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This Week at UUAA September 22 - 28, 2022

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

The deadline for the *September 29 Weekly News* is Tuesday, September 27 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

The deadline for the November *Monthly Newsletter* is Friday, October 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.



Sunday Morning Worship "The Love Circle"

Sunday, September 25, 9:30am & 11:30am, in person and online at uuaa.org/service

Join us this week as special guest, Rev. Allison Farnum, Director of the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois, leads us in reflection on the work of transformative justice. How might our community support the creation of justice that more fully embodies our UU values of compassion and equity?

After Services | Social Hour

10:30am & 12:30pm

You are invited to the Social Hall for refreshments and to browse the group display tables.



Registration for SGD 2022/2023 Is Now Open!

The Spiritual Growth and Development (SGD) program empowers youth to explore themselves and the world from a Unitarian Universalist perspective. We are excited to welcome back children and youth for 2022/2023!

Registration for classes is now open. Please fill out the following Google form as soon as possible.

SGD Registration 2022/2023

This year, Nursery and Preschool will be offered during both services (9:30am and 11:30am). All other grade level classes (K - 12) will be offered at 11:30am only. Children and youth will be placed in the following cohorts: K/1st grade, 2nd/3rd grade, 4th/5th grade, 6th/7th grade, 8th grade OWL, and 9th - 12th grade Young Religious UUs (YRUU); 9th and 10th graders will have the option of enrolling in a concurrent Coming of Age (COA) program within YRUU. The COA program will include working with an adult mentor to craft and present a credo to the congregation.

Questions or concerns? Please contact Stella Anderson, director of Spiritual Growth and Development, at stella@uuaa.org



Sharing the Collection September Recipient

We are still accepting donations for September's Sharing the Collection. [Dawn Farm](#) provides treatment for addiction and ongoing recovery. They offer a full array of services to help clients achieve long-term recovery.

Checks may be dropped into the Sunday collection basket or mailed to UUAA (UUAA, Attn.: Administrator, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103). Please write "Sharing the Collection/Dawn Farm" in the memo line. You may also [contribute online](#).

Questions? Email sharecollection@uuaa.org.

Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

For a full list of events, [visit the UUAA Calendar](#).



Grill'n and Chill'n | Friday Fun Night Outdoor Dinner and Movie

Friday, September 23, 6:00pm - 9:45pm, in person at UUAA

Gather with friends and family for a cookout and outdoor movie at UUAA. Bring a friend, date, or neighbor for burgers (veggie and meat), hot dogs, chips, salad, and brownies. After dinner, enjoy crafts and games, followed by outdoor movies. The preshow for the younger crowd will feature children's stories from the UUAA services. The main feature is Pixar's *Soul*, starting shortly after sunset at 7:30pm. Popcorn will be served during the movies! So bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets, friends, and family members, and join the fun! There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Please help us to avoid food waste by letting us know you are coming. [Fill out an RSVP form here](#). (Note: the event will be held inside if there is rain.)

Questions? Email Hannah@uuaa.org.



Food Justice: Sharing Surplus Homegrown Produce

Sunday, September 25, Social Hour after both services

Back by popular demand! During Social Hour, the Food Justice Team will sponsor our Surplus Produce Sharing table. Take advantage of this chance to share the abundance of your garden with others in the congregation and/or to obtain some home-grown produce for yourself and your family.

How it works: Bring extra or surplus home-grown produce (such as veggies, fruits, herbs) to the Food Justice Table in the Social Hall to be shared with others. Drop off produce either before or after the services. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the bounty and take what you need, whether or not you have produce to share. Contact foodjustice@uuaa.org with questions or interest in the Food Justice Team.

TrUU Hope Kick-Off Day



Sunday, September 25, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

The TrUU Hope Fall Kick-Off Day will be in person at UUAA and will feature pizza and games.

TrUU Hope is a UUAA group for LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and similarly identified) youth. We aim to grow community and to provide social, support, educational, and activist programs, and opportunities for our youth to explore their identities and interests.

Questions? Want to be added to our email list? Send an email to TrUHHopeInfo@uuaa.org.



Humanist Discussions

Monday, September 26, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, via Zoom

Topics for Monday: TBD

Humanists have been meeting for over 20 years at UUAA, gathering on the second and fourth Mondays and/or first and third Thursdays to discuss topics relating to Humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science. All are welcome. Meetings are virtual. To get on our email list, the Zoom link, or answers to any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



Seminar: Topics in Civil Rights History with Rev. Manish

Starting Wednesday, September 28, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, via Zoom

Join Rev. Manish for this nine-month seminar in which participants will explore selected "Topics in Civil Rights History," focusing on the time period 1940–1970. We will look at how the history of this time period continues to impact US society and how it might inform our ongoing activism on intersectional justice issues.

Participants will also have the option to participate in a UUAA journey in October 2023 as part of a Living Legacy Pilgrimage to learn about the civil rights history of Mississippi.

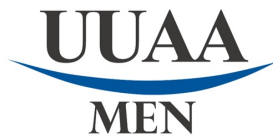
Dates/Time:

Wednesdays, September 28, October 26, November 30, December 21,

2022, and
Wednesdays, January 18, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, 2023

6:30pm - 8:30pm ET

[Get more information and register here.](#)



Fall Men's Retreat

Saturday, October 1

The Men's Retreat: "Finding Creativity in Everything You Do" officially start at 12:30pm on Saturday, October 1, at UUAA. There will be lodge meetings, times for choice activities, a catered dinner, and an evening bonfire.

Want a longer retreat? You can arrive Friday night, camp out, have a cookout breakfast in the morning, and hang out or work on one of several much-needed projects on the congregation's land.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).



UUAA Fiber Arts Group

Saturday, October 1, 11:00am - 1:00pm, Young Room

Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUAA Fiber Arts Group meets on the first Saturday and third Wednesday of the month for fellowship and sharing of knowledge and ideas. If you are a beginner looking for support or an experienced crafter, all are welcome. We also have quilters that have joined us.

If you would like to make comfort shawls or baby blankets for Pastoral Care, arrangements can be made to supply you with the yarn and pattern.

For a Zoom link or questions, send us an email at crafters@uuaa.org.



"What Is Racism" Small Group Circle

Sunday, October 2, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, via Zoom

Join us for an open, non-judgmental conversation about Racism, which we'll explore together in a small group chalice circle-type format. This is an opportunity to explore Racism together with peers, including your

current understanding of Racism, how you see it manifesting in today's world, and more. We will read, share, and engage in reflection and open discussion on Racism, particularly Racism in present-day America.

This session will be one-and-a-half to two hours in length, taking place virtually through Zoom, co-facilitated by Cindy O'Connor and Arika Lycan, leaders of UUAA's Racial Justice Arc. As this is a small, intimate group, please understand that signing up is a commitment to attend and participate.

Register here. Questions? Email racialjusticearc@uuaa.org.



Landscape Planning Meeting

Sunday, October 2, 1:30pm - 4:00pm, Fahs Chapel and via Zoom

Join us for a follow-up session to gather your input on landscaping plans for the UUAA site. The plan will incorporate how we would like our site to be used, as well as the landscaping segment of our site carbon-neutrality plan recommended by the Graham Institute Study and previous studies.

You can find [notes from the first meeting here](#). There will also be a Zoom hook-up, but please attend if you are able. Questions? Contact Ed Lynn at ed@uuaa.org or debita graham at debita@uuaa.org.



Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 3:00pm - 4:30pm, via Zoom

If you are caring for a partner, spouse, friend, or parent who has memory loss, you are invited to attend a support group for caregivers held on the first Wednesday of every month. The group is co-sponsored by the UUAA Pastoral Care Team and the Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Meetings are held in strict confidentiality and newcomers are warmly welcomed. If you would like more information or the Zoom link, contact one of the facilitators, Joan Burleigh at joburleigh@aol.com, Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com, or Priscilla Spencer at paspencer44@yahoo.com.

Register Now for the Fall WomUUn's Retreat!

Friday - Sunday, October 7 - 9

Register Now



Our wonderful and hard-working committee is finalizing the program and implementing safety measures to protect our beloved WomUUn's Community! Join nearly 50 UUA friends as we reflect, laugh, and connect. We will enjoy light-hearted activities and deep social connections. The theme, "Finding JOY!," is a mindful and intentional choice to help center us as we emerge from being too long apart, with too many pressing social and political issues weighing us down.

[View the brochure here.](#)

Click here [to register online.](#)

Questions? Contact chairs Amy or Judi at WomUUnsRetreat@UUA.org.



CROP Walk

*Sunday, October 9, 2:00pm - 4:00pm
(gathering program starts at 1pm)*

The annual Ann Arbor CROP Walk is a mission of the World Church Service in which local congregations and groups come together to raise funds to end hunger locally and around the world. The Food Justice Team has formed a team for this year's walk. Please [support this cause by clicking here](#) and choosing UUA Food Justice Team, and following directions to Make a Donation.

Food Justice Team members will be at a CROP Walk table during Social Hour in the coming weeks to answer questions and/or help with your donation. We also encourage others to join in the walk, which begins at Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty in Ann Arbor.

Questions? Email foodjustice@uuaa.org.

Planning for Retirement:
Financially, Emotionally, &
Spiritually



Planning for Retirement: Financially, Emotionally, and Spiritually

Tuesday, October 11, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, via Zoom

In this Zoom workshop, we will first explore how to plan a retirement that meets your emotional and spiritual needs. Then Toni Wander, wealth planner and investment advisor, will guide us through retirement fundamentals, including investment basics, Social Security planning, and socially responsible investing. Whether retirement is

30 years away or 3 months away, this workshop can help you plan a positive way forward. [Click here](#) to register.

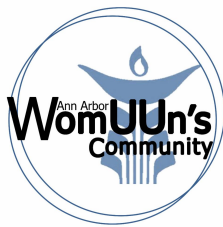


UU LUUnchers

Thursday, October 13, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Would you like to enjoy a cheerful lunch with fellow UUs? Gather with us to enjoy company and conversation. Bring your own lunch. Bring your stories.

Beverages will be provided. For questions, please email uulunchers@uuaa.org. If you need a ride, please ask, and we will do our best to help.



WomUUn's Council Needs Your Help for Women's Programming at UUA to Survive

Friday, October 14, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Fahs Chapel

Have you enjoyed attending women's programs such as socials, bonfires, singing, classes, breakfasts, women's circles, and retreats? If you'd like these woman-specific programs to continue at UUA, it's time for YOU to step up and take a turn as a volunteer on the WomUUn's Council and/or Retreat Committee. Now. We're not kidding. We're not exaggerating.

Help re-imagine and re-energize our WomUUn's Council!

Join us for this WomUUn's Celebration and Re-Imagining Session. Refreshments provided. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to WomUUnsCouncilinfo@UUA.org.



Say Yes! to Centered Leadership Training (CLT)

Thursday, October 20, 7:00pm - 8:30pm (CLT I)

Monday, November 7, 7:00pm - 8:30pm (CLT II)

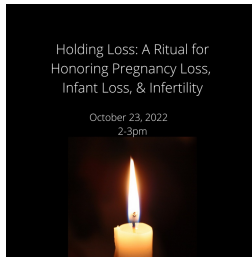
A number of recent CLT graduates have stepped up their leadership commitment to our Beloved Community this year!

Joe Libin offers his inspiration:

Being in fellowship with folks who are deeply committed to their spiritual growth and development buoyed me at a time when I really needed it. I've learned so much about our faith and about myself. Taking the CLT class led

me to deepen my commitment to our congregation by joining the Board.

New CLT I and CLT II classes are starting in October. Please stop by our table in the Social Hall this Sunday for more information, or contact us via email to sign up ldt@uuaa.org.



Holding Loss: A Ritual for Honoring Pregnancy Loss, Infant Loss, and Infertility

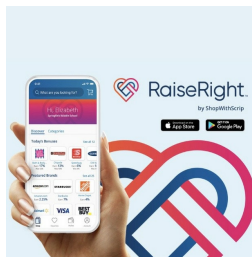
Sunday, October 23, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Jackson Chapel

In a culture that often makes these losses feel invisible, we will hold sacred space for one another and acknowledge the very real grief that is felt by those who hoped to be parents, their families, and friends. All are welcome to attend no matter when a loss occurred; it does not have to be recent. This event is open to all regardless of spiritual or religious beliefs. It will be held in person in the Jackson Chapel.



Lay Worship Leaders Program From Rev. Manish

I am delighted to share that on August 24, UUAA had its inaugural retreat with lay and staff participants of UUAA's new Lay Worship Leaders Program. The lay cohort of this program for the year ahead will be: Hayley Boyse, Mojtaba Akhavan-Tafti, Eli Kranz, Arika Lycan, Joe Libin, Barbara Lynn, Rick Witten, and Holly Ferrise. [Read more here.](#)



Scrip Table Open Between Services Only

After some staffing issues due to illness and vacations, the Scrip Table will be open this Sunday and most Sundays to come, between services only. Some retailers are generous enough to share their profits with community organizations like UUAA. Using their scrip (acquired from UUAA) for your purchases results in "free" money (not directly out of your pocket) for the congregation, money that normally the retailer would just keep as profit. Stop by the Scrip Table to see which of the merchants that you frequent participate in the Scrip Program.

Seeking Caring Volunteers for the Memorial Reception Team



The Memorial Reception Team is the compassionate group of volunteers who assist UUAA members and their guests as they celebrate the life of a deceased loved one. Receptions are held at UUAA following a memorial service. There are three shifts: setup, food service, and cleanup; each is two hours. If you are able to stand and walk for one to three hours, occasionally move tables and chairs, set up and clear food and drinks on serving tables, and clean dishes, we need you! Email Judi Lintott at UUAAmemorials@gmail.com.



Capital Campaign Status

As announced at the August 21 service, our capital campaign has so far gathered 109 pledges totaling \$900,000, and we have already received well over 1/3 of that. We remain open for pledges and donations, but with the support received so far, we have been able to get to work.

- We have scheduled the installation next summer of solar panels that will generate over 100,000 kWh of electricity annually, or almost all of our requirements.
- We are close to signing a contract for a series of measures to make our building envelope more energy efficient: plugging holes, additional insulation, . . . basic stuff.
- We have also scheduled a meeting to gather your input for a long-range site plan. How might we make the site more carbon neutral and more appropriate for the future we face? The meeting is scheduled for October 2, a Sunday afternoon. Look for notices, and please join us.

Questions? Email ed@uuaaa.org.



Help Wanted: Climate Action/Climate Justice Projects

On our path to [Green Sanctuary 2030 certification](#), UUAA created an “[Opportunity Assessment](#),” describing projects our congregation might pursue to lower our carbon footprint and work toward climate justice.

Which projects should we work on first? We can start by working on projects that have volunteers willing to help—maybe you, or a UUAA group you represent?

Please [go to this SignUpGenius page and sign up for projects](#) you would enjoy being part of. All are welcome and encouraged to join in fulfilling UUAA's Vision 20/50.



Green Corner: Ecological Roofing

Basic physics: lighter colors reflect sunlight and dark colors absorb the heat. Hence, light-colored roofs keep a house cooler. Traditionally, curb appeal and style decided roofing, and asphalt shingles reigned supreme. Nowadays there are many options for ecological roofing.

Consider metal, tile, wood, cement, or roofing made from recyclables. There are multiple options beyond traditional asphalt shingles. A light-colored, ecological roof, plus good insulation and surrounding trees make a big temperature difference, keeping homes cooler and saving energy on the taxed power grid. Learn about ecological roofing by clicking on the links below.

- [Sustainable-Roofing Materials: What to Know](#)
- [The Homeowner's Sunshine Problem](#)

Questions? Email greencorner@uuaa.org.



Less Is More

Recently, submissions to the *Weekly News* and *Monthly Newsletter* have far exceeded the word limits, leading to very long publications. This works against us, challenging the attention span and patience of our readers. The *Weekly News* submission form will no longer accept submissions longer than 90 words and the *Monthly Newsletter* word limit is 300 words or fewer.

Questions? Email communications@uuaa.org.



New Wi-Fi Assisted-Listening System

UUAA has a new Wi-Fi assisted-listening system that supports the widest range of needs now and in the future.

An app on your smart device connected to our guest Wi-Fi sends real-time audio directly to your existing Bluetooth hearing aids! It also supports t-coil hearing aids, headphones, or earbuds. We even have ready-to-use devices

that you can borrow during a service.

Try it out! [Instructions are on the booth window](#). See an usher or AV Team member for more help.

Links

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