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This Week at UUA June 16 - June 22, 2022

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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5:00pm.

The deadline for the *Weekly News for June 23 - June 29* is Tuesday, June 21 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

The deadline for the *July Monthly Newsletter* is Tuesday, June 21 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

Questions? [Watch this video](#) on how to submit to the *Weekly News*, or email Hannah at communications@uuaa.org.



Worship Service Sunday, June 19 One Service at 10:30am

In-person and online at uuaa.org/service

"The Impacts, Recognized and Unrecognized, of Freedom: Honoring Juneteenth"

On this Juneteenth Sunday, join us as we explore the history and contemporary implications of Juneteenth, a day commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States.

After the Sunday Service

Because of the number of Covid cases in Washtenaw County, we are serving grab-and-go donuts and coffee in the Social Hall to take outside. We ask that you remain masked at all times in the building; this includes the

Support the ministries of UUA: Make an online offering.

Upcoming Events & Announcements For a full list of events, visit the UUA Calendar.



Upholding Our Values Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign drive continues, we have made it to the halfway point! Together, we can do this! This effort will fund major changes—most importantly, paying off our mortgage—as well as other important needs. Find more information [here](#).

Thank you to the following for your generous commitment: Carolyn and Dick Barber, Laura Bollettino, Jim and Sandy Breck, Hal and Cathie Breidenbach, Colleen Crawley and Ken Clein, Merrill Crockett, David Dickinson and Jeannine LaPrad, Daniel and Ashley Elliston-Cowher, Dave and Kathy Friedrichs, debita graham, Robert Graham, Gretchen and John Jackson, Dave and Lisa Kohn, Cynthia Hegg Krueger, Cara and Emile Lauzzana, Lisa Lemble, Jim and Judi Marks, Kathy McLean, Hajnal and Chris Minger, Els Nieuwenhuijsen-Eldersveld, Gregg Peterson and Lissa Oliver, Sally and John Preston, Sandy Simon, Spencer and Amy Thomas, Phyllis Valentine and Tadd Rosa



Vision 20/50 Transition: What's Next?

For two years the Board-led Vision Steering Committee (VSC) has worked with lay-leaders to lift up the goals and values of our congregation's Vision 20/50 project. Now it's time for a new lay-led VSC to continue this work.

Do you:

- Enjoy being creative and collaborative in a group setting?
- Like short-term action and long-term imagining?
- Have professional experience in network or collaboration development or evaluation?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, we'd love to hear from you!

This [draft charge](#) details the group's proposed responsibilities and functions. Interested? Questions? Contact Vision@uuaa.org.



Juneteenth and Food Justice: What's the Connection?

For those wondering how to celebrate the upcoming new federal holiday Juneteenth (June 19), the Food Justice Team has the following suggestions.

In a recent edition of Code Switch, a podcast focused on "fearless conversations about race," hosts Karen Grigsby Bates and Gene Demby discuss Black foodways and how Juneteenth provides a way to celebrate those foods in an episode titled "A Taste of Freedom." You can listen to the podcast or [read the transcript of it here](#).

Part of that episode references favorite Black cookbooks, which blend recipes with memoirs and African American history. You can [read about some of these beloved Black cookbooks for Juneteenth here](#)

Finally, the Food Justice Team highly recommends the recent Netflix four-part series *High on the Hog: How African American Cuisine Transformed America*. Food writer Stephen Satterfield hosts the program that traces the origins and history of African American cuisine, making current connections with Black chefs, historians, and foodies, and reminding us that Black food is American food. Watch on Netflix or learn more at <https://www.netflix.com/title/81034518>.

Questions or interested in connecting with Food Justice? Email foodjustice@uuaa.org.

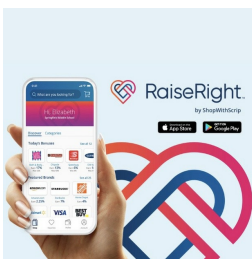


Green Corner | Back to the Basics

Stopping climate change begins at home. Each of us improving our corner of the world really does add up. What **one new thing** can you commit to this week?

- [Update/improve your recycling.](#)
- [Calculate your carbon footprint.](#)
- Stop accumulating plastic, e.g. buy powdered Gatorade instead of bottled.
- Pick up litter by a busy street. You'll see the common litter: plastic bags, to-go containers, straws, and water bottles and be inspired to eliminate these things from your life!

- Call your representatives and tell them climate change is your #1 concern!



OMG! The Refrigerator Died! A PSA from the Scrip Program

Some time in your life, you will have the pain and sorrow of a major appliance dying. Lean on scrip to help you out of your situation and benefit UUA.

Your refrigerator is making strange noises. You've shopped around for a replacement, so you know the retailer and the cost. That's where scrip comes in.

Most of the major retailers offer e-gift certificates through **RaiseRight** (formerly Shop with Scrip) that you can access within minutes. You can **set up your account**, or for help, stop by the Scrip Table at Social Hour or send an email to cmbarber@umich.edu.



Petition Deadline Approaching

Three weeks ago, UUCivs asked for volunteers to help gather signatures for two petitions: Reproductive Freedom for All and Promote the Vote. We are grateful to those of you who took petitions to circulate among your family and friends.

Now is the time to bring them back!

To make sure everyone's signature is counted, we need the signed petitions before the end of June! Bring them to our table in the Social Hall on June 19 or 26—the sooner the better!

Questions? Email uucivs@uuaa.org.



Volunteers Needed for Magic Summer for K–6th Grade

Sundays, June 19 - August 7, 10:15am - 11:45am

Our summer session begins on June 19. This year we will be using Soul Matters' brand new eight-week curriculum, "Magic Summer." Each Sunday, we will need one lead teacher and two or three assistants to help run this fun, simple, and

engaging curriculum. You can help with the lesson or serve as a playground monitor.

The simple Sunday morning lessons are based on four magic "S's"...

- Service to Others
- Silence and Mindfulness
- Sunshine and Movement
- Silliness!

If you have been looking for an opportunity to give back, this might be the perfect opportunity! No need to commit to the entire summer; even if you can only help out on one Sunday, we would be so grateful!

If you are interested in signing up, please [click on this link](#).

If you have questions about the program or want to learn more about each session, please email Stella Anderson at stella@uuaa.org.



Ignite Meet and Greet

Monday, June 20, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Are you a young adult (20s/30s +/-) interested in meeting other young adults? Come join us for some yard games and refreshments at UUA behind the Social Hall (in the event of rain, we will gather in the Social Hall). Bring your favorite games too if you have them! Questions? Email ignite@uuaa.org.



Engage with Racial Justice Arc Over the Summer

Monday, June 20, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Passionate about racial justice and anti-racism? Join UUA's Racial Justice Arc (RJA) meetings throughout the summer via Zoom on third Mondays of the month at 6:30pm. Since established in 2021, RJA has created congregational resources on "Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression for Families," "Talking Points on Critical Race Theory," and "Actions UUs Can Take to Support Anti-Racism," held book circles discussing *Caste*, and *Me and White Supremacy*, and participated in the congregation-wide Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Gathering Table event. We'll use the summer months to lay the groundwork for a strong start to the 2022 - 2023 congregational year, and we could use your help! Email racialjusticearc@uuaa.org to get involved.

Watch General Assembly (GA) Live Stream



Wednesday - Sunday, June 22 - 26

Even if you're not registered for GA, you can watch live streaming of the public events for free: the large worship services and the general (business) sessions. Details on the public events can be [found here](#). That page is also where you can watch these events during GA.

If you have any questions about General Assembly, please contact denomination@uuaa.org.



TrUU Hope at Dexter Pride

Wednesday, June 22, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Join TrUU Hope at the Dexter Pride Festival at Dexter Monument Park, Wednesday, June 22!

TrUU Hope coordinators will be at UUA A at 5:30pm to drive youth who request a ride. Please email truuhopeinfo@uuaa.org by noon on June 21 to let us know you need a ride. Otherwise, no RSVP needed, just meet us in Dexter Monument Park at 6:00pm—look for the "TrUU Hope" sign! Allies are welcome.

TrUU Hope is a UUA A group for LGBTQIA+ youth. We aim to grow community and to provide social, support, educational, and activist opportunities for our youth to explore their identities and interests.

Questions? Want to be added to our email list? Email TruuHopelInfo@uuaa.org.



Introduction to Our Faith

Wednesdays, June 22 & 29, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, via Zoom

Register by Thursday, June 16

This two-session Zoom class launches you on your path toward membership in this congregation. We will share our spiritual journeys, cover the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, explore your calling and how to get involved, and discuss the meaning and responsibilities of membership. This class is a prerequisite to official membership. [Registration deadline is Thursday, June 16](#). Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.

Habitat for Humanity Build Season Begins



Friday, June 24

Habitat for Humanity (H4H) Build Season Begins

Our summer build season is about to begin. This year's Good News House is in the West Willow neighborhood of Ypsilanti, at 893 Nash Ave.

Our workdays are:

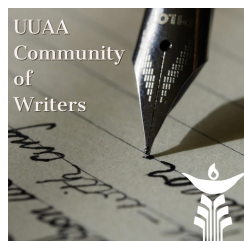
- Friday, June 24
- Friday, July 15
- Possible August days

Lunches:

- Bring your own sandwiches
- UUAA will supply drinks and dessert.

Signup for working and/or lunch donations:

- [Use our SignUpGenius site.](#)
- Visit us at the H4H table between Sunday services.
- Have a look at [our web page](#) for more details and links.



Community of Writers Zoom Meeting

Sunday, June 26, 1:00 - 3:00pm, via Zoom

The writing prompt for June was suggested by Barb Britton, who will lead the discussions following each writer's reading. Barb writes: "How did you weather the pandemic? Was writing helpful either physically or emotionally? Has writing ever helped or hindered your physical or emotional health?" It is not necessary to focus solely on the pandemic. One can always write and read about something else entirely.

Contact the June meeting facilitators for information or to receive the Zoom link: Kathy Friedrichs kamf@umich.edu or Sandy Kunkle sandykunkle@gmail.com.

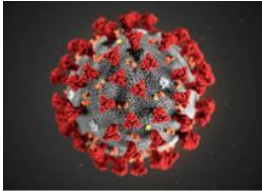


UUAA Ignite

Ignite (20s/30s +/-) Bonfire (BYOB and Roasting Goodies)

Saturday, July 9, 8:00pm - 11:00pm

Join us for an evening of fire and fun with other young adults (20s/30s +/-) in the UUAA community. We will gather in the lower parking lot at UUAA, so bring a chair, a roasting stick, a beverage, and a friend! For accommodations, please email



FROM UUAA's COVID ADVISORY TEAM: UPDATE TO COVID 'GENERAL NOTIFICATION' PROCEDURES

The UUAA COVID Advisory Team met this week and has decided to move to a once-a-week Dashboard system for General Notifications of COVID cases within our community. This Dashboard will be included in UUAA's weekly e-news, and will indicate the number of positive COVID reports within our community over the course of the preceding week, including "0" cases, if there are none.

UUAA will continue to act immediately on any Close Contact Notifications that may be needed, notifying any potentially exposed close contacts right away. This change impacts only how UUAA will be handling General Notifications, for those who are not close contacts, and mirrors recent changes in COVID General Notification procedures by local institutions such as the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Any questions or feedback about this change may be directed to the COVID Advisory Team at covidteam@uuaa.org. The members of UUAA's COVID-19 Advisory Team are Jim Lee, Jim Marks, Tom Reischl, Laura Bauman, Cassandra Hartley, Carter Smith, and Manish Mishra-Marzetti.

Weekly COVID Dashboard

June 10 - June 16

Total Positive Cases: 0

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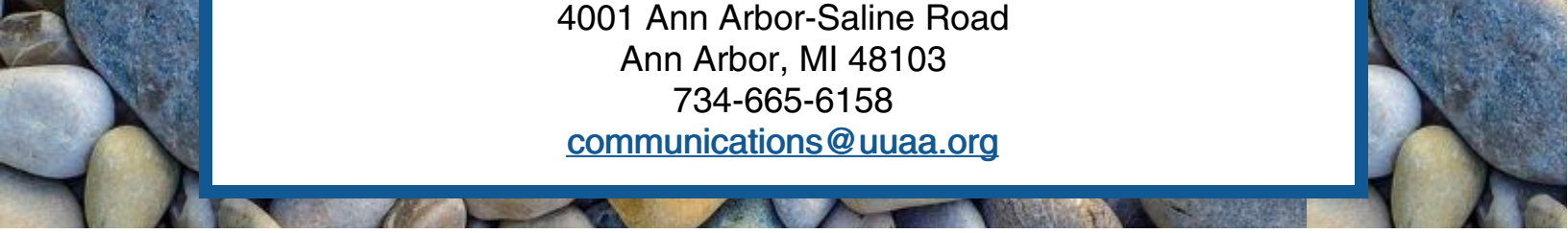
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