

The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, August 18, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Worship August 18 | 10:00am Principles of Unitarian Universalism | Open the Window

On the Chancel | Rev. Cassandra Hartley, theresa rohlck, M.Div., Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout

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 for groceries, clothing, automotive, what's not to like? there are over 600 more retailers to choose from such as TJMaxx (7%), HomeGoods, Marshalls, and Sierra Trading Post! 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

Today is the last day for the Habitat for Humanity table in the Social Hall. A big THANK YOU to all who have volunteered to help build, provide lunches, and/or donate. 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. 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. Also, stop by to learn about interesting programs we have planned for this fall. Questions? Email Eileen at ejwright@umich.edu.

Room Reservation Team

Today, Social Hour, Room Reservation Team Table

Do you have questions about how to make room reservations? Do you have any suggestions for improving the room reservation process? Visit the room reservation table in the Social Hall today. We want to listen to your concerns and suggestions. We can also show you how to make a room reservation through the "Request a Room" link on the website. Questions? Contact Jim McCargar or debita graham at room@uuaa.org.

Unity Group

Today, Social Hour, Unity Group Table

The Unity Group C3 Series: Curiosity, Conversation, Covenant, begins a fall theme of Talking Across the Divide Forums on 8/25 with the documentary, "Refusing to Be Enemies" co-sponsored by UUJME. The film documents the journey of personal transformation for a group of Arab and Jewish women, and offers living proof of a pathway to peace. The 9/22 forum, co-sponsored by the Shared Ministries Team, is "Conflict Management: Talking Across the Divide," presented by Reese Havlatka, UM Office of Student Conflict Management. On 10/27, UUAA Social Justice and Pastoral Care Coordinator Quiana Perkins presents "Multicultural Outreach and Ministry," co-sponsored by Challenging Racism. Questions? Email unitygroup@uuaa.org.

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.

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.

Adult Our Whole Lives (OWL)

First Class Sunday, September 15, 1:00pm-3:30pm

Adult OWL explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages, using values, communication skills and spirituality as starting points. Through this program, participants will build understanding of healthy sexual relationships, accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives, have the opportunity to ask honest questions, engage in activities to help clarify personal values and improve decision-making skills, and work together to build a safe and supportive peer group for all participants. Register online at www.uuaa.org/sgd/adults. Questions? Contact Craig VanKempen at craigyk@gmail.com.

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 rohlck 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.

Register for the Womyn's Retreat

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 UUAA, 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.

Registration for Fall Children & Youth SGD Classes

SGD families, get a jump on registration for the 2019-2020 program year! Registering now helps us get working on class lists and sizes. Register by using this link. To see which classes are being offered this year, or to get more information about our program, visit www.uuaa.org/sgd.

Sharing the Collection Religious Action for Affordable Housing

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH). Collectively we contributed \$1,583 toward the good work of 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.