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This Week at UUAA October 6 - 12, 2022

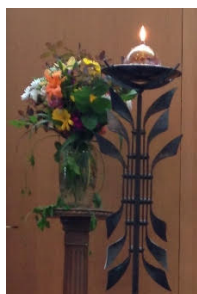
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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5:00pm.

The deadline for the *October 13 Weekly News* is Tuesday, October 11 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

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

Finding Courage in the Wilderness

Breaking unhealthy patterns and cycles in our lives can feel impossible sometimes. Join us as we explore how we can find the courage to do the impossible and trust that something better will emerge on the other side.

After Services | Social Hour

10:30am & 12:30pm, in person in the Social Hall

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

display tables.

Newcomer Welcome

10:30am & 12:30pm, in person in the Jackson Chapel

If you are new to our congregation, visit with our Newcomer Welcomers, get your questions answered, and pick up an information packet.



Stewardship and Development Team

UUAA has a newly constituted Stewardship and Development Team. [Read more here.](#)



Registration for SGD 2022/2023 Is 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 still open. For more information and the link to register, [click here.](#)

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



Sharing the Collection

It is not too late to contribute to the October Sharing the Collection, which benefits the [Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan](#), an organization that is dedicated to the economic and emotional self-determination of women, girls, and families. Women in crisis have access to low-cost help from a therapist, job coach, divorce specialist, family law attorney, or financial adviser. When women have the tools to assert their economic and emotional strengths, families and communities also thrive.

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 "Women's Center" in the memo line. You may also [contribute online.](#)

Questions? Contact Jan Duncan at janetdunc@gmail.com.

Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering.

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



Humanist Discussions

*Thursday, October 6, 2:00pm - 4:00pm and
Monday, October 10, 7:00pm - 9:00pm*

Topics for Thursday: "Upgrading Our Humanism," "Extreme Religious Liberty Is Undermining Public Health," "The Next Walk You Take Could Change Your Life," plus more
Topics for Monday: "The Crisis of Men and Boys," "The Second Amendment Gives No Comfort to Insurrectionists," plus more

Lively groups of Humanists have been meeting for over 20 years at UUAA, gathering on the second and fourth Monday evenings and/or first and third Thursday afternoons to discuss topics relating to Humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, science, and more. All are welcome. All meetings are still virtual. To get on our email list, get the Zoom login information, or get answers to any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



CROP Walk

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

The annual Ann Arbor CROP Walk is a mission of the Church World Service (CWS) 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](#), click on "Donate" from the top bar and search for our team using the words "Food Justice" (the full First UU name will pop up with it). Then click the "Donate Now" button and follow the instructions to complete the process.

Food Justice Team members will be at a CROP Walk table during Social Hour to answer questions and/or help with your donation. Checks made out to CWS/CROP will also be accepted at that time. We encourage others to join us in the 2-mile walk, which begins at Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W.



BOYCOTT - Voices from the Holy Land: Online Film Salon

Sunday, October 9, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

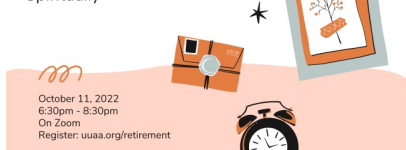
View film for free, now through October 9

[Register here to view the film](#) and then participate in an online film discussion.

In 34 states, companies and individuals hired to work for the state are required to sign pledges to not boycott Israel. Forced to choose between their jobs and their political beliefs, a news publisher in Arkansas, an attorney in Arizona, and a speech therapist in Texas launch legal battles that expose an attack on freedom of speech in America.

BOYCOTT is an inspiring tale of everyday Americans standing up to support Palestinian human rights and to protect our right to freedom of speech. Questions? Email uuyme@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.



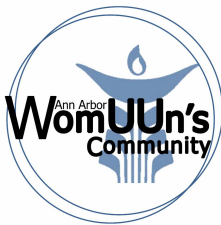
TrUU Hope October Hayride and Bonfire

Friday, October 14, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Hayride and bonfire at JJ's house out in the country north of Ann Arbor. Donuts and cider! Bring a picnic or sack supper if you want. Families and allies are welcome. Let us know if you need a ride.

- 8220 Merrill Road, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
- Rain date October 15

TrUU Hope is a UUAA group for LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and similarly identified) youth. Questions? Send email to TrUUHopeInfo@uuaa.org



WomUUn's Council Needs Your Help for Women's Programming at UUAA 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 UUAA, 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 October 14 for this WomUUn's celebration and re-imagining session. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare can be provided with advance request. RSVP to WomUUnsCouncilinfo@UUAA.org.



"Newcomer" Chalice Circle | Covenant

Saturday, October 15, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, via Zoom

Register by Sunday, October 9

If you are new to UUAA or a longtime member and want to get to know people who are new to us, come (re)explore a basic tenet of Unitarian Universalism. Join us for a Zoom discussion of what it means to be a covenantal religion. How does this differ from a credal religion? What inspiration or challenges are presented with a covenant? You will receive short advanced reflections to contemplate. We

will practice deep listening during the discussion. [Register here](#). Questions? Email Hannah@uuaa.org.



Senior Living Week

Saturday, October 15, and the week of October 17 - 22

The Housing Bureau for Seniors is sponsoring Senior Living Week beginning with an exposition on Saturday, October 15. Informational sessions and senior services representatives will be available. During the week of October 17 - 22 even more educational sessions and open houses at senior residences will take place. For more details, [click here](#).



Community of Writers

Sunday, October 16, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, via Zoom

If you would like to be part of an accepting and encouraging group where you can read your own creative writing and listen to others, you are invited to attend the October meeting of the Community of Writers. The prompt that can be used, or not, is to write about a personal experience related to politics. For information and the Zoom link contact either October facilitator Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com or Anne Ramsey at anneramsey2910@comcast.net.



Proposed 8th Principle Forum

Sunday, October 16, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

We are offering a repeat of the Proposed 8th Principle Forum in person in the Fahs Chapel and via Zoom. [Register here](#) by the morning of October 16. At this forum we will share the background of the proposed 8th Principle and some concerns. After you register, you will be sent a link to articles (also posted on the UUAU website) to read, preferably beforehand. Questions will be expected and encouraged. You can read about this subject by going to 8thprinciple@uu.org.

Questions? Email 8thPrinciple@uuaa.org.

Date Night:
Relationship Classes



Date Night: Attachment Theory

Wednesday, October 19, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, via Zoom

Attachment theory describes how our relationships with a primary caregiver, most commonly a parent, impacts

our adult relationships and causes us to form a primary attachment style. In this Zoom class, we will explore the different attachment styles, how they impact our relationships, and how we can find greater healing and connection. Led by the Rev. Cassandra Hartley.

[Register here.](#)



Say Yes! to Centered Leadership Training (CLT)

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

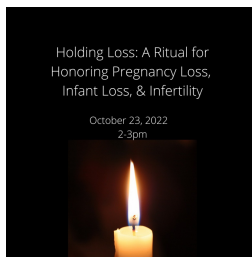
Monday, November 7, 7:00pm - 8:30pm (CLT II)

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

Edie Croake offers her inspiration:

Centered Leadership I was very well organized and so worthwhile. It was an honor to get to know the other folks in the class. I was grateful to learn significant things about the context of UUA—history, structure, values. I felt we had all moved one step closer to building a beloved community.

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 at 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.

Friday Fun Halloween Party

Friday, October 28, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Register by Friday, October 21, Social Hall

Join Friday Fun for a Halloween extravaganza! Pizza and salad dinner begins at 6:00pm, followed by crafts,



games, and the ever-popular candy roulette wheel. All are invited to walk the costume catwalk, trick-or-treat and, for the bravest among us, explore the YRUU Haunted House! For planning purposes, please RSVP by Friday, October 21. [To RSVP, click here.](#) To volunteer for the event, [click here.](#) Note: There are volunteer tasks to do at home or for only 20 minutes at the event. Questions? Email Hannah@uuaa.org.



UUCivs Postcards and Proposals

We've mailed 125 voter-support postcards! Thank you for handwriting these encouraging messages! We're working on campaigns in NC and TX, so stop by the UUCivs table after Sunday services if you'd like to help.

Here in Michigan, learn about the three proposals that will be on the November ballot at a Zoom meeting on October 4 at 7:00pm. This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County. [Register here](#), or watch the recording on the [LWV-WC You Tube channel](#).

Questions? Email uucivs@uuaa.org.



Green Corner: A2's Climate Proposal - Prop 1

You've probably heard of Ann Arbor's goal of carbon neutrality by 2030, known as A2ZERO. Proposal #1 on Ann Arbor's November 8 ballot is a proposed millage to pay for the actions the City must take to achieve this goal. The truth is ... getting control of climate change is going to cost money!

[Visit the A2 Climate Action website](#) for more information about the millage.

To support this proposal by handing out literature or displaying a yard sign, go to the above website, click "Take Action," then "Volunteer."



You Can be a Climate Hero

Are You a Climate Hero?

UUA has joined other Ann Arbor congregations to sponsor monthly "Climate Heroes," who will be announced in the *Ann Arbor Observer* and spotlighted on <http://climateherostories.com/>.

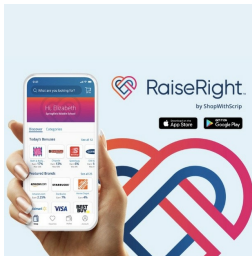
It's our turn to pick a hero! Nominate yourself, a UUAA friend, or a family member by sending the name and climate passion to climate@uuaa.org. All ages, all types of climate work are welcome! Heroes are not intended to be PhDs in battery technology--just ordinary folks with above-and-beyond organic gardens, recycling projects, carbon-reduction ideas....

And remember that other Vision 20/50 climate projects are getting started—you can indicate your interest by [adding your name to this list](#).



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.



Help Wanted: Climate Action/Climate Justice Projects

On our path to [Green Sanctuary 2030 certification](#), UUAU 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 UUAU 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 UUAU’s Vision 20/50.



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. The *Monthly Newsletter* word limit is 300 words or fewer.

Questions? Email communications@uuaa.org.



New Wi-Fi Assisted-Listening System

UUAU 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

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