



Community Matters

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Southwest Michigan May 2018

May Services

Services and Children's Religious Education Classes begin at 10:00am. Nursery Care is available.

Sunday, May 6th - Cinco de Mayo

We will celebrate the long awaited arrival of Spring and the revival of Poetry Sunday (formerly a yearly event called Sombrero Sunday). Sign up to read a favorite poem during the service. Hear and sing uplifting hymns. Participate in "Name That Poet" with prizes given.

This service will be followed by a delightful Mexican-themed potluck (recipes are available on the back tables). Everyone is welcome! ¡Olé!

Sunday, May 13th - Mary Roscoe will be speaking on "Mother Jones—the Most Dangerous Woman in America"

Mother Jones was a woman with a vision and drive for justice. She was a woman who in her later years became a fierce fighter for children labor laws, and for the wages and working conditions of employees. Mother Jones feared no man as she looked down the barrel of a gun, and she also took on U.S. Presidents and the CEOs of the times.

Sunday, May 20th - Rev. Gy will be speaking about "Us, Now". The UUC Annual Meeting will begin after coffee hour.

Sunday, May 27th - Flower Communion—Intergenerational Service

We will be celebrating our annual Flower Communion. All ages are welcome. Bring a flower to add to our community of flowers, and then choose one from those flowers to bring home with you to celebrate Spring together!



From the Minister

"Hello Reverend Ghee!" Ed used to say and he'd smile. Always smiled. I last heard him say that on a Wednesday. He was hooked up to so many machines displaying this and that, beeping here and there. I wore a mask to protect myself from whatever he had. He recognized me nonetheless and said

"Hello Reverend Ghee!" And smiled. If I could have a re-do, I'd drop the mask.

There is no re-do. Not for me, not for Nancy, certainly not for Ed. Our way forward now is without Ed. We'll find our way. Nancy will, too, and we'll be there every step of the way. For that is our DNA – to be there for each other. Community with heart in action. Gratitude!

And as life or love would have it, it all goes on. Jacquie stepped away from her administrative assistant duties and Kristi Montgomery took over. Welcome Kristi!!! Love to have you!

We move forward with planning our future, too. 5 years, 3 years, 1 year. We strategize, dream, envision, and soon we are going to be ready to organize for it to happen.

We may be small, but we are healthy. We love to spend time with each other after service. We readily volunteer and take on new responsibilities. We have an open mind and are willing to stretch the boundaries of our comfort zone. Turns out, these are signs of a healthy community.

The ground we build on is strong, able to support a robust future full of life, learning, sharing of our human experience, exploring the depths of our spirituality, and building bridges in a world where communication and connection seems to want to go extinct.

Did you know that the Strategic Planning Task Force meets every two weeks? I am so inspired by their commitment! We are all so busy and life isn't slowing

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down for anyone, yet these folks are willing to give of themselves, their heart, their best thinking, every two weeks, with tasks to be completed between sessions. This is how I know that our best days are ahead of us! Love like this sustains, builds, lives on!

And we are tired, too. We are noticing fatigue seeping in. So, the Board made the executive decision to take a break from all church activities, Sunday services included, for the month of July. May we go away and rest, recharge and return in August with our energies bursting, ready to shape the new church year into a good one!

On the 2nd of May I am flying to Budapest to visit my family. This time I am going alone. In the 8 and a half years we've been together, this is the longest Patti and I will have been apart. I am going, though, because we hardly ever get re-dos and I want to live with as few regrets as possible. I don't know how much longer my mother will still recognize me and I want to spend as much time with her as possible while she still does.

I will be back just in time for our Annual Meeting on the 20th, jetlagged and all.

Namaste!



Flower Communion Sunday



**Sunday, May 27th, we will hold our annual Flower Communion.
This will be an intergenerational service.**

The Flower Ceremony, sometimes referred to as Flower Communion or Flower Festival, is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community.

Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow.

In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The congregation and minister bless the flowers, and they're redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought.

We look forward to sharing this beautiful Spring in community with each other!



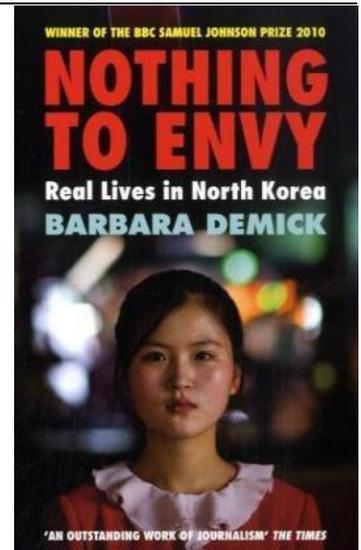
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UUCC Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group meets Friday, May 11 to discuss "Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea," non-fiction by Barbara Demick. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Bab El Salam, 124 W. Centre.

Discussion at 1 p.m. in the Community Room led by Stephanie Grathwol; hostess: Betty Lee Ongley. Lunch reservations with Judy Halseth judith.halseth@wmich.edu or 327-9438.

All UUCC women are welcome.



May Calendar

Tuesday, May 1 1:00 pm - iPhone/iPad Class	Thursday, May 3 6:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
Sunday, May 6 9:15 am - R.E. Committee Meeting 11:30 am—Cinco de Mayo Potluck	Tuesday, May 8 1:00 pm - iPhone/iPad Class 6:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 9 12:15 pm - Stewardship Meeting 5:30 pm - Sunday Services Meeting	Friday, May 11 11:30 am - Book Group Lunch @ Bab El Salam 1:00 pm - Women's Book Group Discussion 7:00 pm - Sacred Waters Kirtan
Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day) 11:30 am - Connections Team Meeting 11:30 am - Faith in Action Meeting	Tuesday, May 15 1:00 pm - iPhone/iPad Class 6:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 16 6:30 pm - UUCC Film Forum	Saturday, May 19 8:30 am - Men's Breakfast @ Burgertown
Sunday, May 20 11:30 am - Annual Meeting	Tuesday, May 22 1:00 pm - iPhone/iPad Class 6:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 23 12:30 pm - <i>A Chosen Faith</i> book class 6:00 pm - <i>A Chosen Faith</i> book class	Sunday, May 27 11:30 am - Program Council meeting
Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day)	Tuesday, May 29 1:00 pm - iPhone/iPad Class 6:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 30 12:30 pm - <i>A Chosen Faith</i> book class 6:00 pm - <i>A Chosen Faith</i> book class	

R.E.flections

Jacquis Robertson
Director of Religious
Education



*The beautiful spring came; and when
 Nature resumes her loveliness, the
 human soul is apt to revive also. –
 Harriet Ann Jacobs*

We have finally made it to Spring! I am so excited, I hope you are as well. Spring brings wonderful things for Religious Education. The first being the manifestation of our community garden.

I have stated in the R.E. Newsletter we attempted a garden last year and even though we yielded a few plants it wasn't as many as the kids or I had hoped. I went to the drawing board and sat down with a friend and fellow UU Edna Degraw and she gave me some wonderful information about the use of boxes hay, raised garden boxes and so much more which I'm excited to implement this month. Needless to say, Religious Education will be taking place outside for much of May and June so please have your youth dress accordingly.

May will also bring a fun jam session of sorts that will take place with Nick and the children. Nick and I talked about doing some music with the youth in March and it's finally come into fruition! On May 20 from 11:30 to 12:30 the children will be playing instruments with Nick so if your child plays an instrument they are encouraged to bring it but, some instruments will be provided.

Finally, we have Peace Pizzazz that we will be tabling at on May 19. This is an event that we use to participate in that's centered around teaching peace to youth. It's a jammed pack event with great entertainment so I would love for us and our youth to come out.

So along with beautiful weather May also brings wonderful things to Religious Education! In the words of Penelope Trunk, "Spring is a Time to find out where you are, who you are, and move toward where you are going. So, lets!

R.E. News

R.E. Committee Meeting: The next Religious Education Committee Meeting will be Friday May 18, at 12 p.m.

Thank You!: A "THANK YOU" to Brian Leekley, Stephanie Grathwol and Rev. Gy Ludvig-McCartney for volunteering in the month of April and to Regena Nelson, Eric Nelson and Phil Najar for coming out to table at Earth Day with their Youth.

Peace and Pizzazz: Peace Pizzazz will be held May 19 in Bronson Park from Noon to 4 p.m. if you are interested in tabling please contact me at Jacquis.O.Robertson@gmail.com or sign up on the Activity Table in the Foyer.

Airway Lanes: If you and/or your children are planning to go on the Airway Lanes Trip June 24 after service **PLEASE** e-mail me at Jacquis.O.Robertson@gmail.com and/or sign up on the Activity Table in the Foyer by **May 27**. This is imperative for pricing purposes.

Music Sunday: Nick and I will be holding a jam session of sorts with the children from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday May, 20. Please encourage your young people to bring their instruments if they have some, if not, instruments will be provided.

Religious Education Weekly E-Newsletter: If you are a parent and you are not receiving the Religious Education Weekly E- Newsletter please e-mail me at Jacquis.O.Robertson@gmail.com so I can get you signed-up. If you are not a parent and would like to receive the Religious Education Weekly E-Newsletter and would like to get signed up please e-mail me at Jacquis.O.Robertson@gmail.com.

May R.E. Schedule

Nursery Volunteer

5/6 Brian Leekley
 5/13 Help Wanted
 5/20 Help Wanted
 5/27 Help Wanted

Dates	Lesson	Teacher
5/6	Intergenerational Service	N/A
5/13	Intergenerational Service	N/A
5/20	What Does the Earth Teach Us?	Help Wanted
5/27	R.E. Sunday Planning	Help Wanted

UUCC's **Religious Education Curriculum** is available in digital format. If you would like to have a digital copy of the lessons, please e-mail me at jacquis.o.robertson@gmail.com. Your participation, your questions and your suggestions are most welcome.

For those in our congregation who are new to volunteering as a Religious Education teacher, a **R.E. Teacher Check List** is available; this provides the appropriate details, and will give you an understanding of the routine.

For our best communication, please talk with me on Sunday and also send an e-mail to me at jacquis.o.robertson@gmail.com.

Our children need the participation of our adults, so thank you for considering this vital role.





FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Greetings, Friends, Partners, Spiritual Seekers. I trust that you are reading this in good health, and that our April snows have disappeared from on top of the daffodils. While I'm one of those people who generally prefer to shovel snow rather than mow grass, I must admit that I am NOT dreading the latter, now that winter has ended here.

So, first things first:

By now, you may have read or heard about UUCC's most recent good news: KRISTI MONTGOMERY is our new part-time Office Administrator. Since her April 13 start, she's probably worked for/with us about 25 hours so far. I know that we have been welcoming her with our usual warmth, and that she has our full cooperation.

I am especially heartened that Kristi has joined us because it represents another opportunity to rebuild from June 2015, when we bade farewell to all four of our then part-time staff, as each person coincidentally moved away from the Kalamazoo-Portage area. I'm remembering long-time DRE Miriam and Office Administrator Jesse, along with Rev. Greg and Artist-in-Residence Mary Jo.

Next: Gratitude and Abundance for Vision & Mission Budget

Thank YOU, once again, every one, for your generosity during our recent pledge campaign. We are receiving the last of the pledges and will soon have a tally for the 2018-2019 budget that the board will propose during the Annual Meeting on May 20. While an informational session on the budget was part of the April 15 Program Council meeting, your Trustees are continuing work on that budget, seeking to maximize the resources that will support our congregation's Vision and Mission.

Next: Sunday, May 20, 2018 Annual Meeting

The board's proposed budget will be presented and voted on during our Annual Meeting on May 20, 2018. We will also vote on the Nominees for the Board of Trustees and for the Nominating Committee. Please make sure that you have the May 20 Annual Meeting on your calendar. While all are invited, only voting members can vote, i.e., those individuals who have made a pledge for the 2018-2019 year and have signed the membership book.

Next: General Assembly June 20-24 in Kansas City, Missouri

I'm pleased to announce that Rev. Gy, along with UUCC's two delegates--members Marsha Laya and Joyce Van Baak--will carry UUCC's Banner at this year's annual Unitarian Universalist Association gathering, fondly known as "GA". You may know that Marsha is our Board's Vice-President and that Joyce is one of the nominees for the next Board of Trustees. By the way, those of us who know Marsha even a little bit will not be surprised to learn that she made housing arrangements last summer. Be prepared for their return, as even more enthusiastic and life-affirming UU women!

Note: Check out www.uua.org for lots more information about General Assembly. Events in the General Session Hall can be experienced via live streaming and online chat, and most videos are posted afterwards.

Yours,
Stephanie Groshko Grathwol



ART WALL

The art wall has now been taken down. The pictures and wood trays were by artists Sharon and Dave Saunders. The Saunders kindly gave the church all the money from the three pieces that were sold - \$140. We thank you very much, Sharon and Dave.

The next art wall will go up at the end of August. The artist is Fran Dwight. Fran is a well known photographer in the Kalamazoo area. She has had many local showings, including the recent outdoor show in the Edison area, with photos of many Edison residents, entitled "[Inside Out: We Are Edison](#)".



May Caring Community News

*“Staying positive does not mean that things will turn out okay.
Rather it is knowing you will be okay no matter how things turn out.”*

~ Unknown

Elizabeth Fernandez is pleased with her recent move within the Friendship Village campus. Daughters Kate and Eva were both here to help and to find good homes for Elizabeth’s two cats.

Our community is joyful for the return to church of Marsha Laya, Brian Leekley, Jim and Mary King, Nancy Stob, and Jon Vanderberg: all recovering from their medical situations of the past month. There has been a great deal of other-than-Sunday reaching out and support within our wonderful UCC family.

Happy birthday goes out to several of our member/friends in May: 5th Nickolas Tasko, 11th Mark Wheeler, 13th Chloe Najar, 17th Denise Sonier, 20th David Brozovich, 30th Brian Leekley, and 31st Jim King. When it’s May and the sun is shining, the birds are singing, and the flowers are blooming, everyday feels like a celebration – enjoy “your” special day in a special way!

We remember three of our members who were so much a part of church life during their years with us: Harold Oliver (2012) for his warm acceptance of anyone he met, his good humor, and his quietly being there when something needed to be done; Joan Wallace (2015) a founder, who kept our archives and memory books, served on many committees, led the Writers’ Covenant Group, and left us with her wonderful poetry; and Marge Snow (2016) known for generously sharing her professional knowledge and personal wisdom, opening her home to hostess the annual holiday meeting of the Women’s Book Group, and inspiring us all to grow into senior citizens with style, courage, and activism.

Congratulations to Denise Sonier and Steve Tasko – happily married since 1995!

It is important that we hear each other in community so that we can double the fun and lessen the stress – we are not alone.

If you have, or are aware of someone else with a need, please contact: Nancy Crowell 381-7659, and/or Judy Oliver 353-9397. Both the giver and the receiver are blessed in community.

Nomination Committee Selections

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce names of nominees for the UCC Board of Trustees. These are nominations for two-year terms.

Betty Lee Ongley
Joyce Van Baak

Members will elect nominees to the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting.

If a UCC member chooses to submit a nomination for the Board of Trustees, please follow these procedures. The Bylaws state that “Nominations for the Board . . . may be submitted by any member or group of members, three weeks in advance of the annual meeting by furnishing the name of the proposed nominee or nominees, in writing, to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.” If there are nominations coming from the membership (i.e. not the Nominating Committee), they are required to be published and posted no less than two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
UCC Nominating Committee:
Marcia Adams, Joe Calme, and Ed Stob



ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

The Board of Trustees has scheduled UUCC's Annual Meeting for Sunday, May 20, 2018 at the church after coffee hour.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect members to the Board of Trustees and to the Nominating Committee, to adopt an annual budget, and to conduct such other business as may be announced in the meeting agenda.

While all are invited, only members may vote. Our Bylaws require a 30% quorum. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank you.

Stephanie G. Grathwol,
Board of Trustees President



Board Briefs

BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting: April 5, 2018

Received report from Director of Religious Education (DRE) Jacquis Robertson.

- ◆ DRE: Discussed ways to have children and young adults have opportunities to be involved with leadership and have space at UUCC.

Received report from Consulting Minister Reverend Gy Ludvig-McCartney.

- ◆ The Strategic Planning Task Force will meet online with outside facilitator Martha Creek on 4/17 to help narrow the team's work focus on the 3, 2, 1 year plans.
- ◆ The Canvas Dinner was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the band Big Trouble.

Board Discussions:

- ◆ Board Liaisons gave updates on the committees that they support.
- ◆ Authorized making an offer to Kristi Montgomery for Office Administrator.
- ◆ Approved the proposed Bylaws changes. Copies showing the changes will be provided two weeks in advance of the April 22 congregational meeting on this topic.
- ◆ Approved the proposed 2018-2019 Budget; informational meeting to be held during the April 15 Program Council meeting, voted on at the May 20, 2018 annual meeting.
- ◆ Upcoming UUCC events: April 22 Congregational Meeting on Bylaws, May 20 Annual Meeting.
- ◆ Upcoming UUA Events to recruit for: June 20th-24th GENERAL ASSEMBLY in Kansas City, MO and July 15th-21st Midwest Leadership School at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Reminder: Board meetings are open to all to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at UUCC.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Ritter
UUCC Board of Trustees Secretary



Welcome, Connect, Engage, Inspire!



Thank you to everyone who attended the **"Second Saturdays"** gathering at Water St. Coffee Joint in Portage on April 11. The nine individuals who huddled together on this cold and grey day ranged from a one-time visitor to a 22 year veteran of UUC! It was wonderful to learn so much about each other, share some laughs and learn new and interesting facts! See below for info on our next gathering.

Let's get together! Important dates to put on your calendar!

Change of dates! Beginning Wednesday, May 23, 2018, Rev. Gy is offering a six-week-long **book study on "A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism"** by Forrest Church and John A. Buehrens. This class is mandatory for new members and recommended to everyone. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer. If you need a copy of the book, either order from Beacon Press or let the church office or Rev. Gy know by May 7 so it will arrive on time. Here's to learning more about our roots and foundation so we may build a solid, grounded life together as a UU community!

Second Saturdays – Newcomers and long-time UUCers gather, inspire and support each other and share our dreams. Join us! May 12, 1:00pm at Water Street Coffee, 245 W. Centre Ave., Portage (corner of Shaver Rd. & Centre Ave.)

Thinking on the Edge of the Box (where transformation happens)!!

We will be re-announcing our March **Super Server**, Freya Lake, on a Sunday in May and celebrating her service to our community over the years. Let her know of your gratitude.

First-time attendees can choose to wear a **yellow ribbon**. If you see someone with a yellow ribbon, please interact and live our Mission by nurturing abundant welcoming!

We look to launch **Circle Suppers** at UUC. When they work well they bring friends, newcomers and members of the congregation together monthly to share food and get acquainted. They can be a powerful tool for creating community. Groups rotate hosts and gather once a month in homes for a potluck meal – purely social time or to discuss a topic. Let Nancy Calme know if you would be interested!

The **Incredible Introducer** (identified by a light-up badge) is available each Sunday to help answer questions about opportunities and events at UUC. Become informed!

Connections Team's mission and goals for the upcoming church year:

Welcoming – by all and to all; invite everyone to continue sincere acceptance

Connecting – foster communication of opportunities to socialize, engage, help and lead, both in our community and the community at large; inspire creativity, take risks and invite adventure

Streamline – put our processes in writing, provide training to all who wish it

We welcome your questions about making connections, membership at UUC, and your input and feedback! Please contact us: Nancy Calme, Nancy Crowell, Nancy Stob, Lauren Ritter, Joyce Van Baak and Erin Michael. Love to see your smile!

Sacred Waters Kirtan

Friday, May 11th, 7 - 8:30 pm

Devotional Chanting—All ages welcome!



"Sacred Waters Kirtan is a heart-soaring, energetic, expanding quantum force of merciful healing."

Suggested Love Offering—\$10

For more information about Sacred Waters Kirtan, please visit
www.yogachant.org.

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You are invited to take advantage of quality products and also support social justice by purchasing these items that are on a table just to the left of the sanctuary's west window.

Chocolate bars for \$2.30 each:

Dark Chocolate Mint Crunch (67% Cacao)

Dark Chocolate Orange (65% Cacao)

Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt (43% Cacao)

Palestinian Olive Oil: \$13.60 each

Thank you for supporting the Unitarian Universalist Association's Service Committee.

Please make checks payable to Stephanie Grathwol, or leave cash in the envelope if I am not available when you choose your products.



BECOME A *CHALICE LIGHTER*

Chalice Lighters is a small grant program run through the MidAmerica Region of the UUA. We are in the MidAmerica Region, used to be active in this program, and received a grant sometime ago.

The categories which Chalice Lighters funds are: Supporting an emerging congregation, acquiring meeting space, increasing paid professional staff, outreach/marketing. We certainly could benefit from a grant in the last two areas.

While there is no minimum number of people who must contribute, in order for a congregation's application to be considered, preference is given to those congregations where 20% of the members are active in the program. To reach 20% in our congregation, we need six more members who contribute regularly.

Individual donations are to be made three times each year (or once a year, \$60 minimum). There are four suggested levels of donation:

- \$20 Believer
- \$50 Builder
- \$100 Benefactor
- \$250 Beacon



Should you choose to become a Chalice Lighter, you may donate in two ways:

1) Donate online for the 2018 Spring Call by Friday, June 15, 2018 <https://www.midamericauua.org/MA/chalice-lighters>

OR

2) Write a check out to MidAmerica Region. Please note "Chalice Lighter Spring 2018 Call" in the memo line and send it to: **MidAmerica Region, 2355 Fairview Avenue #312, Roseville, MN 55113** by Friday, June 15, 2018.

Once you donate, you will receive a "Call Letter" three times a year as a reminder and to keep you updated. If you donate annually, the Call Letter is sent as an update, not a request to send more, unless you wish to do so.

Thank you – Your new Chalice Lighter Ambassador
Ron Crowell

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9:30 AM
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GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

During our Sunday February 25 Service, we passed around clipboards and asked you to indicate your preferences for general communications by noting the number 1, 2, 3, etc. in the various columns for email, telephone call, etc.

If you missed this, please note your preferences on the clipboard that's on the Activity Sign-Up Table in the foyer--or contact Office Administrator Kristi Montgomery at uucommunity@gmail.com or [269-324-7262](tel:269-324-7262).

Thank you!

General Assembly 2018

**Kansas City, Missouri and Online
Wednesday, June 20, 2018 (All
day) to Sunday, June 24, 2018 (All
day)**

General Assembly 2018 will take place at the Kansas City Convention Center, 301 W 13th St, Kansas City, MO 64105

2018 Registration Rates:

Adult: Wed-Sun: \$395 March 1 – April 30;
\$450 May 1 – June 24

Youth (Grades 9-12): \$225 until April 30 and
\$260 thereafter.

Off-Site: \$150 until April 30 and \$175
thereafter.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications accepted
March 1 through March 31.

Reduced Rates: \$0 in exchange for 18 hours of
volunteer work. Apply by 3/31.

**Interested? Please contact Stephanie
Grathwol or Jacquie Robertson.**

CANCELLATION: Cancel a GA registration
through the GA Registrar
at generalassembly@uua.org Fee is \$35
before May 1; \$60 May 1 and thereafter.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Attending Online Registration is NOT required to vote in a UUA Election nor to view: Events in the General Session Hall via live streaming and online chat (watch GA 2017). Most videos are posted afterwards.

In addition, Off-site Registrants are able to watch and ask questions in live sessions including workshops and business sessions (mini-assemblies, hearings, etc).

Off-site Voting Delegates are also able to propose amendments in the live business sessions, participate in debates, and vote in general sessions.



Saheeda Nadeem

Kalamazoo's First Congregational Church is providing sanctuary for Saheeda Nadeem, a member of the Kalamazoo community who is fighting to stop her deportation. To learn more about Saheeda and her story, please visit the First Congregational Church's website, Sanctuary for Saheeda (<https://firstcongregationalkzoo.org/saheeda/>).

Here are some ways you can help:

Donate to her GoFundMe (<https://www.gofundme.com/LetHerStay>) or her Launch Good (https://www.launchgood.com/project/keep_aunty_saheeda_home#!/) support pages.

Volunteer to be a door-sitter at First Congregational Church by sending an e-mail to fcc-door-sitters@kazoofcc.org.

To support her financially in other ways, consider organizing a dinner party, a concert, or another charity event to raise money for her fund supports.

Write letters to Rep. Fred Upton (<https://upton.house.gov/contact/>), Senators Peters and Stabenow (https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=MI), and local ICE Director Rebecca Adducci (<https://www.ice.gov/doclib/dro/facilities/pdf/calhomi.pdf>).

Write Saheeda a message of hope. Letters and cards can be mailed to the church:

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- Brian Leekley
- Phil Najar
- Lauren Ritter
- Mary Roscoe

**The next Newsletter Deadline is
Tuesday, May 15th at Noon
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