



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

UUA Monthly Newsletter | October 2020



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Worship

Join us at uuaa.org/service.

Each week we worship together, we gain new insights and wisdom on how to be a people of prophetic, transformational, justice-seeking faith. Join us on YouTube with live chat on Sundays at 11:30am Eastern, or at any time throughout the week at your convenience.

Click on any Sunday to RSVP to the Facebook event and join the discussion online!

[Sunday, October 4](#)

[Sunday, October 11](#)

[Sunday, October 18](#)

[Sunday, October 25](#)

To view or listen to past Sunday Services, [click here](#).



If you would like to contribute to the Weekly Offering, [click here](#).

Programs & Ministries

Senior Minister



[Creativity, Depth, and Sustainability in the Pandemic Era](#)

As the new church year begins in the midst of a global pandemic, and as a new vision for UUAA emerges, we know one thing for certain: our ministries are vital, and they will never be the same again. **[Please take time to read this letter to the UUAA community](#)** from Rev. Manish.

Congregational Life



[Welcome UU Back Week, Revisited](#)

Read a note from our Coordinator of Congregational Life Quiana Perkins on the very successful Welcome UU Back Week program and more ways to stay connected in the upcoming month.

[Read her letter here.](#)

Pastoral Care



[A Note from Your Congregational Chaplain](#)

I am writing this on the first day of Autumn, and that reminds me of how much change is happening around me - in the seasons, in the world, within this UUAA community... **[Read the full letter here.](#)**

Spiritual Growth & Development



[Flexibility, Support, and Community - Spiritual Growth and Development](#)

Faced with a storm of unprecedented scale, we find ourselves facing two critical questions: How do our programs best emulate the flexibility and resilience of a green reed, and how do we best serve our families who are most struggling with issues of connection and community?

[Click here to find our response](#) and learn about what the spiritual growth and development team has planned for this year!



Congregational Groups

UUs for Justice in the Middle East

[Read the UJJME update](#) on prioritizing human rights in our investments and President Susan Frederick-Gray's recent sign-on to a letter opposing Israeli annexation of Palestinian land.

UUCivs

We're about a month away from Election Day. [Read the UUCivs updates](#) about in-person voting events, the Voting Access for All Coalition, and how you can support the election by signing up to be paid as a poll worker (even if you're 16 or 17)!

Habitat for Humanity

[Read this update from Habitat for Humanity](#) and find out how you can volunteer.

Get Involved With UUA

Chalice Circles



Newcomer Chalice Circle

October 17

Newcomer Chalice Circles are a great opportunity to connect with the UUA community on a deeper level, through small group ministry.

[Read more and learn how to register here!](#)

Multicultural Outreach Ministries



Multicultural Outreach Ministries which supports Black Congregants@UUA and POC Gatherings will host an October business meeting Thursday October 15, 2020 7:00 pm ET. All those who identify as Black, Indigenous or a person of color are welcome to attend the meeting. This meeting will focus on voting for leadership and setting the

agenda for the remainder of the 2020-2021 program year.

The zoom link is provided by request, quiana@uuaa.org.

Introduction to Our Faith



Do you want a deeper understanding of our congregation's history? Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism? Are you ready to take the next step towards becoming a member of UUAA?

[Learn how to participate](#) in the next Introduction to our Faith class, offered on October 17th and 24th.

This class is a prerequisite towards membership at UUAA.

[Read more here.](#)

Regional/National Updates

DRUUMM Update



Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries is holding the annual Fall Gathering October 9-11, 2020.

This year's theme is Live, Work, Love, Create! The keynote speaker is Leslie Mac.

Registration information can be found at <http://druumm.org>.

MidAmerica Update

**MidAmerica
Region**



Are you looking for a deeper way to engage with Unitarian Universalist leadership? There are positions open on the MidAmerica Board of Trustees, Camp Unistar Foundation Board of Directors, Midwest Unitarian Universalist Conference (MUUC), and the MidAmerica Nominating Committee.

[Learn more about becoming a candidate here.](#)

UUAA News

Zoom Updates

Getting Started with Zoom

Use this [link for a quick tutorial to get started with Zoom.](#)

Accepting Reservations Now!



[Submit your Zoom room reservations here.](#)
Questions? Email Debita Graham
at room@uuaa.org.

Sharing the Collection



Sharing the Collection Your Contributions Make a Difference!

Do you know an organization interested in Sharing the Collection from UUAU in 2021? Non-profits wishing to be considered for our

Sharing the Collection program should complete this **simple form**. We will then email the application once it is ready (Mid-October). Applications are accepted until November 27th for the funding period beginning in January 2021. Non-profit organizations that serve or advocate for predominately disadvantaged families and individuals living in Washtenaw County are urged to apply.

Your contributions make a difference!

The Sharing the Collection committee is happy to share the good news: On August 2nd we raised \$1065 to benefit the [the Michigan Prison Doula Initiative](#).

Mark your calendar for these upcoming collections:

- Sunday, October 18, to benefit the [Liberty Club](#).
- Sunday, November 1st, to benefit [IHN/Alpha House](#).

While we gather on Sunday virtually, please mail your check to UUAU (4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103) with Sharing the Collection and the name of the organization in the memo line.

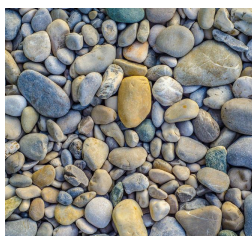
[You can also contribute to Sharing the Collection Online.](#)

For more information about what we do on the Sharing the Collection committee, please check our page at uuaa.org/sharingthecollection to see a list of all of our upcoming 2020 recipients.

Please contact sharecollection@uuaa.org with any questions or suggestions.

The Sharing the Collection committee: Jan Duncan, Casey Jackson, Glenn Kime, Fran Lyman, Jim Marks, Mary Phelps, Kate Warner

Submitting to UUA Communications



Submitting to the Weekly News & Monthly Newsletter

All recognized UUA groups may publicize UUA events and news in the Weekly News and Monthly Newsletter.

Weekly News Deadline

Tuesdays at 5:00pm

Make submissions of 90 words or fewer to communications@uuaa.org. If your group is advertising an event, please be sure to include the name of the event, date, time, and contact information to field questions. Please make your room reservation or Zoom room reservation before advertising an event. Note that during the stay-at-home order, we are not strictly limited to the 90 word limit; however we do ask that you stay in close range of that.

Monthly Newsletter Deadline

The 21st of the Previous Month at 5:00pm

Submissions of 300 words or fewer can be sent to communications@uuaa.org

If you have any questions about our weekly or monthly news, contact Communications Ministry Specialist Kari Gottfried at kari@uuaa.org.

UUA Links:

[UUA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUA](#)
[Make Your Pledge](#) | [UUA Events Calendar](#)

More Connections...

[UUA.org](#) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](#)
[Side With Love](#) | [UUCSJ](#) | [DRUUMM](#) | [BLUU](#)

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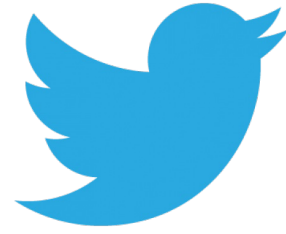
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