



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

Monthly Newsletter | July 2022

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Worship



July Sunday Services

Sundays, 10:30am, *(online and in person)*

EXCEPTION: July 10 (online only—building closed)

The summer provides a beautiful opportunity to build relationships between sibling UU communities, something that enhances our connection to a broader sense of Unitarian Universalism. Over the course of the summer, UUAA will virtually visit/attend our annual General Assembly Sunday service (this Sunday, led by the team at Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins, CO).

Later in the summer we will join our siblings in Birmingham, MI and either Lansing, MI or Davie, FL. Our summer services will similarly provide opportunities for UUs from Traverse City, MI and Davie, FL to virtually join us, among others. In addition to helping build relationships across communities, these joint/shared Sunday services provide a meaningful opportunity for members of UUAA's Sunday staff team to have a small respite, as we likewise support other congregational staff teams in being able to do the same.

July Sharing the Collection

Sunday, July 17

On Sunday, July 17, the Sunday collection connects the UUAA to [Our House](#), whose mission is to help young people (ages 14 - 25) successfully transition from foster care to adulthood.

You may drop your check in the Sunday collection basket or mail your check to UUAA (UUAA, Attn: Ed Lynn, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103). Please write "Sharing the Collection/Our House" in the memo line. You can also contribute to [Sharing the Collection](#) – Our House.

Please contact sharecollection@uuaa.org with any questions or suggestions.

After the Sunday Service

Because of the rising number of Covid cases in Washtenaw County, we are serving grab-and-go donuts and beverages. We ask that you remain masked at all times in the building; this includes the Social Hall. We encourage you to bring your refreshments out onto the lawn or courtyard.

There will be a limited number of group display tables. [Please note the latest communication from our COVID Advisory Team.](#)

Give to UUAA



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

News & Events



Upholding Our Values Capital Campaign

On Sunday, April 17, 2022, we kicked off our capital campaign, Upholding Our Values, with a goal of raising \$1.3 million over the next 3 years. This campaign will allow us to

- make significant progress on our Vision 20/50 Climate Action goals,
- retire our mortgage, and
- save over \$100,000 annually in operating expenses that we can redeploy to other Vision 20/50 goals.

At the time of this writing, we have raised \$663,000! Thank you to those who have made a commitment to support the big projects included. You can see a [complete list of donors here](#). This is a great start, but we have a long way to go to reach our goal. PLEASE, as a beloved member or friend of this

beloved community, consider how you can help.

Find more information and make your pledge [here](#).



Collaborative Opportunities—We Need and Value You!

As shared during the Annual Meeting on June 5, we are actively building lay teams that will collaborate with the staff.

This is the essence of shared ministry—UUA's processes and outcomes are stronger with active lay participation. Please consider getting involved in one or more of the following committees:

- **Buildings and Grounds Committee:** This committee will handle needs such as supporting our renters, building and grounds management and upkeep, exterior and interior aesthetics, and campus security.
- **Stewardship and Development Committee:** This committee will support needs such as UUA's annual fundraising drive, planned giving/legacy gifts, capital campaigns, and special fundraisers.
- **Community Life Committee:** This committee will support Rev. Cassi in the development of adult enrichment opportunities and social activities within UUA.
- **Worship Planning Retreats:** These periodic lay and staff gatherings will create opportunities to develop and deepen lay participation in Sunday services and other forms of shared creativity.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please email the Executive Team at executiveteam@uuaa.org.

News from UUA Groups



[Click here for Restorative Justice news.](#)



TrUU Hope, the UUA LGBTQIA+ youth group, has many events planned for the summer and fall. [See the lineup of events here.](#)



SPOTANO (Supportive Parents of Trans and/or Non-binary Offspring) is having our second-ever Zoom gathering. [For more information, click here.](#)

Are you new to this congregation? Are you interested in exploring the UU Principles. Join the Newcomer Chalice Circle. [Learn more here.](#)



[Learn about the Parnter Church celebration on July 17 here.](#)



Community of Writers invites you to their monthly meeting. [For more information, click 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 *August Newsletter* through [this form](#) by Thursday, July 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.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Communications Ministry Specialist Hannah Hotchkiss at communications@uuaa.org.

UJAA Links

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



More Connections...

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

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