



## FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

### Monthly Newsletter | May 2022

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### Worship



#### May Worship

In May we will explore the theme of "Beauty" from a variety of angles. Join us to experience the many ways we nurture and understand beauty in our lives.

Worship experiences in May include: a service focusing on Humanism; a music-focused collage-style service with the Chalice Singers and Chalice Bells, with a chance for us to sing Happy Birthday to UUAA; a service in mid-May led by the youth from YRUU; and Flower Communion with musical guest Tret Fure. On the final Sunday of May, we'll return to one service at 10:30am. Please follow the *Weekly News* for details about each week's services.

#### May Sharing the Collection

*Sunday, May 1*

Mark your calendar for the May Collection:

The May 1 collection will benefit the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee** (UUSC).

UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. Our work is grounded in the belief that all people have inherent power and dignity.

You may mail your check to UUAA (4001 Ann Arbor Saline Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103) with Sharing the Collection/UUSC in the memo. You can also contribute to Sharing the Collection online by [clicking here and scrolling](#) to Sharing the Collection—UUSC.

Please contact [sharecollection@uuaa.org](mailto:sharecollection@uuaa.org) with any questions or suggestions.

### **After the Sunday Service**

In May, 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.

**UAAA Updated Health and Safety Protocols for April May** Anyone entering the UAAA 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 UAAA**



**A Note from your Congregational Chaplain,  
rev. theresa.**

## **Highlighted News & Events for May**



### **Farewell Gathering for Don Hackney**

*Sunday, May 1, Social Hall following both services*

Please join us on Sunday, May 1 after either the 9:30am or 11:30am service as we honor Don Hackney with cake and fellowship. Don came on staff in the fall of 2018 as the Building and Grounds Manager and will be dearly missed as his time with and service to the congregation comes to an end. If you feel moved to more tangibly express your gratitude to Don for his service, there will be baskets available for financial contributions of cash and checks. (Please make out checks directly to Don Hackney and not UAAA.)



### **Introduction to Islam for UUs**

*Wednesdays, May 11, 18, & 25, 7:00pm-8:30pm*

How might Unitarian Universalists understand and relate to Islam, as a faith tradition? Please join us for this three-part seminar, co-sponsored by the Church of the Larger Fellowship and the First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for Unitarian Universalists to move into a deeper understanding of the Islamic faith and its beliefs &



traditions. Unitarian Universalist-Muslim leaders, Reverend Summer Albayati and Reverend Doctor Mellen Kennedy will co-lead this seminar. Advance registration is required. Please see (<https://clfuu.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1277214>) for more information and to register.



## **Benefit Concert for Those Fleeing Ukraine, Featuring Tret Fure**

*Saturday, May 21, 7:00pm at UUAA*

Join us in Music for a Cause

UUAA will host artist **Tret Fure** in concert to benefit those fleeing the crisis in Ukraine.

Admission is free, though donations are requested; 100% of the donations will go to direct aid via FemFund. Learn more about FemFund work and specific relief efforts in Ukraine by clicking [here](#).

Acclaimed, multiple award-winning, and prolific (17 albums) contemporary folk artist Tret Fure is well known as a songwriter, musician, and storyteller extraordinaire who offers exceptionally crafted songs and stories, rich with poignant themes of our age.

The concert will have limited seating and requires preregistration. Adherence to COVID protocols will be in effect. Register and see protocols [here](#).



## **UUAA'S Acting Director Positions: An Update from the UUAA Personnel Working Group**

As previewed in our March 2022 update, Personnel Working Group member Leigh Robertson has now completed an assessment process related to our community's two Acting Director positions, the Acting Director of Spiritual Growth and Development and the Acting Director of Music Ministries. The analysis of the feedback that our community provided is now complete, and this email contains a high-level summary of the qualitative data that was gathered. Based on this data, UUAA is now able to share how we will be proceeding with regards to these two positions. [Read more here](#).



## **Capital Campaign Letter**

This past weekend, on Sunday, April 17, we announced from the pulpit the formal launch of UUAA's three-year Capital

Campaign, "Upholding Our Values," with a goal of \$1,300,000. [Read more here.](#)



## 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](#)

## News from UUA Groups



**Green Corner: Starting in Our Own Back (and Front) Yards --**  
[Learn about how you can become more eco-friendly.](#)



**Habitat for Humanity Summer Build Season Begins. [Here is how you can take part.](#)**



**Family Resettlement volunteers have been busy welcoming the Quiche family. [Read about what has been done and how you can help continue the work.](#)**

### *Leadership Development*



**Have you wondered about the purpose and the process of your Leadership Development Team? [Find out more](#)**



[here.](#)



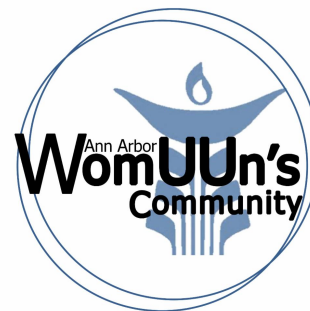
Restorative Justice reports on the dangerous conditions at Huron Valley Women's Correctional Facility. [To learn more, click here.](#)



Calling All Parents of Trans Folks! A new group, Supportive Parents of Trans and/or Nonbinary Offspring (SPOTANO) is forming. [Find out more here.](#)



Read about the impact that the Radical Welcome Gathering Table had on one participant. [Read more here.](#)



Women's Socials and Breakfasts are resuming in-person. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Upcoming Events



Join the Vision 20/50 2021-2022 Reflections on May 4. [To see how to take part,](#)



Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group recognizes the work of Meredith Ley and

[click here.](#)

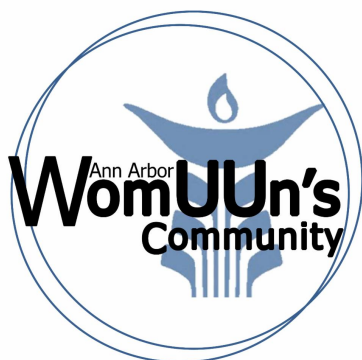
announces their upcoming meeting [here.](#)



Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts with the UUA Fiber Arts Group. [Learn about upcoming meetings here.](#)



Community of Writers invites you to take part in their May 15 meeting. [Details here.](#)



Mark your calendar and join the planning team for the Annual UUA Women's Retreat. To read more, [click here.](#)



Learn about the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association, General Assembly (GA), 2022 [here.](#)

## Communications

### Submitting to UUA Communications

All recognized UUA groups may publicize UUA events and news through UUA 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 *June Newsletter* through [this form](#) by Saturday, May 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).

## UUA Links

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



## More Connections...

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

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