



The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, August 11, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Worship August 11 | 10:00am

Principles of Unitarian Universalism | Aspirations and Inspirations

Special Guest — Rev. Jason Shelton

On the Chancel | Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, theresa rohlick, M.Div.

Grocery/Scrip Card

Today, Social Hour, Scrip Table

While the "back to school" specials may be over at ShopwithScrip.com, now is a great time to stock up on Scrip cards as many stores are just ramping up their sales. Meijer (3%) is always good (groceries, clothing, automotive - what's not to like?), TJMaxx (7%) is also good at HomeGoods, Marshalls, and Sierra Trading Post, and there are over 600 more retailers to choose from! Stop by the Scrip Table for more information or to place an order. Questions? Contact Carolyn at cmbarber@umich.edu.

Habitat for Humanity

Today, Social Hour, Habitat for Humanity Table

As the Habitat construction season comes to a close, we want to thank everyone who has volunteered. We still need help with construction costs. We are one of 17 churches in the Good News Group who pool our resources to build and help pay for renovations so that low-income people can have a home of their own. Last, but not least, Saturday, August 17 is Sugar Brook Park Youth Day. Please consider volunteering to help bring this Ypsilanti Township community together. Come to the Habitat Table during Social Hour or visit www.uuaa.org/h4h.

Men's Retreat Registration

Today, Social Hour, Men's Retreat Table

Join us for the 20th anniversary retreat, Friday-Sunday, September 20-22, at the Judson-Collins Center in the Irish Hills. Our theme is "Resilience." Enjoy friendship, fun, intellectual and spiritual discourse, humor, and physical activities. We offer half-price rates for first-time attendees, and scholarships are available. Register at the Men's Retreat Table during Social Hour or online at uuaa.org/mensretreat. Questions? Email mensretreat@uuaa.org or call Bob at 734-674-7452.

Mindful Eating

Today, Social Hour, Mindful Eating Table

We will be doing a produce exchange during the summer months. Stop by to pick up and drop off extra produce. You are not required to provide produce to take some. Questions? Email Eileen at ejwright@umich.edu.

UUSC Coffee Project

Today, Social Hour, Fair Trade Coffee Table

Support small farm cooperatives globally while helping to fundraise for UUSC social justice programs and this congregation. Stop by during Social Hour to choose from fair trade chocolates, fruit and nut bars, coffee, teas, nuts, dried fruits, and Palestinian olive oils. Questions? Contact Ilene Beninson at ilene.beninson@gmail.com.

Womyn's Retreat Registration

Today, Social Hour, Womyn's Community Table

Attend this fabulous community building event September 27-29 at Camp Copneconic. The theme is "Storyteller Within...." You'll enjoy nearly a dozen workshops, outdoor activities, delicious food, music, Women's Wares sale, and more. If you want a fun and easy way to get to know other women at UUA, don't miss this retreat. Reduced fee for ages 15-25! Questions? Email Roen Montalva at womensretreat@uuaa.org or call Judi at 734-352-7285.

QUUest Bookstore

Check out our exciting book offerings during August Social Hours. Please note QUUest Bookstore will be closed on Sunday, September 1, 2019, so our booksellers can all enjoy the full Labor Day weekend. We will reopen between services on September 8.

Community of Writers Meeting

Today, David Room, 11:30am–1:00pm

As August arrives, we may begin thinking of interests we'd like to renew, such as writing a narrative based on our earlier life, poems about travels, poetry about spirituality, essays about social issues, and more. We may find others with similar interests at the Community of Writers meeting. Everyone is invited to stop by and get acquainted, perhaps read a writing, and request comments. Questions? Contact Mary Lund at mlund@mi.rr.com.

Bridge Group

Today, Kernitz Room, noon–3:45

All are welcome to join UUA bridge players. We ask if you are new to the group to contact Karen Bourdon at kbourdon1@sbcglobal.net.

People of Color (POC) Brown Bag Lunch

Today, Brown Room, noon–1:30pm

If you identify as a POC, we invite you to join us for a brown bag lunch gathering in the Brown Room! This space is being held for those who identify as people of color. Questions? Email Quiana at Quiana@uuaa.org

UUA Humanist Study Groups

Monday, August 12, 7:00pm–8:30pm or

Thursday, August 15, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Humanism has a long history in our congregation, and a group of humanists has been meeting for 20 years, gathering on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings and/or 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons discussing humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science.. All are welcome. Monday, August 12, Bob Peyser will lead a discussion on Mindfulness. Thursday group contact is Bruce Gibb at blgibb@aol.com. Monday group contact Hal is Breidenbach at hal@breidenbach.net.

North AAUU

Tuesday, August 13, 7:00pm

All are welcome to join the North AAUU Group at Bob Reed's in the Meadows, Glacier Hills, (4001 Glacier Hills Dr., Ann Arbor). Come examine the meaning(s) of words: *spiritual, love*, etc. Questions? Email Al LaRose at albertlarose@att.net.

Outdoors Women Paddle & Potluck Lunch

Saturday August 17, 11:00am

Outdoors Women, their partners, and families will enjoy kayaking/canoeing, swimming and/or relaxation at a lake 40 minutes outside Ann Arbor, northwest of Chelsea, including a potluck lunch (rustic bathrooms available onsite). Entry per person is \$5 with or without boating. RSVP to Ingrid Gunderson at igunder@umich.edu for more information.

Mothers and Others Playground Meetup

Saturday, August 17, 10:00am--noon

Join other caregivers of young children for fellowship and support! Our final playground meetup of the summer will be at Allmendinger Park (655 Pauline Blvd. Ann Arbor). Bring a peanut-free snack to share! We will resume our bimonthly playgroups in the UUAA nursery in September on the 2nds and 4th Saturdays of the month! For details and to RSVP, join our Facebook group or email list! Search for UUAA Mothers and Others on Facebook or email Charlene Mangi at Charlene.mangi@gmail.com.

Introduction to Our Faith

Saturday, August 24 10:00am--2:30pm

This class is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism for newcomers and a prerequisite for congregants ready to sign the membership book. Join Rev. Lindasusan to learn about UU history, how to get involved, finding your calling, and the responsibilities of membership. [Register online](#) or by filling out a form found on the Involvement Table during Social Hour. The registration deadline is Sunday, August 18. If you need childcare, please register by Sunday, August 11. Questions? Email hannah@uuaa.org.

Wednesday Morning Readers

Wednesday, August 28, 10:00am--noon

We will be discussing former Gourmet editor and NY Times restaurant critic, Ruth Reichl's memoir, *Tender at the Bone*. Sally Mitani, restaurant critic for the Ann Arbor Observer (1987-1993), will be joining us to share her experience reviewing restaurants. A Q&A will follow. After the meeting, join us at Quarter Bistro for lunch. To RSVP to the lunch or get your questions answered, email Liz at lizzyt48176@gmail.com.

Banished: Ethnic Cleansing of Blacks in America

Friday, September 6, 7:00pm--9:00pm

Join Mindful Eating and Challenging Racism in viewing and discussion of the documentary: *Banished: Ethnic Cleansing of Blacks in America*. *Banished* explores a time "when thousands of African Americans were driven from their homes and communities by violent, racist mobs. The film places these events in the context of present day race relations by following three concrete cases where black and white citizens warily explore if there is common ground for reconciliation over these expulsions." Questions? Email Cathy at cathymuha@sbcglobal.net.

Chalice Bells

The handbell choir welcomes new players each Fall. If you can read music, have a reasonably good sense of rhythm, and have Sunday evenings free to rehearse, the Chalice Bells is the place for you. We begin rehearsing at the end of September. To learn more, contact theresa rohlick by September 1 at theresa@uuaa.org.

New Room Reservation Requests Now Accepted

Recognized congregational groups may now submit room reservation requests for one-time and repeating events occurring now through September 12, 2020. You may now submit requests that bridge the two-service to one-service seasons, although you may need to reconcile your event times with the building hour changes that occur with those service seasons. To submit a room reservation request or for more information, go to the [Request-a-Room link](#) on the bottom of the UUAA website home page. The UUAA room team, debita graham and Jim McCargar can be reached by emailing room@uuaa.org.

UUAA Vision 20/50 Ambassadors Needed

Are you interested in helping out with Vision 20/50? We need people to help facilitate discussions with our UUAA community around a set of visioning questions - the next step in our visioning process. Venues for these discussions include Sundays after service, home events, group meetings, and Family Fun Nights. Our goal is to engage a large percentage of the UUAA community so we can explore the kind of congregation we hope to be in the near and long term. Each ambassador will facilitate two to four sessions, September through December. Training will be provided. Questions? Email Beth Hospadaruk at beth.hospadaruk@gmail.com.

8th Grade Our Whole Lives (OWL) Teacher Needed

We need one more teacher for the 8th grade Our Whole Lives class beginning this fall. Our Whole Lives is a comprehensive lifespan health and sexuality course developed by the UUA. Training is available in September. For more information, email SGD@uuaa.org.

Sharing the Collection

Religious Action for Affordable Housing

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday. Collectively we contributed \$1,583 toward the good work of Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH). To learn about more ways to contribute, visit them online at www.raah.org. On September 8, we will be sharing the collection with [Washtenaw Literacy](#). Questions? Contact Bob Dinan at bdinan83@gmail.com or visit uuaa.org/sharingthecollection.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Wednesdays at 5:00pm

Submissions of 90 words or fewer should be submitted in Word format and sent to bulletin@uuaa.org. Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

September Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, August 21 at 9:00am

Submissions of 300 words or fewer should be submitted as an attachment in Word format and sent to newsletter@uuaa.org. Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries at hannah@uuaa.org.