

# UUA Womyn's Community

## 2020 Annual Report

**Mission Statement:** The UUA Womyn's Council provides structure and leadership to coordinate events, activities, educational programming and pastoral support for all who identify as women in the UUA community. By "women" and "womyn", we mean anyone who identifies as a woman in a way that is significant to them, be they trans, non-binary, gender fluid or gender non-conforming individuals. All are welcome.

Many programs are currently on hiatus, but plans for hosting virtual activities are in the works.

- We are pleased that the **Womyn's Council** has become increasingly diverse.
- **Our growing email contact list** includes over 400 UUA women.
- **A colorful monthly newsletter** informs the community about upcoming events and pastoral care needs.
- **Our monthly Women's Breakfast** has expanded. We now have a **West Side Breakfast** in Ann Arbor for early-risers, and a later **East Side Brunch** in Ypsilanti.
- **Sisterhood Socials** are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month hosted by individual women in their homes or other location of the host's choice. Anywhere from 10-45 people attend.
- Ongoing group initiatives include **Caregivers & Kiddos** (formerly called **Mothers and Others**), **Womyn's Book Groups**, and **Outdoor Womyn**.
- We continue to coordinate participation in, advocacy of, and education about **women's issues**. We participated in the **Women's March**.
- There are currently about 15 active **Womyn's Circles**. Pat Keussner and Meg MacKenzie have regular meetings to form new circles, and Meg has introduced us to a new scheduling app to facilitate their formation.
- **We are planning the 2020 Womyn's Retreat**, which will be held on October 2-4, at Camp Copneconic. The theme is *Self-Compassion: Discovering Joy*. All womyn ages 15+ are invited to attend the retreat, and scholarships will be available.

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