Worship December 15 | 9:30am & 11:30am Reflections from the Southern Border

With reflections from UUAA's delegations to the U.S.–Mexico border, we'll take the next steps in deepening our relationship with the truths. The community begins the process of sharing and learning with these delegations.

On the Chancel | Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti

Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights Today, Social Hour, Sharing the Collection Table

WICIR is a volunteer-based group of community members from Washtenaw County who are committed to advocating for immigrant's rights. Visit with Melanie Harner from WICIR and UUAA Cheryl Valentine during Social Hour or visit them online: www.wicir.org. Questions? Email sharecollecion@uuaa.org.

Grocery/Scrip

Today, Social Hour, Grocery Scrip Table

Need a little something to give over the holidays? Scrip cards are a perfect solution! We carry popular cards at the table, or you can also place a special order from more than 700 retailers. Order by noon, Monday, December 16, and receive your physical card(s) by the 22nd. Many now offer electronic (emailed) cards, too. Stop by during Social Hour to make a purchase. Questions? Email cmbarber@umich.edu.

Immigration Action Coalition (IAC) Today, Social Hour, WICIR & IAC Tables

Were you moved by what you heard in today's service? Become an advocate for immigrant justice. Here's how. Donate to the work of the Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR). Your contribution will go directly to immigrants in need. Sign up for the IAC action email list and find out when your action and advocacy are needed. Create a #Migration is Beautiful butterfly tile. Return it to UUAA Sunday, January 29 to be placed on public display.

Poinsettias for Sanctuary Decoration Today, Social Hour, Poinsettia Table

Congregants can donate a poinsettia for Sanctuary decoration. Give in honor or memory of a loved one, whose name will appear on an insert to the Order of Service. The cost is \$15 per plant. Order using this link or at the Poinsettia Table by December 15. You can pick up your plant(s) after the last Christmas Eve service. Questions? Contact Rick at rrightson46@gmail.com.

Mindful Eating

Today, Social Hour, Mindful Eating Table

In recognition of the holiday season, the Mindful Eating Team is promoting local experiences as ideas for gift giving. Please stop by our table today where we will have information about things to do in and around the Ann Arbor area that are unique, fun, and often free. Questions? Email crockettmerrill@aol.com.

Protect Palestinian Children

Today, Social Hour, Justice in the Middle East TableAccording to <u>UNICEF</u>, 700 Palestinian children every year are subjected to coercive interrogations and

physical and verbal abuse in the Israeli military detention system. Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, UUA president, and 24 other faith community leaders wrote a <u>letter to Congress</u> supporting H.R. 2407, "Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act." Please sign a postcard asking your representative to co-sponsor the bill. Questions? Contact Mark Jagner at <u>mjagner@yahoo.com</u>.

UUSC Coffee Project

Today, Social Hour, Equal Exchange Coffee Table

The holidays are almost here! It is time to get stocking stuffers and gifts. Support small farm cooperatives globally while helping to fund raise for UUSC social justice programs, and this congregation. Visit our table during Social Hour to choose from fair trade chocolates, coffee, teas, nuts, dried fruits, and Palestinian olive oils. Questions? Email ilene.beninson@gmail.com

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

Through partnerships with organizations working for justice and human rights around the world, we can reach out to help. Stop by the UUSC table to learn more. Join us. Donate \$40/year to embrace the world in your circle of concern. Questions? Email Quincy at qnorthrup@gmail.com.

Vision 20/50: Online Session Makes Participation Easy! Today, Social Hour, Vision 20/50 Table

The final in-person sessions will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 1:00pm, and Monday, December 16 at 1:00pm. Space is still available. Visit the Vision 20/50 Table in the Social Hall or use this link to sign-up. No time for that? Use this link to go to the Online Visioning session. Created to mimic the inperson session, the online session allows you to give your input on your own time! Available until January 10.

Pastoral Care Card Making Today, Social Hour, PC Card Making Table

Pastoral Care is hosting a card making party in the Social Hall Sunday, December 15 after each service! Those who want to write a card to homebound congregants or to those who have experienced a loss over the past year are welcome! Names, addresses, and supplies will be provided. Questions? Email Quiana@uuaa.org.

QUUest Bookstore admires Tom Friedman's latest



book: Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations. This book is one of Wall Street Journal's "Ten books to read now." as well as Kirkus Review's best nonfiction books of the year.

Black Congregants @ UUAA and POC Potluck Today, Jackson Chapel, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Multicultural Outreach, Black Congregants @ UUAA (formally BLUU), and People of Color (POC) are hosting a winter potluck. We will use email for meal planning and to share additional event details. Not sure you are on the email list? Send a note to Quiana@uuaa.org. This is a special holiday gathering for all those who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) + non BIPOC partners and parents! Questions? Email Quiana@uuaa.org.

TrUU Hope

Tuesday, December 17, 7:00pm-8:30pm

TrUU Hope, UUAA's new LGBTQIA+ youth group, invites all LGBTQIA+ youth to a facilitated discussion about coping with issues that may arise for them during the winter break/holiday season related to their identities, including decisions around coming out and interacting with extended family. Questions? Contact Holly Ferrise (she/her/hers) at 734-754-1782 or hollyferrise@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Readers Wednesday, December 18, 10:00am-noon

We will be meeting in Fahs Chapel to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Our January book selection is Toni Morrison's 1988 Pulitzer Prize winner for Fiction, *Beloved*. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Liz Hartley at lizzyt48176@gmail.com.

UUAA Humanist Study Groups Thursday, December 19, 2:00pm-4:00pm Monday, January 13, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Join UUAA Humanists to discuss topics relating to philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science. All are welcome. There will be no meeting Monday, December 23. Questions? Email blgibb@aol.com about Thursday's group or hal@breidenbach.net about Monday's group.

Womyn's Sisterhood Social Friday, December 20, 6:00pm

Meet at Zamaan Café (3580 Plymouth Rd. near US-23) for a quick dinner. At 7:00pm, join us for the 7th Annual Solstice Singalong with Lori Fithian and friends at the Green Wood Church of FUMC (1001 Green Rd., Ann Arbor). If you're on the Womyn's Community email list, watch for details in your inbox or find details at the Womyn's Community Table in the Social Hall on Sundays. Questions? Contact Judi Lintott at 734-352-7285 or illntott@comcast.net.

Pastoral Care Thank You Cookies Sunday, December 22, Pastoral Care Table

Pastoral Care at UUAA has grown over the last year. We have a thriving network that supports all congregants in times of need and joy. We want to thank all those who have completed an act of care in these last few months. Come grab a volunteer thank-you cookie on Sunday December 22, 2019 at the Pastoral Care Table (along the courtyard windows) between services in the Social Hall. Questions? Email Quiana@uuaa.org.

Next Week's Worship We Dream in the Darkness

Honoring the Winter Solstice

"Darkness, soothe my weary eyes, that I may see more clearly."

- Shelley Jackson Denham's "Dark of Winter" (SLT 55)

Women's Breakfast Saturday, January 4, 8:15am

Join us at the Women's Breakfast on the first Saturday of every month 8:15am. We meet at the Classic Cup Cafe (4389 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, across from the UM Credit Union). Meet UU Womyn for breakfast and enjoy some warm conversation. The weather will surely be frosty, but you'll be glad you braved the weather! Questions? Contact Joan Wells at jbwells1212@prodigy.net.

Mothers and Others

Saturdays, January 11 & 25, 10:15am-noon

All caregivers of young children are invited to this play group for support and friendship. We typically meet for playgroups in the UUAA nursery on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Please note that there will be no play group on December 28. We will start 2020 with a January 11 meeting. For details, join our email list by emailing Charlene at Charlene.mangi@gmail.com.

Introduction to Our Faith

Saturday, January 25, 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. Learn about UU history, how to get involved, finding your calling, and the responsibilities of membership. Register online or fill out a form on the Involvement Table or Newcomer Welcome Room during Social Hour. Registration is due January 19. Questions? Email hannah@uuaa.org.

Sharing the Collection

Thank you for your generosity on December 1. We collectively contributed \$2,171 toward the good work of SOS Community Services which prevents and ends homelessness for families with children in Washtenaw County, Michigan. Questions? Contact Glenn Kime at glenn@thekimes.com.

Submission Deadline for a Combined Edition December 22, 29, & January 5 Bulletin Tuesday, December 17, 9:00am

Please note that there will be one Bulletin for these three Sundays. This is a 3-Sunday Bulletin. So if you have an event in early January that needs to be advertised, a submission should be sent by December 17 at 9:00am.

February Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, January 21 at 9:00am

Please note the early deadline due to the holidays. Submissions of 300 words or fewer should be sent to newsletter@uuaa.org. Questions? Email Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.

Two-Service Season Building Hours Sunday | 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Thursday | 9:00am-9:00pm 1st & 3rd Friday | 5:00pm-9:00pm Other Fridays | Closed Saturday | 9:00am-4:00pm