



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

UUAA E-News | June 14, 2020

Support UUAA



Worship
Sunday, June 14, 2020, 11:30am

Join us as we gather virtually for our annual Animal Blessing Service. Use this link for Sunday Worship: www.uuaa.org/service.



Socialize after the service during Zoom Social Hour. Please feel free to bring along your pet to share in this time of connection. Social Hour link: www.uuaa.org/socialhour.

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



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

Please Note: To view the entire E-News, you may need to scroll to the bottom and click on "view entire message."



Friday Fun Night Talent Show Postponed

Give us time to recruit more talent! We know you are out there! The Friday Fun Talent Show scheduled for Friday, June 12, will be moved up. Watch the Weekly E-News for the new date and how you can sign up.

Questions? Email FridayFunNight@uuaa.org.



Preparing for Goodbye

First, thank you to everyone who has sent cards and emails sharing a few words about what my ministry has meant to you. I may not be able to respond to each one, but please know that your words have meant the world to me. I'm humbled and grateful.

I also wanted to let you know about some important ways that our relationship will be changing as I prepare to transition out of my current role and take up my place with the congregation in Connecticut. These are rooted in my commitment to the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association covenant and the healthy boundaries that undergird it.

- I've been honored by the trust that so many of you have placed in me when we've discussed something you were wrestling with. To remain worthy of such trust, I will redirect you to Rev. Manish, Rev. Cassi, and the UUAA Pastoral Care Team to help you with future struggles and explorations.
- There are few things more meaningful to me as a minister than officiating at memorial services and weddings. Going forward, I will need to grieve losses and celebrate new beginnings from afar.
- I love the way that social media keeps me connected with friends all over the world. As your outgoing minister, I will maintain an appropriate distance virtually as well as geographically.

Does this mean that you shouldn't even say hello if we run into each other at General Assembly or some other event? Actually, I'd love for you to say hi. People from this congregation will always hold a place in my heart. By releasing each other from the way things have been, though, we all make room for our next chapters to unfold — me in New Haven, you here in Ann Arbor — held always by a love that will not let us go.

Warmly,
Rev. Lindasusan

PS — My farewell sermon at UUAA will take place on Sunday, June 21. I hope you can make it.



Wednesday Meditation Wednesdays, 4:00pm-5:00pm

All are welcome to practice a form of Buddhist meditation with fellow congregants.

[Use this link: www.uuaa.org/meditation](http://www.uuaa.org/meditation)

Are you interested in learning more about meditation?

- Watch Introduction to Meditation produced by Rev. Manish on our UUAA YouTube Channel. [Use this link.](#) (Posted 4/9)



Pastoral Care Call

Monday, June 15, 11:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, June 17, 6:00pm-7:00pm

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

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

Wednesday link: <https://zoom.us/j/292922216>

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



Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, June 17, 3:00pm-4:30pm

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. 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.



Farewell Car Parade for Rev. Lindasusan

Saturday, June 20, 11:00am

Join us Saturday, June 20, at 11:00am for a special "car parade" at UUAA in honor of Rev. Lindasusan! She and her family will be standing a safe distance away near the main entrance. Please enter the parking lot from Ellsworth Road and drive slowly up the main driveway, honking, waving, cheering as you pass. Feel free to make signs and/or decorate your car too! There will be a bucket for you to drop any cards into as you pass by if you'd like to leave them a card. Then please exit onto Ann Arbor-Saline Road. This will be a safe and meaningful way to wish her and her family the best as they move to Connecticut.

Multicultural Outreach

**Black Congregants at UU + POC Gathering
Zoom Meetup**



Thursdays, June 25, 6:00pm

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 via email Quiana@uuuaa.org.



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@uuuaa.org for more information.



Organic Community Gardening at UUAA

The community garden located on the UUAA property has space this spring for a few good gardeners. We garden organically and participate with Food Gatherers in "Plant a Row for the Hungry" to help support food security in Washtenaw County. If you think you might be interested in a small plot for growing your own fresh veggies and flowers organically and very locally, please contact Cathy at mysarina@aol.com.



Habitat for Humanity Build has a NEW Plan

The 2020 Habitat for Humanity Good News House Build has a NEW plan... and perhaps another new plan after that...

Due to safety issues related to COVID-19, this year's build is quite different from what you may be used to:

- All June build dates have been cancelled.
- Our July 25 build date is still on, but the number of volunteers is limited.
- Habitat is behind schedule on spring projects, so we will use our July work day to help them catch up.
- Habitat has identified a "NEW" Good News house and we will start work on that in August.
- Watch for additional changes! This good work will proceed. In these unprecedented times, flexibility is key.

Updated information will be available on <http://uuaa.org/h4h>. 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.)



UUAA Online

Trying to stay in touch with UUAA while the building is closed?

- Links to online services, Zoom Social Hour, Weekly Wednesday Meditation, and information about virtual events can always be found on our website www.uuaa.org.
- If you are on Facebook, join our private community page, Our UUAA Community.
- Follow us on Instagram and Twitter @ uu_annarbor.
- Take a look at the website's Online Community page: <http://www.uuaa.org/index.php/finding-community/finding-community-uuaa/finding-community-online>. 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



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 view our inventory, [click here](#). Place your order online by emailing uuaaequalexchangeorder@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.



Programming for Children & Youth

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



Getting Started with Zoom

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

Quick Links:

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

Other Links:

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

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