



The Weekly Bulletin | February 23, 2020

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

February 23, 2020

Worship Services | 9:30am & 11:30

When you do it again and they say no...¹

How resilience and resistance relate and cross-fertilize in the wider world, across the generations.

¹ Marge Piercy, *The Low Road*

On the Chancel | Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich, Allison Halerz

Auction Tickets and Donations

Today, Social Hour, Auction Table

Bonjour, mes amis! Today is the day we start selling tickets and accepting donations for our “An Evening in Paris” themed auction that will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at UUAA. It will be magnifique! Questions? Email auction@uuaa.org.

Grocery/Scrip

Today, Social Hour, Grocery/Scrip Table

Would you buy scrip/gift cards if you could use your credit card? We would have to add on 3% to cover the transaction fee, but the full rebate from the retailer could then go to UUAA. Please see Carolyn Barber at the Scrip Table or email her at cmbarber@umich.edu to give her your input. Also, Panera and Walmart cards are now reloadable! You can stop at the table or do so through your account with Shop with Scrip. Questions? Email cmbarber@umich.edu.

Habitat for Humanity's 2020 Women Build

Today, Social Hour, Habitat for Humanity Table

We are assembling a team to contribute (wo)man power for Habitat's annual Women Build. This project is by women for women. Each year a house is renovated for a woman-led local family in need and lifted up by the work of local women. Stop by our table for more details. No construction experience is necessary! Questions? Email habitat@uuaa.org.

UUSC Coffee Project

Today, Social Hour, Equal Exchange Table

Purchase organic fair trade coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts, and dried fruit. Support small farm communities globally. This project includes fundraising for UUSC social justice programs and our own congregation. Questions? Contact ilene.beninson@gmail.com.

UUAA Humanist Study Groups

Monday, February 24, 7:00pm–8:30pm

Thursday, March 5, 2:00pm–4:00pm

A lively group of humanists has been meeting for over 20 years at UUAA, gathering on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and/or 1st and 3rd Thursdays to discuss topics relating to humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, science, and more. All are welcome. Questions about Thursdays? Contact Bruce Gibb at blgibb@aol.com. Questions about Mondays? Contact Hal Breidenbach at hal@breidenbach.net.

Lessons from the Border

Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–2:30pm

Unity Group's Curiosity, Conversation, and Covenant Series offers “Lessons from the Border” presented by

UUAA South West Border delegation teams. They will share stories and conversation inspired by personal experiences in southern Arizona and Nogales, Sonora (Mexico). A fabulous slideshow will hopefully encourage congregants to participate in the November 2020 trip that will be led by Senior Minister Manish Mishra-Marzetti. Questions? Email unitygroup@uuaa.org.

Viewing & Discussion of *Healing Justice*

Today, Jackson Chapel, 1:00pm–3:30pm

Join us! The Challenging Racism and Restorative Justice groups are showing three segments of the documentary *Healing Justice*. This film introduces the Restorative Justice approach and how it impacts people in the criminal justice system: reducing recidivism, addressing life-long trauma, and moving toward “justice for all.” Note: this is scheduled for 2.5 hours to allow viewing and discussion of all segments together. Questions? Contact Kathy Friedrichs at kamf@umich.edu.

Wednesday Morning Readers

Wednesday, February 26, 10:00am–noon

Political Tribes by Amy Chua is Wednesday Morning Readers' upcoming discussion topic. Join us in the Fahs Chapel. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Liz Hartley at lizyt48176@gmail.com.

Book Discussion | *An Indigenous People's History of the United States*

Sunday, March 1, 1:00pm–3:00pm

Join the Challenging Racism Group in Jackson Chapel to discuss *An Indigenous People's History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Questions? Contact Kathy McLean at jdkamclean@comcast.net.

Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, March 4, 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.

2020 Womyn's Retreat | Workshop Proposal Deadline Saturday, March 7, 2020

The UUAA Womyn's Retreat (taking place October 2-4) is a collaborative effort of wonderful volunteers. The committee is now calling for the next wave of volunteers (potential workshop presenters) to submit proposals for 90-minute workshops that fit within the theme “Self Compassion: Discovering Joy.” All proposals will be reviewed by the full committee. Submitting a proposal does not guarantee that your session will be selected. Send your proposal(s) of approximately 300 words by March 7 to Retreat Co-Chair Michele Zmich at zmich@umich.edu.

Board Q&A on Resolutions Guidelines

Sunday, March 8, 1:00pm–3:00pm

A Q&A session on the proposed procedures for bringing resolutions to a vote by the congregation will be held in the Fahs Chapel. The current draft of the procedures has been reviewed by the Social Justice Council, the UUAA staff, and the Board of Trustees. We are now soliciting feedback from anyone in the congregation who would like to comment. You can [download or view the draft Guidance document by following this link](#). Comments can be sent to governance@uuaa.org or brought to the March 8 meeting.

BIGsing

Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15, 2020

Have you wanted to join a choir but cannot make the long-term time commitment? Lend your voice to this one-weekend choir. Gather to rehearse all day Saturday, March 14 and perform in a concert the next day! Join us for the annual BIGsing. If you would like to participate as a singer, register now at <https://forms.gle/JtPcJrXPovcu7C88>. Registration will be capped at 150 singers. The BIGsing concert is on Sunday, March 15 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Our special guest this year is singer, songwriter, vocal activist MelanieDeMore: <http://www.melaniemore.com/bio/>. Questions? Contact theresa rohlck at bigsing@uuaa.org.

Equal Exchange | Challenge the Status Quo

Thursday, March 19, 6:00pm–7:30pm

Join Equal Exchange (EE) in Fahs Chapel for conversation facilitated by guest speakers from EE. "In the wider food system, corporations control everything from seeds to supply and prices. For thirty-three years Equal Exchange has been working to build alternative models that challenge the status quo..." Join EE's worker-owners to discuss our community's stake in our food supply. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be served. Co-hosted by the Mindful Eating Team and the UUSC Coffee Project. RSVP to Bethany: bkmcginnis@equalexchange.coop or 508-427-4217.

Wednesday Morning Readers

Wednesday, March 25, 10:00am–noon

Come and discuss *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming* by environmentalist Paul Hawken. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Email Liz Hartley at lizzyt48176@gmail.com.

Immigrants with Temporary Protected Status

Protect immigrants with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) from deportation. Individuals with TPS typically have lived in the United States for decades with authorization. The current administration wants to strip them of protection and deport them. The SECURE Act is being considered in the Senate to provide permanent residence to TPS holders. On or before March 1, join in this letter writing campaign sponsored by the Immigration Action Coalition to encourage U.S. Senators to support this bill. Email iac@uuaa.org or see the table outside of the Sanctuary on March 1 to participate! Questions? Email IAC@uuaa.org.

Diaper Drive

February & March

Contribute to the Diaper Drive to benefit families in need in Washtenaw County. This drive is sponsored by

UUAA Challenging Racism Group for Washtenaw County Health Dept./Children's Special Health Services & Maternal Infant Health Program. Drop off donations to the inside main entrance to UUAA. Questions? Contact Kathy at jdkamclean@comcast.net.

Jackson Social Welfare Fund

The Jackson Social Welfare Fund (JSWF) Committee awards grants yearly to projects advancing the First Amendment to the Constitution and promoting reason and understanding to peacefully solve conflicts. The 2020 Request for Proposals is available on the UUAA website or by contacting co-chairs Kyla Boyse and Chris Pellar-Kosbar at JSWF@uuaa.org. Proposals are due by 5:00pm, March 23. We expect to award \$30,500 in grants and will notify recipients of award decisions by the end of May.

Prison Books Volunteer Opportunities

Prison Books Program needs volunteers for Sunday, February 23, 3:30pm for a book pickup at Ann Arbor Library Main Branch. During the week (day and time to be arranged), there is an opportunity to do a children's book delivery to the Washtenaw County Jail waiting room. The Prison Books Program needs medium-sized boxes. Please drop boxes off at UUAA. Contact prisonbooks@uuaa.org to let us know if you can help.

Sunday Welcome Team Opportunities

We have new openings on the Sunday Welcome Teams. Try out ushering, greeting, hosting a Newcomer Welcome Session, or assisting with Social Hour. See if it is the right fit for you! Typically, Sunday Welcome Team members sign up to help one service a month. If you are interested in learning more, contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

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.

April Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, March 21, 9:00am

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

Office: Monday-Thursday | 9:00am-5:00pm



Newcomers are invited to attend a Newcomer Welcome Coffee Hour in the Redman Room after each service. Here you can pick up an information packet, ask questions, and get to know other newcomers. All are invited to Social Hour in the Social Hall at 10:45am and 12:45pm. We ask that congregants refrain from bringing food or drink into the Sanctuary.