



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## Monthly Newsletter | April 2022

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## Worship



### April's Worship Theme

Please join us as we explore the theme of Awakening in the month of April, beginning with a service focusing on Radical Welcome on April 3.

Join us for Sunday services at 9:30am & 11:30am in-person and livestreamed at [uuaa.org/service](https://uuaa.org/service).

## Sharing the Collection

*Sunday, April 3*

On April 3, the collection benefits IHN/Alpha House. The **Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) at Alpha House** offers services to meet the most basic needs of children and families. IHN/Alpha House provides stability for parents and children living in the shelter and guides them through a plan to secure and maintain stable housing.

You may mail your check to UUA (UUA, Att: Ed Lynn, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103). Please write "Sharing the Collection/Alpha House" in the memo line. You can also contribute to Alpha House [online](#).

## After the Sunday Service

In April, we will offer refreshments and donuts in the Social Hall after each service. There will also be a limited number of group display tables. Please note the new Covid-Safety Protocols below.

**[UUA Updated Health and Safety Protocols for April May](#)** Anyone entering the UUA building for activities/business is expected to be fully

vaccinated and boosted, as eligible, and must remain properly masked at all times. \*Exception to the mask requirement: While eating in the Social Hall or speaking from the chancel.

## Give to UUA



[A Note from your Congregational Chaplain, rev. theresa.](#)



### Staffing-Related Update from UUA's Personnel Working Group

The Personnel Working Group wanted to share a brief update related to staffing and personnel matters at UUA. Our community, alongside many other institutions, has needed to simultaneously navigate: multiple staffing transitions and departures; fiscally driven staff team restructuring; and the need to fill critical, ongoing staff positions that have been vacated or are becoming vacant. As these intersecting dynamics are likely to continue playing out for some time still, we will share with our community periodic updates related to new or upcoming staffing developments. This message contains several such updates. [Click here to read more.](#)



### COVID Policy for April and May

In light of improving public health conditions, we have decided to ease some COVID restrictions. Some of these exciting changes include:

- Universal masking indoors will continue, but masks are optional outdoors.
- Communal singing will resume in our Sunday services, with masks on.
- We will resume serving refreshments indoors.

[Please read the full text of our COVID policy for more details](#)



### Submit Your Annual Report

*Due By Friday, May 27*

This congregation continues to experience its first pandemic in over a century. We don't know what happened in our congregation then, but this is your opportunity to leave a record of what we did this time. You can view the Annual Report page on the website [2021-22 Annual Meeting and Report](#), but so far it is mostly dead links. If one of those dead links is your activity, please [click here to learn how to submit](#)





## Beyond Hospitality and Inclusion: Becoming a Radically Welcoming Congregation

Sunday, April 3, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

[Register any time before the event](#)

### Radical Welcome for All...come to Radical Welcome's Gathering Table!

Join us in exploring what it will take to embody radical welcome in ourselves and our UUAA community. Radical Welcome is one of UUAA's three priority areas, along with Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression and Climate Action/Climate Justice. UUAA aspires to be a more transformed and transforming congregation, where all people are valued in alignment with our principles, values, and covenant, and where each person is heard. Radical Welcome involves real culture change, and we can embrace these practices together.

[Learn more here.](#)



### Updated Congregational Health and Safety Policy

In order to more fully live into our congregation's covenant "to dwell together in peace, to search for truth in love," the leadership of UUAA recently updated our Congregational Health and Safety Policy. These updates further clarify the role of the Healthy Congregation Response Team, the definitions of disruptive or dangerous behaviors, and the potential responses. For more information, [please read the policy in its entirety here.](#)

## Upcoming Events and Announcements



Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. [Join us..](#)



The Memory Loss Support Group for Caregivers [invites you to...](#)



[Read about how to get involved with the Humanists at UAAA.](#)



Every Sunday during Social Hour, UAAA has scrip available. Raise funds for UAAA while you shop. [Learn more here.](#)



The Board of Trustees is holding a listening session/Q&A and a session to inform about proposed bylaw changes. [Learn more here.](#)



TrUU Hope, UAAA's LGBTQIA+ Youth Group, has three upcoming events. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Join UAAA's Community of Writers for our April gathering. [Learn more here.](#)



The Food Justice Team presents: Regenerative Agriculture: What is it, how can it save the planet, and how are



Washtenaw County farmers putting it into practice? [Learn more about this panel discussion here.](#)



Restorative Justice and co-sponsors invite you to a screening of *Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice*. [Learn more here.](#)



UUCivs wants to inform you about petitions circulating in Michigan. [Click here for more information.](#)



Green Corner asks "What can we do about plastic?" [Find out here.](#)



What can our congregation do to help the Palestinians in their struggle for freedom and equality? [Click here for news from UU Justice in the Middle East \(UUJME\).](#)

## Communications

### Submitting to UUAA Communications

All recognized UUAA groups may publicize UUAA events and news through UUAA communications channels.

Please submit your announcements for the *Weekly News* through [this form](#) by Tuesday at 5pm ET. The *Weekly News* is distributed

each week on Thursday.

Please make any submissions to the *May Newsletter* through [this form](#) by Thursday, April 21 at 5pm ET.

[Watch this video](#) for more information on how to submit to the *Weekly News* and *Monthly Newsletter*.

[You can learn more about our communications policies here.](#)

Web postings and updates can be submitted at any time to [webtech@uuaa.org](mailto:webtech@uuaa.org).

If you have any additional questions, please contact Communications Ministry Specialist Hannah Hotchkiss at [communications@uuaa.org](mailto:communications@uuaa.org).




## UJAA Links

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



## More Connections...

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



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