



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

UUAA July 2020 Newsletter

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Weaving Worship



Sunday Worship **Sundays, 11:30am**

Join us virtually on Sundays for inspirational music, readings, and reflections. Link for Sunday Services: <http://uuaa.org/Service>

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



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

For Your Calendar

Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group * July 1 & 15



Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group

The Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group, sponsored by the UUAA Pastoral Care Team in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, meets regularly the first and third Wednesday of each month from 3:00pm-4:30pm. 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 meredith1888@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.

Pastoral Calls * Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27



Pastoral Care Call Mondays, 11:00am

Pastoral Care Call is hosted once a week: This space can be used for community and connection for those in need of support.

Monday link: <https://zoom.us/j/202591201>

Questions? Email Quiana Perkins at Quiana@uuuaa.org.

UUCivs Town Hall Meeting * Wednesday, July 8



UUCivs Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, July 8, 7:00pm

You heard [UUCivs call to action](#) at the June 14 service from Carrie Hatcher-Kay: UUCivs is **ramping up to Rock the 2020 Elections**. We are committed to Get Out the Vote efforts so that all Michiganders have their voices heard. Do you want inspiration that these efforts make a difference? Fully 95% of Michiganders are registered to vote, but only 50% vote. Our goal is to support the other 45% so they know that their voice matters. Please join us...

- **Wednesday, July 8, 7:00pm: Join UUCivs' Congregation-Wide Town Hall** for inspiration and action. RSVP [here](#) for the Zoom link. You will hear about UUCivs projects and UUA and UUAA leadership's call to use this 2020 electoral cycle to not just use our voice to vote our UU values in 2020, but to extend the outreach to collaborate with other local and statewide efforts to Get Out the Vote (GOTV). And all of our participation makes a difference.
- **Join the virtual Voting Helpline Team** - ready to help UUAA congregants and others in our broader community overcome barriers that could keep them from voting. Email VotingHelpline@gmail.com to learn more!
- **Join the dynamic Youth and Young Adults Elections 2020 Team** working to get out the vote in Ypsi and Ann Arbor and beyond by responding [here](#).

If you missed the screening of the film, "Suppressed: The Fight To Vote," co-sponsored by UUAA and the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ) on June 23, you can still view it [here](#).

This is a marathon not a sprint, so we will be hard at work through November 3. Join us when you can: we will need your fresh energy as we approach both the August 4 primary and the November 3 general election! Learn more as we steadily update opportunities on our [UUtheVote / UUCivs webpage](#). Let's do this!!

Multicultural Outreach * Thursdays, July 9 & 23



Multicultural Outreach Summer Plans! Thursdays, July 9 and 23 at 6:00pm (EST)

Those who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a person of color are welcome to attend the

BIPOC Gatherings.

Request the zoom link by emailing Quiana@uuaa.org

Please note we will be taking August off but we will return in the Fall.

Questions? Quiana@uuaa.org.

The Five Jagged Rocks of UU * July 16, 17, or 18



The Five Jagged Rocks of Unitarian Universalism

What do UUs really believe? We'll explore one of Unitarian Universalism's lesser-known pieces of theology: The "Five Jagged Rocks." Created by Revs. Nancy Bowen and Mike Morran, this course offers a deeper insight into the existential questions of religion. Using an adaptation of the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, we'll gain a greater understanding of each of the "Jagged Rocks" and how they relate to our own lives.

This one-session adult SGD class will be offered on three dates:

- Thursday, July 16, 6:00pm-8:00pm (EST)
- Friday, July 17, 6:00pm-8:00pm (EST)
- Saturday, July 18, 1:00pm-3:00pm (EST)

Each session is limited to eight participants. If all sessions reach capacity, more will be offered.

Facilitator: Kari Gottfried, Student Intern

Register here: <https://forms.gle/YcZUizZVGW7vjgAJ8>

Questions? Email Kari@uuaa.org.

Newcomer Chalice Circle * Saturday, July 18



Newcomer Chalice Circle Saturday, July 18 (1:00pm-3:00pm)

If you are new to UUAA in the past year and would like to delve more deeply into the UU Principles and experience a small group spiritual discussion, join this one-time Newcomer Chalice Circle.

Sign up using [this link](#) by Monday, July 13 or email Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org. You will receive a Zoom link once you have registered.

This group is limited to 6 participants. Hannah will contact you if you are put on the wait list.

News and Announcements



UUAA Staff Reorganization - Summer 2020

UUAA currently has a mighty, but very lean staff team that is exceptionally dedicated and hardworking. Our limited staffing dollars need to be allocated as effectively as possible. This situation invites ongoing reflection on whether we have the right professional positions and whether we are playing to the strengths of the people we have on staff (i.e., do we have the right person in the right job?). To that end, a staff reorganization that fits our current situation has been created and will go into effect starting in July and August. [Please read this 6/16/2020 document that fully explains the new UUAA staffing structure.](#) A staffing organization chart is included, along with descriptions of the new or modified positions. Thank you for your understanding as some of our wonderful staff members transition to their new responsibilities.



UUAA Habitat for Humanity New Plan, New Houses, New Dates!

Habitat has regrouped to figure out how best to catch up on the homes that are behind schedule and how to integrate into that measures to keep volunteers as safe as possible.

- Crew sizes have changed. There will be fewer workers on site to help assure social distancing.

- In August and September, we will have two houses to work on:

The Good News house: 2754 Appleridge St., Ypsilanti

The Thrivent House: 1622 Wiard Rd., Ypsilanti

- The revised schedule for UUAA is:

Saturday, July 25 (3 volunteers)

Saturday, August 15 (4 volunteers)

Saturday, August 29 (4 volunteers)

Saturday, September 19 (10 volunteers)

Before signing up to volunteer...

PLEASE READ THESE COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES

Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley wants to make sure that all volunteers are in a safe environment.

As in previous years, you can SIGN UP USING SIGNUP GENIUS

More details and updated information is available on

<http://uuaa.org/h4h>

As part of the safety guidelines we will not be providing lunches to volunteers this year. Volunteers need to bring their own work gloves, mask (you must wear a mask on site), lunch and water. You are welcome to bring your own tools if you would like. If you need help getting a mask or gloves, email habitat@uuaa.org.

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 the church at 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor 48103-8739. Or you can make a credit card donation from the link at <http://uuaa.org/h4h>. (Be sure to check the "Habitat for Humanity" box.)



2020/2021 Chalice Circles

Based on the success of virtual Chalice Circles held in March, April and May, the Chalice Circle Steering team is planning to offer virtual Chalice Circles during the 2020/2021 program year.

Chalice Circles are small, spiritual discussion groups. We are seeking feedback from those

interested in participating as input to our planning. If Chalice Circles are of interest to you, please take the time to complete a [**short**](#)

[survey](#) Please contact chalicecircles@uuaa.org for more information.



Summer Pastoral Care Call Hours July and August Mondays 11:00am

LINK: [Monday PC Care Call](#)

We will add the evening hour back in the Fall.

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, we can be reached in the following ways:

- **Email:** pastoralcare.org All email is answered within 24 hours or sooner depending on the need.
- **Phone:** 734-665-6158, ext 2. All voicemail are replied to within 24 hours or sooner depending on the need.
- **Social Hour on ZOOM on Sunday:** A member of the PC Team remains available during social hour; alert the host if you need Pastoral Care.

The Pastoral Care Team thanks you for being the Beloved community!



Friday Fun Night (FFN) News

Preparing For Future Friday Fun Nights...How about solving a virtual Murder Mystery or being a team member for a Trivia Contest?

Friday Fun Night has been an evening of activities filled with family fun, fabulous food, and fostering friendships. There is something to be enjoyed by everyone.

When we can be present FFN offers a vegetarian and sometimes meat meal complete with sweet treats lovingly prepared and served by volunteers. It is an opportunity to share a table with friends or sit at a table with folks you may not know, making new friends and welcoming others into our community.

Following the meal starts the fun.

For younger members of our community, there is always an age appropriate movie and creative craft which can be enjoyed by adults as well. There are activities from making paper bag puppets,

bean bag snowmen, to the decorating of reusable cotton bags, letting those creative juice to flow.

For all ages it may be contra dancing or singing songs around the fire pit or playing a board game in the game room or joining an ad hoc choir in a "Little Sing."

For adults there may be a provocative movie hosted by Reverend Manish, followed by a facilitated discussion. It could be a lecture on climate change or sustainability. It could be a presentation by our Partner Church Program with activities to introduce us to Transylvanian food, crafts, and dancing.

As we are planning exciting future programming and dealing with the new virtual reality of getting together, we would like to keep in touch with you. You can be the first to receive notification of future FFN events and sign up for activities that require registration due to limited available slots which can fill up fast.

Please take a minute and **sign up for our Friday Fun News** email list.

Questions? Email FridayFunNight@uuaa.org.

Thank you from your Friday Fun Night Team.



Q (uarantine Buddies)

When COVID hit in March, the Pastoral Care Team jumped into action. After doing a general reach out to community members, a new campaign of community support was created: Q (quarantine buddies). This care effort matched two congregants together to be in contact on a regular basis during the shelter in place order. The campaign was a huge success with over 70 participants. And although the program has come to a formal end, many buddies will carry on!

Thoughts from congregant Larry Works:

I live by myself, no pets either. So Covid-19 isolation seemed daunting. Especially as I'd just moved into a new rental house shortly before the Stay Home Order and hadn't yet met the neighbors. While our direct communications were infrequent, knowing there was a person I could reach out to, and who could reach out to me, during Quarantine was comforting. Especially since the family was new to UUA, it felt good to connect them to Pastoral Care so they would feel a part of our beloved community.

Pastoral Care wants to thank everyone who volunteered! What a

joy to be in community that steps up for each other, we are truly beloved.



UUA Book Worms

Do you love to read but haven't had the time to join a book club? A new book club is kicking off on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00pm via Zoom. UUA Book Worms will be restricted to eight new members who haven't had the ability to join Wednesday

Morning Readers due to work or family circumstances or are new to the congregation. Our September book selection is *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. If you have questions or are a committed reader and would like to give it a try, email Liz Hartley at lizzyt48176@gmail.com.



Follow us on Instagram and Twitter @ uu_annarbor.



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 UUA) or delivered to your home. See what we have in stock [using this link](#). Place

your order online by emailing uuaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com or by calling Cathy Whitaker at 419-283-3430 or Ilene Beninson at 248-376-7031. All sales benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and this congregation.



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.

The Sharing the Collection committee is happy to share the good news: On May 3, we raised \$3200 for [Habitat for Humanity](#).

Mark your calendar for these upcoming collections:

- July 5, to Benefit [Michigan UU Social Justice Network](#) (MUUSJN)
- August 2, to Benefit [Michigan Prison Doula Initiative](#)

While we gather on Sunday virtually, please mail your check to UUAA with Sharing the Collection and the recipient organization in the memo. 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 web 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

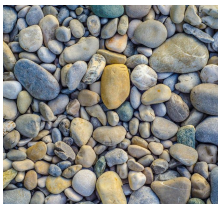


The Green Building Committee appreciates Debra Jean Golden for her energy and talent sprucing up the Energy Plaza at UUAA. Thank you Debra Jean!



Programming for Children & Youth

To learn about programming for children and youth, email SGD@uuaa.org.



Submitting to the *Weekly E-News* & *Monthly Newsletter*

All recognized UUAA groups may publicize UUAA events and news in the *Weekly E-News* and *Monthly Newsletter*.

***Weekly E-News/Bulletin* Deadline Wednesdays at 5:00pm**

Make submissions of 90 words or fewer to Bulletin@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 Month at 9:00am**

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

If you have any questions about the *Weekly E-News/Bulletin* or *Monthly Newsletter*, contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.



Getting Started with Zoom

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

Quick Links:

[UUAA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUAA](#) | [Find us on Facebook](#)
[Make Your Pledge](#) | [UUAA Events Calendar](#)

Other Links:

UUA.org | MidAmericaUUA.org
[Side With Love](#) (formerly Standing on the Side of Love)

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