

The Weekly Bulletin | Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Worship Services | 9:30am & 11:30am

Live Like Everybody's Watching

Annual YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) Service

In the age of information, how can we know what information should be shared or kept private? Can we even control what part of our lives are public anymore? Can taking control of our privacy contribute to our collective liberation? Join our high school YRUU students as they share their wisdom on privacy in the age of social media.

On the Chancel | Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Allison Halerz, Mark VanKempen

Auction Tickets and Donations Today, Social Hour, Auction Table

Bonjour! The auction is just trois weeks away right here at UUAA on March 21, 4:00pm-7:00pm. The theme this year is an "An Evening in Paris," and we are already collecting many exciting items and social events to bid on, including a musical house concert featuring our own Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout. So stop by the Auction Table in the during Social Hour to buy your ticket, s'il vous plait. Questions? Email <u>auction@uuaa.org</u>.

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 <u>cmbarber@umich.edu</u> 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 <u>cmbarber@umich.edu</u>.

Immigration Action Letter-Writing Campaign Today, Social Hour, Social Justice Table

Join us in writing letters to our senators requesting that they support the SECURE Act. The current administration wants to deport Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, who have lived lawfully in the United States for decades, to countries that are not safe. The SECURE Act would protect TPS holders from deportation and provide them a pathway to citizenship. Come to the Social Justice Table to take part in this letter-writing campaign. Questions? Email iac@uuaa.org.

One-Time Chalice Circle Signup Today, Social Hour, Chalice Circle Table

Sign up for a one-time Chalice Circle offered on Sunday, March 22 from 1:15pm–3:00pm. Chalice Circles are small discussion groups where participants practice deep listening and make connections through sharing experiences, thoughts, and feelings. Stop by during Social Hour to learn more and register or register via email at <u>chalicecircles@uuaa.org</u>.

UUs for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME) Today, Social Hour, UUJME Table

Featured books for sale: *Ten Myths About Israel* by Israeli historian Ilan Pappe and *Reclaiming Judaism from Zionism* by Carolyn Karcher. Browse just released book: *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine* by Rashid Khalidi, Director of the Middle East Institute at Columbia University. Pick up a free copy: *Elbit Systems: Bringing Israeli Apartheid to the US Mexican Border* in September's *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs.* Questions? Contact Mark Jagner at <u>mjagner@yahoo.com</u>.

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

Today, Jackson Chapel, 1:00pm–3:00pm

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

TrUU Hope Game Day

Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–3:00pm

Join us for games and homemade mac and cheese (gluten-free option available). Feel free to bring games, sides, snacks, drinks, or desserts to share. This event is open to LGBTQIA+ youth, their siblings, friends, and allies. Questions? Email <u>hollyferrise@gmail.com</u>.

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.

UUAA Humanist Study Groups Thursday, March 5, 7:00pm–8:30pm Monday, March 9, 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 <u>blgibb@aol.com</u>. Questions about Mondays? Contact Hal Breidenbach at <u>hal@breidenbach.net</u>.

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 volunteer organizers and presenters. The committee is now calling for potential workshop presenters to submit proposals for 90-minute workshops that fit within the theme "Self Compassion: Discovering Joy." 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 <u>zmich@umich.edu</u>.

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 <u>download or view</u> <u>the draft Guidance document by following this</u> <u>link</u>. Comments can be sent to <u>governance@uuaa.org</u> or brought to the March 8 meeting.

North AAUU Discussion Group Tuesday, March 10, 7:00pm

The North AAUU will meet at Bob Reed's in the Meadows, Glacier Hills, (4001 Glacier Hills Drive, Ann Arbor). Bring a thank-you letter to a significant person in your life. Questions? Email Al LaRose at <u>albertlarose@att.net</u>.

Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM) Wednesday, March 11, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Attend an AIM meeting to find out what you can do to increase accessibility and inclusion for all of our UUAA friends. We have transportation to pick you up and take you home. You can also participate without leaving your home if you have a computer. Contact Monica Cochran for help to join the meeting via Zoom on your computer. Email <u>monica@learningwithoutborders.com</u>. Questions? Email <u>aim@uuaa.org</u>.

BIGsing

Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15

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 <u>https://forms.gle/JtPcJjRXPovcu7C88</u>. 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:

<u>http://www.melaniedemore.com/bio/</u>. Questions? Contact theresa rohlck at <u>bigsing@uuaa.org</u>.

Community of Writers Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 1:00pm-2:30pm

If you would like to explore a new genre of writing, intensify your present form, or take the bold step to begin creative writing, come visit the Community of Writers. For our March 15 meeting, everyone is invited to bring a writing to read to the group or a plan for a writing to explain to the group. Also, as time allows, we will have a brief workshop on writing dialogue. Questions? Contact Mary Lund at <u>mailto:mlund@mi.rr.com</u> or 248-344-4877.

Equal Exchange | Challenge the Status Quo Thursday, March 19, 6:00pm–7:30pm

Join Equal Exchange (EE) in Fahs Chapel for a 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. Cohosted by the Mindful Eating Team and the UUSC Coffee Project. RSVP to Bethany at hkmcginnis@equalexchange.coop.or 508-427-4217

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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 <u>lizzyt48176@gmail.com</u>.

Caregivers and Kiddos (formerly Mothers and Others)

Caregivers & Kiddos, providing fellowship and support of parents and caregivers of young children, has a new name. Playgroups meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 10:15am in the UUAA nursery. On March 28, instead of our regular playgroup, we will attend a children's play at Wild Swan together! Contact <u>Charlene.mangi@gmail.com</u> for more info and join in the group ticket purchase.

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 <u>idkamclean@comcast.net</u>.

Lost & Found

Today, Social Hour, Lost & Found Table

Check the Lost & Found Table to see if any items belong to you. We will be donating all unclaimed items to the PTO Thrift Shop at the end of March. Questions? Email Don Hackney at <u>don@uuaa.org</u>.

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 <u>bulletin@uuaa.org</u>. Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at <u>hannah@uuaa.org</u>.

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

Next Week's Worship

I need *you* to survive. I need you *to survive*. Individual and collective liberation require different things of us.