



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

UUAA June 2020 Newsletter

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Worship



Sunday Services via Zoom Sundays | 11:30am

Sunday Worship Services can be viewed using this link: www.uuaa.org/service.

Sunday Social Time Follows Immediately After Each Service

Join fellow congregants for a virtual Social Time via Zoom. Participants will be broken into small chat rooms. So grab a cup of coffee and use this link: www.uuaa.org/socialhour.

NOTE: The links above will activate close to the event time.

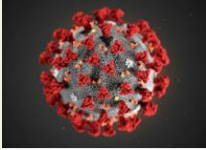
View or Listen to Past Sunday Services: [click here](#).



If you missed last week's offertory link and would like to make an offering, [click here](#).

UUAA COVID-19 Survey - Input Requested

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From UUAA's COVID-19 Advisory Team

Dear friends:

As mentioned in Rev. Manish and Erik Stalhandske's video message from May 21 (if you have not seen it, please [click here](#)), our UUAA COVID-19 Advisory Team would like to request your input regarding needs and considerations we all might need to keep in mind for whenever the time may be right for UUAA to gradually recommence some level of in-person activity.

We request that prior to completing the survey, you please review, if at all possible, the Resources Page that our Team has put together, which includes important and relevant public health information for our community. You may [review those resources by clicking here](#) .

When you are ready to complete the Survey, please [click here](#).

As a special thank you for participating in this reflection process, we will be randomly giving away ten signed copies of Rev. Manish's new edited anthology, *Conversations with the Sacred*. Those who have fully completed the survey by May 31 or earlier will be entered in this drawing.

With great care and affection for our community,

Members of UUAA's COVID-19 Advisory Team,
comprised of Jim Lee, Laura Bauman, Tom Reischl, Jim Marks, Cassi Hartley, Lindasusan Ulrich, Quiana Perkins, and Manish Mishra-Marzetti



Upon Reflection

When I imagined my last few months
of ministry with you, it didn't look



anything like this.

I pictured gathering in the Young Room for meetings and walking through the SGD wing during Friday Fun Night. I expected to watch the daffodils and irises unfold by the front door. I looked forward to participating in one last BIGsing. I imagined hugs and handshakes in the receiving line after Sunday services.

These days, hugs and handshakes feel like something from an alternate universe. The SGD wing sits empty and the sanctuary remains silent. Are the irises still blooming? I just don't know.

Here's what I do know: for the last five years, I have thanked my lucky stars over and over for bringing me to UUAA. I've never taken my good fortune for granted. Journeying with this congregation and this staff has transformed me in ways that elude language. To say I'm grateful barely scratches the surface.

You will always be the congregation that ordained me. You will always be the congregation that helped me attain Full Fellowship. You will always be woven into the fabric of my ministry.

While we can't say our goodbyes in person, we can send each other off with love for whatever lies ahead. So until we meet again, my friends, go with courage and with kindness, and be a blessing to the world.

Peace,
Rev. Lindasusan



For Your Calendar

Annual Meeting * Sunday, May 31

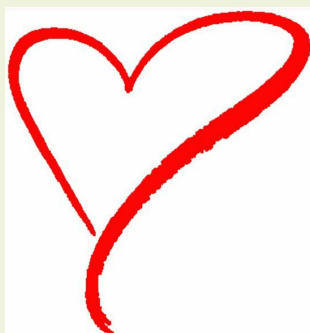


Annual Meeting via Zoom Sunday, May 31, 11:30am

Attend this important Annual Meeting when we vote for new Board and Leadership Development team members, review the past year, and plan for the year ahead. To view candidate bios, the agenda, minutes from last year, and other pertinent information, [click here](#).



Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group * Wednesdays, June 3 & 17



The virtual edition of the UUA Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group will be meeting Wednesdays, June 3 and 17 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

The Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group, sponsored by the UUA Pastoral Care Team in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, meets regularly the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you are caring for a loved one and looking for support as you navigate the world of Alzheimer's or dementia, please call Meredith Ley at 734-717-0213 or email Meredith at meredithl888@gmail.com.

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.



Multicultural Outreach * Thursdays, June 11 & 25



**Black Congregants at UU + POC Gathering
Zoom Meetup
Thursdays, June 11 & 25 and July 9 & 23
NEW TIME: 6:00pm**

We are creating community space to be heard, heal, and help each other.

This inclusive BIPOC event will include a chalice lighting, reading, and space to dialogue.

Families are encouraged to attend!

You must request the zoom link by emailing Quiana Perkins at Quiana@uuaa.org.



Friday Fun Night Via Zoom * Friday, June 12



**Friday Fun Night Zoom Talent Show
Friday, June 12, 7:00pm**

UUs Got Talent! Show us what you've got! All ages are welcome to perform an act of up to 4 minutes--show us a magic trick, sing a song, play a piece, dance, perform a skit....

Please note that adult supervision of Zoom management is requested. We have space for 12 acts. There will be a space to sign up as an alternate if the first 12 spots are filled. [Signup here](#). Zoom link to participate and attend will be posted closer to the event time.

Questions? Email FridayFunNight@uuaa.org.

UUAA Men's Zoom Gathering * Saturday, June 13



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Are you missing meaningful discussions with other UU men? Join us for a free online gathering via Zoom. We will meet as a large group and then breakout into moderated topical discussion groups of your choosing. Connect with your computer or telephone.

Register to choose your discussion topic (see list below) and to provide your contact details. We will send you instructions by email a few days before the event.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/PDKTLhRVtpib7VQK9>
Questions? Email MensCouncil@uuaa.org.

Discussion topics:

- How has the pandemic impacted your well being and plans for the future?
- What are the public policy and social justice lessons we are learning from our current experience?
- What parenting challenges have you encountered and how can we support each other through it all?
- What unexpected joys or discoveries have you made in the last few months?

Alpha House * Monday-Sunday, June 22-28



Alpha House is an emergency shelter for families temporarily experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County and is the only family and children shelter in Washtenaw County.

Our host week is June 22-28. UUAA donates dishes for dinner each night during our host week and hot breakfast on

weekends. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/AHJune20>.

Financial donations are also needed, as we will be purchasing additional cleaning supplies and prepared foods for some meals in addition to our usual supply run. On the signup, you will see opportunities to sponsor a dinner (\$20 to \$30) or sponsor supplies (\$10-\$50). Every contribution counts! Your donation can be made at <http://uuaa.org/giving>.

COVID-19 update: With the stay at home order lifting, Alpha House staff are helping us adjust to the new normal. Once in-person volunteer shifts are added, we will be expected to wear masks inside and be temperature checked when we arrive. Hand Sanitizer is available and all surfaces are being disinfected multiple times each day. As the host week draws near, our committee will be in touch with the staff to get any last-minute updates for our volunteers. If you or your family is sick, contact your coordinator at Sandy.eyl@gmail.com to let her know you will be staying home.

Food donors: You can drive up outside and call 734-822-0220 for Alpha House staff to come out and receive your dish. You can ask them to put the cart outside for contactless drop-off. The cart is disinfected multiple times each day.

New to UUAA or Alpha House volunteering? Contact AlphaHouse@uuaa.org for questions.

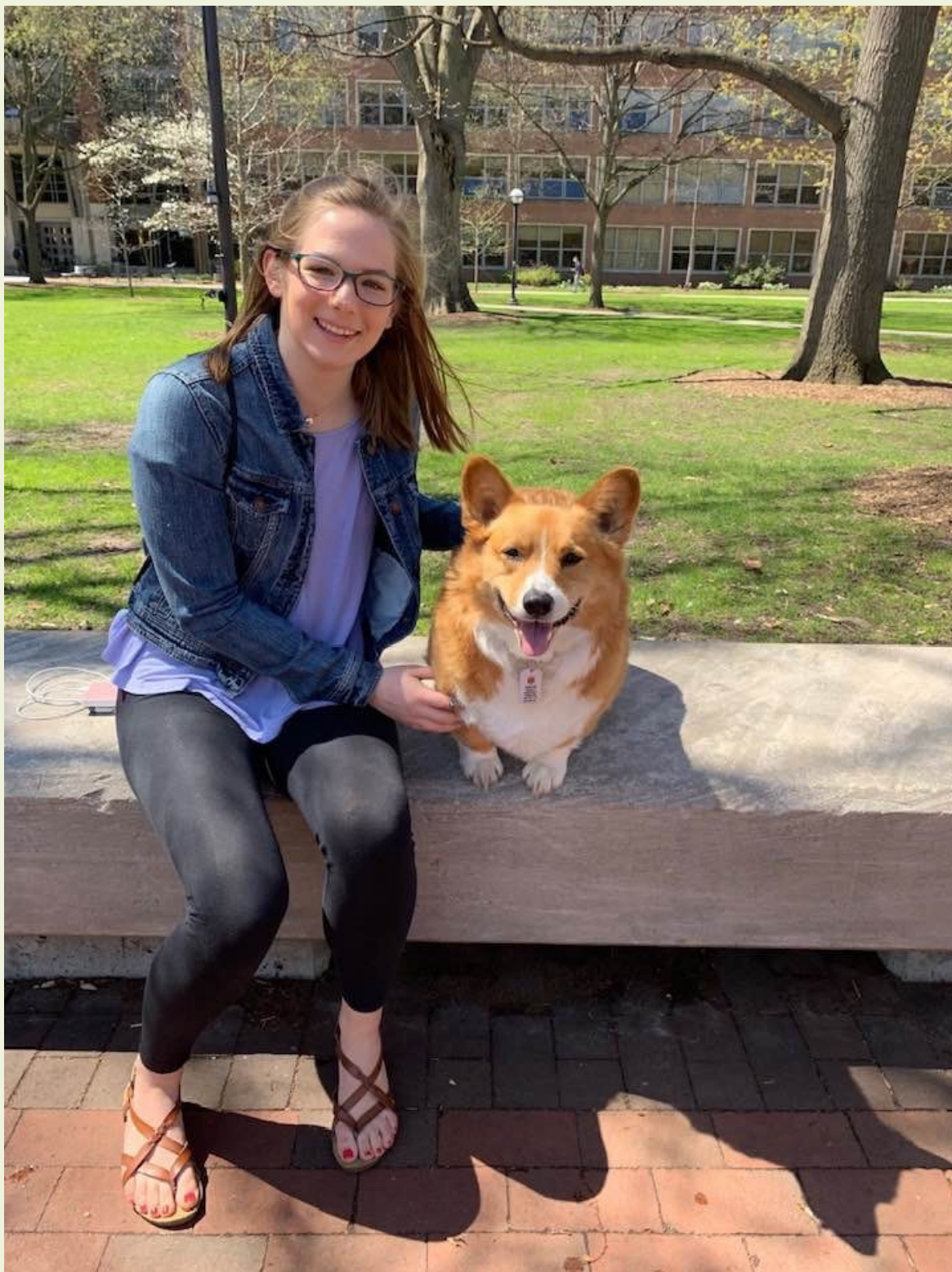


News and Announcements

Welcome Summer Interns

Summer Intern Zoe Bultman

We have engaged the Graham Sustainability Institute at the University of Michigan to work with us to develop a road map to make our facilities and site carbon neutral. As part of this project, Graham is funding a Summer Internship for Zoe Bultman to lead the study. Zoe is working with Ed Lynn and Elizabeth LaPorte, who manages the Graham Sustainability Scholars Program.



Zoe's bio:

I'm a UM Graham Sustainability Scholar finishing a dual-degree B.S. in Economics and Environment with a minor in Applied Statistics. Outside of academics, I am the vice president of the Michigan All-Girl Cheer & STUNT team, tutor for the Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives, and assist in research for various university departments and colleges. After graduation, I plan to work in sustainability consulting or

for an environmental NGO. My passion for stewardship is motivated by the time I spent outdoors growing up: I went to a nature center theme school in Grand Rapids, MI, and have spent several summers as both a camper and counselor at Stony Lake Lutheran Camp. Through this camp counselor job, I discovered my preference for working with faith-based organizations. The mission-driven and volunteer-based models often lead to dedicated, selfless, and passionate teams, which are crucial traits for implementing sustainability successfully. I'm thrilled to be helping with UUAA's goal for a greener congregation!

Summer Intern Kari Gottfried

We are so excited to welcome Kari Gottfried as an intern for this summer! Kari is completing this internship for undergraduate college credit and to help prepare for her future ministry. Due to restrictions her college put into place in light of the pandemic, Kari will be completing the internship online from her home state of Oregon. She will be supervised by Rev. Cassandra Hartley, but she will be working closely with the entire staff and many community leaders as she gets in-depth experience with all aspects of congregational life. We are lucky to have her talent and energy in our community!



Kari's Bio

Hi, I'm Kari! I use she/her pronouns and I'm really looking forward to being with you virtually from Corvallis, Oregon. I'm a rising sophomore studying Religion and Political Science at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. I was raised UU and was involved in youth leadership at a district, regional, and national level. Last year I served as Senior Dean for General Assembly Youth, and this year I am on the Worship Arts Team for GA.

I'm still near the beginning of my path towards ministry, but that's the end goal (after about six more years of school). Besides this internship, the ways I'm preparing for seminary and ordination include guest preaching in the Pacific Northwest and New England, leading my campus ministry group, and attending Summer Seminary (a high school program for youth interested in religious professions) in 2018.

There's lots more that I've been involved in, but I'm sure that will come out in our time together.

My spiritual practices for this summer include playing the guitar (I just started teaching myself this spring), studying the Old Testament, and exploring my spiritual/pagan side. Personal spiritual development is really important to me! Outside of the spiritual/religious, you can find me phone banking for a local political candidate, watching cooking videos and then attempting them, or watching Netflix with my family (my mom and dad, my younger sister, Mali, and our one-eyed Shih Tzu, Bodhi).

I can't wait to get to know you all this summer. My home congregation is a little over half the size of yours, and the congregation where I am a regular guest preacher only has seventy members! Because I am hundreds of miles away, I will really value the small group or one-on-one conversations we get to have, and I will be at as much programming as possible. The way you can best support me is to reach out! Share with me the stories of your congregation, of your life, of Ann Arbor. Even from afar, I know that we will make meaningful connections, and I will see you all in person when it is safe to do so.



Equal Exchange Coffee Sales



UUSC Coffee Project

Equal Exchange coffee and chocolates are for sale again! This will be a curbside pickup or delivery with no contact program. Orders may be picked up in Ann Arbor (not at UUAA) or delivered to your home. To

place your order online,

email uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com or call

Cathy Whitaker at 419-283-3430 or Ilene Beninson at 248-376-7031.

All sales benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and this congregation.

The 2020 Habitat for Humanity Good News House Build is happening.

Our two houses on Oregon Street in Ypsilanti are ready to be renovated and we are anxious to get started! UUAA's volunteer work days are on Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30am - 3:30pm. This year our work days are:

- Friday, June 19 (6 volunteers)
- Saturday, July 25 (8 volunteers)
- Saturday, Aug. 8 (4 volunteers)
- Saturday, Aug. 29 (8 volunteers)
- Friday, Sept. 18 (8 volunteers)

Please go to www.uuaa.org/h4h to read COVID-19 safety precautions, sign up to work, and provide your yearly waiver. This is an unusual year, and the process may change, so please check that web page before your volunteer date.

And yes, we still need to raise at least \$7000 to help pay for renovations. You don't need to wait to help with that! Checks can be made out to UUAA (with "Habitat" in the memo line) and mailed to UUAA at 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor 48103-8739. Or you can make a credit card donation from the link at uuaa.org/h4h and click on the "Donate" button. (Be sure to check the "Habitat for Humanity" box.)



"I love working on site, meeting new people and learning new tools. Hanging siding and using the sawzall are my favorite tasks!...Hands on work in the community can be life transforming for some volunteers."

Under one roof.

Mindful Eating



Mindful Eating's Farm Project is running again this summer - our 9th season! We are, of course, following all the Covid-19 guidelines, but still having fun and doing our part to help Farmer Bill Schmid share food with Food Gatherers. Food Gatherers provides food to food pantries all over Washtenaw County, and it's especially needed now. If you'd like to help with this project, sign up [here](#).

Also, we know you want to support our local farmers, restaurants, food producers and suppliers. Find restaurants that are open for pick-up or delivery, and where can you get local produce. For those struggling with food insecurity, we link you to where you can find food pantries and more -- all in our [Food Access News](#).

Questions? Email cathymuha@sbcglobal.net.



Pastoral Care



In the unique time of COVID-19 and shelter-in-place, we know that more than ever people are in need of compassion and care. We know that a smile from a window, a card from an old friend, and a non-contact deliver of homemade soup for a new family can make all the difference.

In that vein, we want to make sure that all those who want and need pastoral care have access. Here are the ways you can share a care request with Pastoral Care team:

- Email: pastoralcare.org
- Phone: 734-665-6158 ext 2.
- [Social Hour on ZOOM](#) on Sunday: A member of the PC Team remains available during social hour; alert the Zoom host if you are in need of Pastoral Care.

Pastoral Care Call Hours:

- Mondays, 11:00am: [Link](#)
- Wednesdays, 6:00pm: [Link](#)
- June 15 and June 17 the call will be focused on Pastoral Care for families.

We are here for you in our beloved community.

Questions? Contact Quiana Perkins at Quiana@uuaa.org.



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Are you trying to stay in touch with UUAA while the building is closed?



- Links to online services, Zoom Social Hour, Rev. Manish's Weekly Meditation, and information about virtual events can always be found on our website www.uuaa.org.
- If you are on Facebook, you might join our private community page, Our UUAA Community.
- If you use Instagram, follow [uuaa_community](#).
- Take a look at the website's [Online Community page](#). For more information and also for some inspiration! Scroll down the page for links to stories, music, dance and more.

"See" you in virtual church!

- -UUAA Web Team



Scrip Program



The Scrip Program is [changing](#). Names used for ScripNow, ReloadNow, and PrestoPay will be replaced with simpler descriptions: eGift cards, reloading gift cards instantly or overnight, and paying online with a bank account or credit card.

Many of the 750+ retailers offer instant eGift cards for immediate purchase that can be used personally or sent as gifts by email. It will now be even easier to differentiate online between instant reloads and overnight reloads. A [reload products list](#) shows the difference.

Questions? Contact shopwithscrip.com or Carolyn Barber at cmbarber@umich.edu.



Sharing the Collection

Your Contributions Make a Difference

On the first Sunday of each month, the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor donates our collection to nonprofit community service organizations in the furtherance of their important work.



Mark your calendar for these upcoming collections:

- June 7, to benefit [Our House Website](#)

[From the Director of Our House](#)

- July 5, to benefit [Michigan UU Social Justice Network \(MUUSJN\)](#)

While we gather on Sunday virtually, please mail your check to UUAA with Sharing the Collection and the organization's name on 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.



Honoring Our Longtime Members



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IN COMMUNITY SINCE 1865

We honor our members who honor the community with 40+ years of presence and relationship. Such commitment and wisdom are sources of our hope and pride. Your lived example invigorates our work for justice and roots us in abiding love. We salute you, dear ones. We love you. And we thank you.

1954 PHILIP C	1969 ERIC E	1976 MICHAEL R	1979 LAURIE M
1957 WILLIAM L	JOAN O	JANET B	BRUCE G
1958 MARGARET K	THOMAS O	ROBERT B	MARGARET P
1962 ROBERT R	1970 MARION H	DICK B	1980 DAVID F
JANE F	CONSTANCE D	1977 ELSIE D	KATHY F
1963 ELVERA S	SANDY F	MILTON C	GRETCHEN J
RAY K	RAYMOND G	THOMAS W	JOHN J
1964 MARILYN C	BETTY W	NEAL F	SCOTT S
STERLING C	1971 SARA G	1978 DAVID K	SARA M
ETHEL L	1974 NICK H	MARY K	KENNETH P
1965 IRWIN G	LUCY B	LYNN R	
RUTH P	EDITH C		
1967 JEAN C	1975 NANCY S		
KEN C	STEPHEN S		
1968 JOHN H			
WALT P			
DAN G			
MARY G			
RUTH L			

OUR
LIVING ROOTS



Office and Building News

Publication Deadlines

Weekly Bulletin/E-News 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.

July Newsletter Deadline **Sunday, June 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.

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



Change of Contact Information?

If you have had a change in name, residence, email address, or phone number over the past year and would like to update your information with UUA, [use this link](#) or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.





Congregational Links

UUAA.org | [Calendar of Events](#) | [Social Justice at UUAA](#) | [Make a Pledge](#) | [Find Us on Facebook](#)

[RECENT SUNDAY SERVICE ARCHIVE & POSTINGS](#): To listen/re-listen to a recent Sunday service, please feel free to access our audio archive.

Other Links of Interest

UUA.org | MidAmericaUUA.org | [Side with Love](#)



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See what's happening on our social sites:

