Interfaith Round Table (IRT). The Sparks will be joined by choirs from the Hindu Chinmaya Mission, New Hope Baptist Church, and

St. Clare's Episcopal Church. This event is a wonderful opportunity to hear the Chalice Sparks share our music ministries with the larger interfaith community, experience other choirs from a variety of faith traditions, and support the work of the IRT! Questions? Email the IRT at <u>gbrides@umich.edu</u>.

Friday Fun Night * Friday, May 10



UUAA FRIDAY FUN NIGHT Friday, May 10 6:00pm - 9:00pm

The Outdoors are Great!

This Month's Features

- * Tom's Outdoor Games
- * Meat and Veggie Burgers, Hot Dogs, Broccoli Salad
- * Kid's Movie: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days
- * Craft: Paper Airplanes & Button Flowers
- * Documentary: The Reluctant Radical, followed by
- Q&A with the subject, Ken Ward

* Infant and Toddler Childcare Available

Friday Fun Night regularly serves both vegetarian and nonvegetarian options. If you need other dietary accommodations, please email us at fridayfunnight@uuaa.org a week in advance.

The Reluctant Radical Documentary * Friday, May 10



UUAA Climate Crisis Action Group Presents a Screening of The Reluctant Radical Followed by a Q&A via Zoom with the Subject of the Film, Ken Ward Doors Open at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm Viewing UUAA Sanctuary

"He was told he was crazy, but crazy is sitting idly by as disaster for young people is knowingly locked in." Dr. James Hansen, Climate Scientist

The Reluctant Radical features activist Ken Ward as he confronts his fears and puts himself in the direct path of the fossil fuel industry to combat climate change. Ken breaks the law as a last resort and with great trepidation, to fulfill what he sees as his personal obligation to future generations. After 20 years leading environmental organizations, Ken becomes increasingly alarmed by both the scientific evidence of climate change and the repercussions for civilization as we know it. Ken pushes for a crisis level response and when his efforts fail, he embraces direct action civil disobedience as the most effective political tool to deal with catastrophic circumstances.

The *Reluctant Radical* follows Ken for a year and a half through a series of direct actions, culminating with his participation in the coordinated action to shut down all the U.S. tar sands oil pipelines on October 11, 2016. The film reveals both the personal costs and also the fulfillment that comes from following one's moral calling -- even if that means breaking the law. Ken Ward has no regrets, and his certainty leaves the audience to consider if he is out of touch with reality, or if it is the rest of society that is delusional for not acting when faced with the unsettling prospect that we are collectively destroying our world.

To view the trailer, use this link: <u>https://vemeo.com/248062039</u>.

All are welcome. Questions? Contact Ruth Mohr at mohr@pasty.net.

Mothers & Others Playdate * Saturday, May 11

Mothers and Others | For Caregivers of Young Children

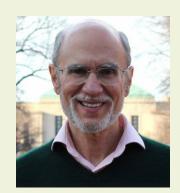
This growing group connects parents, guardians, and other caregivers of young children for support and fellowship. Join us for play dates from 10:15am to 11:15am in the nursery on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Join our Facebook group by searching UUAA Mothers and Others and join our email list to find other opportunities to connect. We hope to see you! Questions? Email Arika at arika.grace@gmail.com or Charlene at charlene.mangi@gmail.com.

People of Color Potluck * Saturday, May 18



Please make plans to join congregants of color from 12:30pm to 2:00pm for a potluck. Bring a dish with ingredients listed to share. This social event is being hosted to foster connections and fellowship among the UUAA people of color. Questions? Email <u>guiana@uuaa.org</u>.

Victimization and Demonization * Sunday, May 19



Victimization and Demonization | A View of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

2:00pm-3:30pm, UUAA Sanctuary

Prof. Lieberman will provide an historical and contemporary overview of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict based on a course that he teaches at the University of Michigan, a course popular with students of diverse ethnic, religious, and political backgrounds. His talk will consider origins of the conflict, self-images and

grievances held by the two sides, and barriers to resolution. A Q&A will follow the presentation.

Speaker: Professor Victor B. Lieberman, Raoul Wallenberg Distinguished University Professor of History and Professor of Asian and Comparative History at the University of Michigan.

Biography: Prof. Lieberman graduated first in his class from Yale University and obtained his doctorate from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London. His prize-winning books focus on comparisons between the histories of Asia and Europe.

This forum is sponsored by the Unity Group at UUAA, which promotes understanding and community by sponsoring intellectual and cultural programs representing a range of religious perspectives.

Questions? Contact the UUAA Unity Group at unitygroup@uuaa.org.

BLUU Online Worship * Sunday, May 19

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) Online Worship Watch Event! Sunday, May 19, 2019 Doors Open: 3:45pm Discussion to follow the worship service

(Note: Sunday, June 16 is the last BLUU Online Worship Watch before Summer Break)

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 <u>quiana@uuaa.org</u>.

News and Announcements

Alpha House News



Thank You, Alpha House Volunteers & Donors!

A great big thank you to the many people who donated meals, money, and/or time to the April host week at Alpha House, a shelter for homeless families. Without your contributions, Alpha House would not be able to do all it does for our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. Our next host week is June

24-30, and we will be signing up volunteers and taking donations in the Social Hall during Social Hour starting June 2.

Our appreciation goes to the following volunteers: Paul Albanese, Catherine Archibald, Angela Barber, Delphine Benard, Ilene Beninson, Jon Boyd, Ann Brennan, Lara Brown, Carol Cramer, Patty Danks, Tracy Darrow, Fran Dew, Dee Dishon, KT Doud, Richard Douglass, Barron Evans, Sandy Eyl, Diane Fead, Robin Fowler, Steven Fowler, Barb Gales, Ed Gardner, Candace Gilet, Lora Girata, Tom Gottsman, Lucy Graff, Liz Hartley, Mary Ann Hergenrother, Carli Hildebrandt, Marian Horowitz, Amy Hortop, Laura Johnstone, Emmanouil Kioupakis, Jim Lee, Christine LePottier, Yves LePottier, Mary Locey, Sara Mathews, Angela Menegay, Cathy Muha, Jonathan Njus, Edward Norton, Christine Pellar, Shannon Petty, Sally Preston, Betsy Price, Susan Randall, Tim Richards, Mark Sanderson, Sandy Simon, Brandy Sinco, Tricia Smith, Elinore Sommerfeld, Carey Swanson, Julie Tanguay, Jane Theriault, Spencer Thomas, Elle Tivine, and Terri Wilkerson. In addition to all the volunteer hours, a total of \$355 was collected from donors.

Special thanks to the 7th grade class and their adult leaders and parents for hosting seasonal arts and crafts, the Fowler family who hosted cookie decorating, and the team of folks who helped with outdoor grounds clean-up.

Questions? Contact UUAA Alpha House Coordinators at alphahouse@uuaa.org.

Habitat for Humanity



Our interfaith group of 17 congregations, the Good News House group, has been working together since 1997 and has helped 33 families (70+ children) move into affordable, energy efficient housing. We help families, neighborhoods, and the environment -and we laugh and have fun doing it.

2019 Work Days

This year, because of the great response from other congregations, we only have three work days scheduled:

Saturday, May 18 Saturday, June 8 Friday, June 14 Meet at 2716 Woodruff Lane, Ypsilanti. Each work day begins at 8:30am and ends at 3:30pm. The congregations working that day bring a lunch at 11:30am.

How You Can Help

Work on Site - No experience is necessary and all tools and equipment are provided. Stop by the Habitat Table during Social Hour on Sundays after services or visit <u>uuaa.org/H4H</u> to sign up.

Make Lunches for Workers - Any age can help make lunch and our workers always appreciate the wonderful food that arrives mid-day.

Contribute to Pay for Materials - Our goal this year is \$7500. This will be added to the contributions from the other 16 congregations to help pay for the materials and contracted work on the houses.

Special Activities

This year, because of the great response from other congregations, we only have three work days scheduled, but there will be a couple Community Development Activities planned. More details will follow. (See it first at <u>uuaa.org/H4H</u>.)

Habitat Classes

Habitat Huron Valley now offers classes in credit counseling and home maintenance.

Stop by the Habitat Table in the Social Hall during Social Hour to learn more about any of the above.

We have room on our committee for more volunteers. If you are interested, contact us at <u>habitat@uuaa.org</u> or call Mike Muha at 734-717-4627.

Joint Statement | Board President, Senior Minister, & IAC

UUAA Posts Bond for a Successful Asylum Seeker Joint Statement April 21, 2019

The week of April 15, the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor (UUAA) deepened our commitment to support those seeking asylum in the United States. On April 16, UUAA, in collaboration with multiple justice seeking partners, helped provide bond for an individual from Honduras who was seeking asylum in the United States.

This individual, who identifies as queer, was fleeing violence in their home country and faced the prospect of being murdered if they returned to Honduras. After a long journey by foot and five months in federal detention, UUAA was able to help secure this individual's release on bond.

Two days later, on April 18, this individual had their formal immigration hearing, at which adjudication of their asylum claim occurred. Remarkably, with the case being decided by a fairly conservative federal judge, one with an 18% approval rate for asylum petitions, the individual we helped release on bond was approved for asylum in the United States. This individual can now begin building a new life in the US and will eventually be able to petition to have their children join them here.

During a time in which we honor the spring season and the new life that it brings, we can all take pride in our UUAA commitment to justice. Together, we have helped an individual fleeing violence gain a new lease on life and given them the opportunity to build a future filled with renewed hope and possibility.

We thank the UUAA community for its deep and embodied commitment to justice - what a joy it is to help make this difference together!

On behalf of the UUAA leadership,

The Reverend Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Senior Minister Mr. Erik Stalhandske, President, UUAA Ms. Cheryl Valentine, Chair, UUAA Immigration Action Coalition

Immigration Action Coalition | Asylum-Seeking Guest

Reflections on Supporting Our Asylum-Seeking Guest by Cesilie Cordovilla

Four inches of snow fell the day we drove three hours to find her trembling, alone. I had 15 questions and the answers were quick...12 minutes left and I asked her not to go. We sat together just to sit. As they took her away, I worried she would never meet an American who told her they loved her and they wanted her here, so I did. She didn't raise her face from the floor. Desperate for an end, she would soon be put in solitary for "high alert." But soon we would speak late at night through screens about her options and soon you stood up. You said, "Not today." You said, "You won't break her. We won't let you." You showed up and meant every word.

Then it's 6:30am, and the caravan of purple and turquoise clad open hearts make the journey to see her...having to stand in below freezing wind due to ruthless policies. Then you were patiently herded from here to there and back. And when the time came you filed into the courtroom, filling every open space. You showed up and made your loving presence known.

She was small and swimming in the orange scrubs on the screen in the courtroom. We waved. That day we won and yet thought we had lost somehow all at once. But you said, "Fine. What do we do now?" Little did we know that we would prevail. Just six days later she would be in our arms. You would have the chance to embrace her.

The next 17 days were joyful, painful, fun, sad, sweet, stressful, enlightening, and more than we knew how to handle, but you did. You slept on sofas, made calls, made tea, gave of yourself and your finances, learned a ton of Spanish, accepted when you were not wanted in the moment, smiled, fixed cell phones, kept our guest confidential, waved, cried, drove, gave massages, meditated, and laughed. You showed up in every way and more ways than we even know. I know that.

Our guest found a family in us and had time to breathe in and among our sanctuary. She found a place to rest before she truly flies free. Today I saw a spark in her I hadn't seen before; I saw a woman finding her own strength now and planning for her future herself. She may not be with us physically any more, but we are now a part of each other.

You, my church and my home, are a living love letter to our guest and every

immigrant stuck at the border just trying to live another day. What we did here was on a small and personal scale, but have no doubt that what we really said is "You won't break them all. We won't let you."

Epilogue: Our guest is now legally residing with her biological family in the US as she awaits her asylum hearing, thanks to the actions of our beloved UUAA community.

Pastoral Care News

I am excited that Spring has arrived. I am also excited to introduce the new Pastoral Care Team! Their mission is simple: to facilitate the giving and receiving of care and support within the beloved community. This team will focus on coordinating requests for care, assuring they are met in a timely manner. Their work is critical to the success of the pastoral care network and overall health of the congregation. We are thankful for their service.

Sandy Breck has been a member of UUAA for 25+ years and practiced nursing for even longer. She's a master rain gardener and a happy grandmother.

Donna Clark was a member of UUAA in the 1980s and returned in 2017 after retiring from 30 years of practicing social work in Grand Rapids, the last 11 years in hospice and home health. She enjoys gardening and singing with the Detroit Women's Chorus

Judi Marks is a native of Western NY and a graduate of SUNY at Buffalo. She was a school counselor and a hospice volunteer before moving to Ann Arbor.

Priscilla Spencer is a long-time UUAA member who has enjoyed serving the congregation in many capacities over the years. She has worked professionally with nonprofit organizations in program development and evaluation, primarily with health and education programs. She brings her experience caring for both her aging parents.

Karl Sikkenga was born in Oceana County, Michigan, the self-styled Asparagus Capital of the World. Once, while leading a school trip to Lansing, he was thrilled to meet the 2016 Asparagus Queen. The father of fantastic daughters, Karl is also a school administrator, teacher, actor, director, musician, and footballer.



Quiana Perkins Social Justice and Pastoral Care Ministries Coordinator

Social Justice Council (SJC) News



On behalf of the entire UUAA congregation, we want to thank Connie McGuire for her time as the Social Justice Council Chair. In her tenure, Connie worked hard at offering ongoing support, connection, and communication for 20 social justice groups.

Along with her husband Tim, she is looking forward to spending time with her daughter Elizabeth, who is expecting a child in late summer, and enjoying her daughter Alice's wedding in early winter.

Thank you Connie for your leadership!

Sharing the Collection



Your contributions make a difference! The Sharing the Collection Committee is happy to share the good news: On April 7, we raised \$3,240 for <u>Children's</u> <u>Literacy Network</u>.

In 2018, we raised almost \$29,000 to benefit non-profit organizations in Washtenaw County who are serving the

needy and the disadvantaged. Help us do even better in 2019: Mark your calendar for these upcoming collections:

- May 5, to benefit Habitat for <u>Humanity Huron Valley</u>.
- June 2, to benefit the Foundations Preschool.

Do you know a community-service organization in Washtenaw Country that would like to apply to be one of our recipients in 2020? Have them fill out the form located on our webpage: <u>bit.ly/sharingthecollection</u>.

Are you not able to attend services on the Sunday of Sharing the Collection? You can mail a check to the church (4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103). Note "Sharing the Collection" in the memo line.

The Sharing the Collection Committee: Bob Dinan, Jan Duncan, Casey Jackson, Glenn Kime, and Fran Lyman

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

Volunteer Thank You



We extend deep gratitude to all of the many congregants who made April 2019 at UUAA so special. From Installation weekend to the Annual Auction, the building has been bursting with energy, beautiful decorations, good food, joyous music, and good fellowship. We appreciate all you do!

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)



Migrant Children at the Border and Beyond

LUSC Dedicated UUs from across the country are working to understand and change the situation of detained children. There are nearly 15,000 children currently in the system.

UUSC and its partners have been actively working to end family separation and to monitor the situation of these children separated from their families. Focusing on child detention centers, UUSC has supported groups protesting at Tornillo detention tent camp in Texas. After months of on-site protest, they finally succeeded in getting it closed.

Recently, Dottie Matthews, a minister from a UU church in Columbus, Missouri, representing UUSC, was invited to tour Homestead temporary housing facility. Housing about 1600 youth, this is a for-profit facility categorized as "emergency" influx center." Because it is located on federal land in Florida, this facility is exempt from the same standards and oversight as licensed shelters for unaccompanied minors. These are not, in fact, unaccompanied children but separated children. There are no organized activities and, with regard to education, there are no books and no instructors. She found that the adults in these facilities are generally dedicated to the wellbeing of the children but are hamstrung by various regulations. At 18, children age out and are transferred to adult detention where they await deportation.

Questions? Email Quincy at gnorthrup@gmail.com.

On the Horizon

General Assembly 2019 | Spokane * 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 annually to send voting delegates.

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

Spokane, Washington

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 rolebased 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 <u>www.uua.org/ga.</u>

Most General Assembly events will be held in the Spokane Convention Center. **Financial Aid Available**

The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to <u>uua.org/ga</u> 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).

20th Annual Men's Retreat - Save the Date



Please join us for the 20th Annual UUAA Men's Retreat to be held September 21-23 at Judson Collins Retreat Center (45 minutes west of Ann Arbor). This year's theme will be resilience. We are looking for group leaders and workshop leaders.

Scholarships are available. Registration begins in August. Questions? Email Jim Schaefer at jim@jvscontrols.com.

Did You Know...?



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Did you know that Rev. Lindasusan is the liturgist for the Sunday morning worship service at this year's General Assembly in Spokane, WA?

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Sharyn Rose



Hello, I am very blessed to be part of this community. If you would like to know more about me, or tell me about yourself, please come say hello before or after our Sunday gathering.

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 Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at 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 <u>bulletin@uuaa.org</u>.

June Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, May 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.Â

Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at

hannah@uuaa.org.

Reserving a Room at UUAA

Summer Room Reservations

We will begin accepting all room reservations for the Summer Program Session on May 1.

As a reminder, the UUAA room reservation calendar system is divided into two sessions:

Summer Program Session

(Sunday, May 26, 2019 - Saturday, Sept 7, 2019) **Building Hours** Sunday | 9:00am - 4:00pm 2nd and 4th Monday | 9:00am - 9:00pm Monday - Wednesday | 9:00am - 5:00pm Thursday | 9:00am - 9:00pm Saturday | 9:00am - 12:00pm

Congregational Program Session

(Sunday, Sept 8, 2019 - Saturday, May 23, 2020) Building Hours Sunday | 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday - Thursday | 9:00am to 9:00pm 1st and 3rd Fridays | 5:00pm to 9:00pm Other Fridays | Closed Saturday | 9:00am to 4:00pm

To submit a room request use the <u>Request a Room</u> link found at <u>www.uuaa.org</u> on the lower right corner of the home page. Completing this form allows us to accommodate accessibility needs, room setup, audio/visual equipment, and special arrangements for large groups.

Starting July 1, 2019, we will begin accepting room requests for large events expecting over 50 attendees for the Congregational Program Session. All other room requests for the Congregational Program Session will be accepted starting August 1, 2019.

Consider these when planning your event:

- Recurring events are scheduled within each session. If a recurring event flows into the next program session, a new room reservation request will need to be submitted.
- For events expecting 50 or more attendees, allow extra processing time, as it will need to be approved by staff prior to being placed on the calendar.
- Room reservation requests during Sunday Service hours are restricted to those that:
 - anticipate 15 or fewer participants and
 - are timed to allow those participants to attend one full Sunday service.
- The Sanctuary room may be available for scheduled use one hour before and/or one hour after any scheduled events.
- Check the UUAA calendar as a guide, since other requests may affect your approved times.

