



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUA June 23 - 29, 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 30 - July 6 is Tuesday, June 28 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

The deadline for the August *Monthly Newsletter* is Thursday, July 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.



Special Social Hour and Service Time Sunday, June 26

Join us for Social Hour at 11:30am for a light lunch, followed by a livestream service from General Assembly (GA) in the Sanctuary at 12:30pm.

Sunday Morning Worship: "The Deal on Those Days" Live from General Assembly 2022

Sunday, June 26, NOTE 12:30pm

Watch with fellow congregants in the Sanctuary or [online](#).

The last few years have not been easy, including in our local congregations. Whole swaths of members have simply stopped coming; COVID is confusing and polarizing; many ministers have joined the great resignation; and Pew studies and friends alike have pronounced the end of the local

church.

In this moment, when so many of us might be wondering if we should just give up, and relent, now's the time instead to double down on our commitment to the local church, this unique community that saves us and also breaks our hearts--often much more of the latter than we'd like to admit. In the midst of our culture of death, the church is a place of life. Or it is, as long as we are willing to bring our own lives to it. Join us for a morning of celebration, witness, and future-visioning for the already and not-yet power of the local Unitarian Universalist church.

Leading us in worship will be Rev. Gretchen Haley, Rev. Shari Halliday-Quan, Rev. Sean Neil-Barron, Lea Morris, Adam Podd, Joseph and Aimee Santos-Lyons, and Allison King with the GA Choir.

Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering.

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



Summer Services

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.

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—UUAU'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 jobs 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 UUAU'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 UUAU.
- **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.



Upholding Our Values Capital Campaign

Please consider how you can support UUAU during the Capital Campaign. This effort will fund major changes—most importantly, paying off our mortgage—as well as working toward one of our Vision 20/50 Foundational Areas, Financial Stability. Find more information [here](#).

Thank you to the following who pledged their generous commitment this past week: Vanessa Campbell and Elizabeth LaPorte, Julie and Ryan Dybdahl, Jim Lee, Carolyn and Terry Madden, Peter and Trish Mooney, Paul and Terry Morris, Alison Paine and Raffi Injejikian, Kate Warner, Brent Williams.

[Find a complete list of all donors here](#). Thank you all for your financial support of UUAU by pledging to the ongoing Upholding Our Values Capital Campaign; we can make a difference when we work together.



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.



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!



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 this Sunday, June 26.



Watch General Assembly (GA) Live Stream

Wednesday - Sunday, June 22 - 26

Even if you're not registered for GA, you can watch live stream 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.



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:

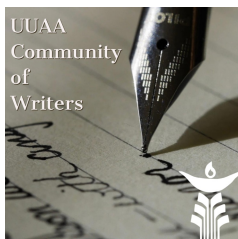
- Friday, June 24
- Friday, July 15
- Possible August days

Lunches:

- Bring your own sandwiches
- UUAH 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.



Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group via Zoom

Wednesday, July 6, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

If you are caring for a friend, spouse, partner, or parent who has memory loss, you are invited to attend the July 6 Zoom meeting of the Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group. There you will find a safe and confidential space to share your story, ask questions, and receive support from others who share your journey. For more information and/or to request the Zoom link, contact Joan Burleigh at joburleigh@aol.com, Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com, or Priscilla Spencer at paspencer44@yahoo.com.



UUA 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 UUA community. We will gather in the lower parking lot at UUA, so bring a chair, a roasting stick, a beverage, and a friend! For accommodations, please email ignite@uua.org.



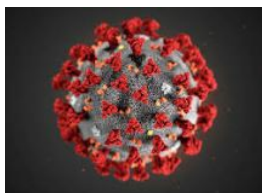
Newcomer Chalice Circle | 7 Principles

Saturday, July 16, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, via Zoom

Registration Deadline, Friday, July 8

If you are new to UUA and would like to get to know others who are new, join us to explore the tenets of Unitarian Universalism and discuss the UU Seven Principles. What do they mean to you? Which ones resonate strongly? How do they inspire you?

You will receive the principles and reflection questions in advance, and we will practice a deep listening format during the discussion. This session will be held via Zoom. [Register here](#) or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uua.org.



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

The UAAA 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 UAAA'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.

UAAA 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 UAAA 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 UAAA'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 16-22

Total Positive Cases: 0

Links

[Request a Room](#), [Request an Outdoor Space](#) | [View Past Services](#)

[Log in to Realm](#) | [Make Your Pledge](#)

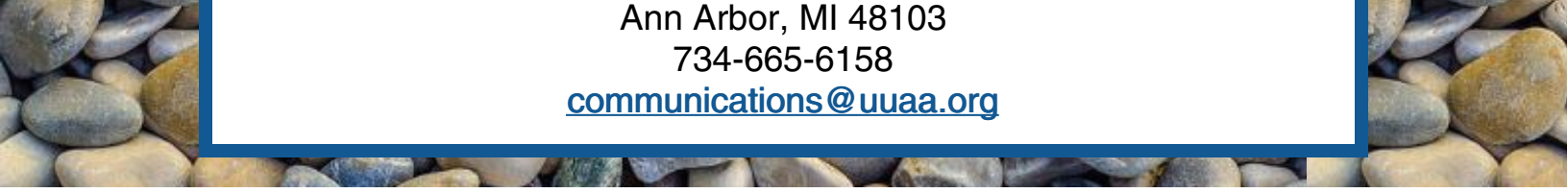


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