



# The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, April 28, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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**Worship April 28 | 9:30am and 11:30am**

**Every Body's Church | Crafted in conversation with UUAA's Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM)**

Our welcome must grow each time our community does. Where are our growing edges in building the church for every body?

**On the Chancel |** Rev. Cassandra Hartley, Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich

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## **H.O.P.E. Clinic Donation Kick Off**

**Today, Social Hour, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SGD Table**

Every year the H.O.P.E. Clinic serves thousands of individuals in south-east Michigan, providing food and social services; medical and dental care; and community behavioral health services while partnering with other agencies to ensure holistic care. Seventh graders have lists of items needed and will be accepting contributions through May 5. Donations of Scrip cards that benefit both UUAA and the H.O.P.E. Clinic can be made at our Scrip Table. Questions? Email Carli Hildebrandt at [cjwhildebrandt@gmail.com](mailto:cjwhildebrandt@gmail.com).

## **Immigration Action Coalition (IAC)**

**Today, Social Hour, IAC Table**

The UUA encourages congregations to expand their sanctuary commitments by accompanying vulnerable individuals to court hearings, driving undocumented immigrants to appointments, raising bond money, and providing housing for those seeking asylum. Stop by the IAC Table during Social Hour to find out how you can get involved or email Cheryl Valentine at [cheryl.natzmervallentine@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.natzmervallentine@gmail.com).

## **Organic Community Gardening at UUAA**

**Today, Social Mindful Eating Table**

The community garden located on the UUAA property has been renovated this past fall and spring, and we are ready to enroll a few good gardeners. If you are interested in a small plot for growing your own veggies and flowers organically and very locally, sign up at the Mindful Eating Table during Social Hour. We participate with Food Gatherers in "Plant a Row for the Hungry" to help support food security in Washtenaw County. Questions? Contact Cathy at [mysarina@aol.com](mailto:mysarina@aol.com).

## **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 following the first service 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](mailto:ilene.beninson@gmail.com).

## **UUs for Justice in the Middle East – Monthly Meeting**

**Today, Brown Room, 10:45am–11:30am**

Join us in working for justice, freedom, and equality for all people in Israel-Palestine. Questions? Contact Mark Jagner at [mjagner@yahoo.com](mailto:mjagner@yahoo.com).

## **Mindful Eating: Farm Project Forum**

**Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–1:45pm**

We're kicking off our eighth season of the Food Gatherers Farm Project on the property of Farmer Bill Schmid. This annual service project has generated thousands of dollars and thousands of pounds of fresh produce in the fight against hunger in Washtenaw County. Find out how at this forum. Whether you're a long-time volunteer, considering a first-time visit, or just plain curious – this forum is for you! Light snacks will be served. Questions? Contact Colleen Crawley [ccrawley59@gmail.com](mailto:ccrawley59@gmail.com)

## **One-Time Chalice Circle**

**Today, David Room, 1:15pm–3:00pm**

Sign up for a one-time Chalice Circle. Chalice Circles are small discussion groups where participants practice deep listening and make connections through sharing experiences and thoughts. This month's theme is exploring the topic of "Wholeness." To register or learn more, email [chalicecircles@uuaa.org](mailto:chalicecircles@uuaa.org).

## **ACLU Talk by Michael Steinberg**

**Today, Sanctuary, 4:30pm–6:00pm**

Michael Steinberg, Legal Director of ACLU of Michigan, will speak about the ACLU's recent work on civil liberties and social justice. Whether it is asylum, immigration, LGBTQ, reproduction, same sex adoption, or other rights that we UUs value so highly, the ACLU is in the forefront of the fight. This event is sponsored by the UUAA Planned Giving Team. Furthering social justice is a central UU value. Share your values across generations. Remember UUAA in your estate plan. Questions? Email [plannedgiving@uuaa.org](mailto:plannedgiving@uuaa.org).

## **Babies and Bailouts | Watch Party & Donation Drive**

**Today, Fahs Chapel, 7:00pm**

UUAA and BLUU invite the congregation to Babies and Bailouts -- End Money Bail Live Panel Watch Party and Donation Drive in the Fahs Chapel. The End Money Bail Panel will educate on the money bail system, including a post-panel discussion and a donation drive in support of families impacted by mass incarceration. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with this event. If you are able to volunteer or have questions, email [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

## **Auction Follow-up**

The Auction is over, but there's still an opportunity to participate. Longtime member and artist Gretchen Jackson donated a number of her lovely art quilts. We sold three, but have a few unsold remaining. We are asking for a minimum of \$125 for any of these works of art. If you're interested in one, email Cathy Muha at [cathymuha@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathymuha@sbcglobal.net).

**Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group**  
**Wednesday, May 1, 3:00pm–4:30pm**

If you are a caregiver who would like some support, join us. We will meet in the David Room. All are welcome. Questions? Call Meredith Ley at 734-717-0213.

**Senior Dinner Out**  
**Wednesday, May 1, 6:00pm**

It is time for our monthly UUAA Senior Dinner Out at Hot Pot Chen (2255 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor). It's a good time for old friends to gather and a way to meet new people. Questions? Contact Marie Duke at [omaduke7@gmail.com](mailto:omaduke7@gmail.com) or 734-769-0467.

**Women's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, May 4, 8:15am**

UUAA Women are gathering at the Classic Cup (4389 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor) for warm fellowship, great conversations, and a great meal. Invite your friends to come along for the fun. Meet other women in the congregation, make new friends, and enjoy the company of long-time friends. RSVP by Friday, May 3 to Roylea Furniss at [refurniss@gmail.com](mailto:refurniss@gmail.com).

**UUAA Indivisible**  
**Sunday, May 5, 10:40am–11:25am**

Join us to strategize reaching out to individuals or groups who seem unreachable. Listening and kindness are transformative tools that change conversations on an individual basis. The same is true on a national level. Save the date, June 12, 7:00pm for a national [#pledgetolisten](#) screening of the powerful documentary [Free Trip to Egypt](#), showing in 500 theaters across the country followed by livestream discussion with director and others seeking to spark conversations between groups seemingly unable to connect. Questions? Email [chatcherkay@gmail.com](mailto:chatcherkay@gmail.com).

**Climate Action Forum**  
**Sunday, May 5, 1:00pm–2:30pm**

You are invited to a forum about The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, now before Congress, and The Green New Deal. We will present the rationale for and the national impact of this legislation designed to drastically reduce the use of fossil fuels and to incentivize the use of renewable energy sources, minimizing the effects of runaway global warming. It will recommend specific congregant actions to advance the legislation. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Tom Bauld at [bauldt@comcast.net](mailto:bauldt@comcast.net).

**Climate Crisis Action Group**  
**Friday, May 10, 6:45pm Doors Open**

Join Climate Action in the Sanctuary for a viewing of the 2018 documentary *The Reluctant Radical*, followed by a Zoom Q&A with the activist featured in the film, Ken Ward. *"There are many fronts in the vast climate fight; this film highlights the personal struggles and victories of one daring path."* Bill McKibben, Founder, 350.org. To allow for as much time as possible for the Q&A, the film will begin promptly at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Questions? Email [rmohr@pasty.net](mailto:rmohr@pasty.net).

**Mothers and Others | For Caregivers of Young Children**  
**Saturday, May 11, 10:15am–11:15am**

This growing group connects parents, guardians, and other caregivers of young children for support and fellowship. Join us for playdates in the nursery on the

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Join our Facebook group by searching UUAA Mothers and Others and join our email list to find other opportunities to connect. Questions? Email [arika.grace@gmail.com](mailto:arika.grace@gmail.com).

**LGBTQIA+ Youth meeting**  
**Sunday, May 19, 1:00pm–2:00pm**

All lesbian, gay, bi+, trans\*, non-binary, queer, intersex, asexual, and similarly identified youth are invited to a pilot meeting to assess the need/desire for an ongoing LGBTQIA+ youth group at UUAA. We'd love your input about what your community would like in/from such a potential group. If you are interested in participating in the future but can't make this meeting, we'd love to incorporate your input; please contact Holly Ferrise at [hollyferrise@gmail.com](mailto:hollyferrise@gmail.com).

**Victimization and Demonization:**  
**A Review of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2:00pm–3:30pm**

Professor Victor B. Lieberman, Raoul Wallenberg Professor of History and Professor of Asian and Comparative History at the University of Michigan, will provide an historical and contemporary overview of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Based on a course he teaches at the University of Michigan, his talk will consider origins of the conflict, self-images and grievances held by the two sides, and barriers to resolution. The talk will be followed by a Q&A. Questions? Contact Brandy at [altotenor@comcast.net](mailto:altotenor@comcast.net).

**Green Building Committee (GBC)**

As Earth Day 2019 rings clear its message this year, UUAA's Green Building Committee plans to complete the installation of additional solar panels on the UUAA roof over Social Hall, each in the name of those who've donated a new panel. If any congregant wishes to add a panel in either their name or another's, take this opportunity to submit the donation form on UUAA website or as printed in the brochure rack by main entrance. Let's make it a solar world! Questions? Email Dave at [dave@homelandsolar.com](mailto:dave@homelandsolar.com).

**Sharing the Collection**

Thank you for your generosity on April 7. We collectively contributed \$3240.19 toward the good work of the Children's Literacy Network (CLN). The team at CLN was deeply thankful and appreciative! To learn about ways to contribute, visit them online at <http://www.childrensliteracynetwork.org/>. Questions? Email Bob at [bdinan83@gmail.com](mailto:bdinan83@gmail.com).

**20th Annual Men's Retreat - Save the Date**

Please join us for the 20th annual UUAA men's retreat September 21-23 at Judson Collins Retreat Center (45 minutes west of Ann Arbor). This year's theme will be resilience. We are looking for group leaders and workshop leaders. Scholarships are available. Registration begins in August. Questions? Contact Jim Schaefer at [jim@jvscontrols.com](mailto:jim@jvscontrols.com).

**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](mailto:bulletin@uuaa.org). Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).