



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUA December 10 - 16, 2020

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**Updated submissions deadline:** Please submit your announcements for the *Weekly News* of December 17 - 23 by **5pm Eastern on Sunday, December 13** through [this form](#).

**Now accepting submissions through [this form](#)** for the January 2021 *Monthly Newsletter* -- due on December 21 by 5pm Eastern.

Questions? [Watch this video](#) on how to submit to the *Weekly News* or email Communications Ministry Specialist Kari Gottfried at [communications@uuaa.org](mailto:communications@uuaa.org).

## **Support the ministries of UUA:** **Make an online offering today!**



### **Joining Fountain Street Church**

*Sunday, December 6*

*10:00am*

We are so excited to virtually join our neighboring congregation, [Fountain Street Church](#) in Grand Rapids, next Sunday. They invite us to join in on an advent service on the theme of love.

Let your friends know you'll be attending by RSVPing to the [Facebook event at this link](#).

Join us on Sunday (note the earlier start time) at [www.uuaa.org/service](http://www.uuaa.org/service), which will bring you to the Fountain Street Church service. If you would like

to view it at our regular 11:30am service time, you can go to the same link, and the service will be available on demand.

Directly following the service, all are invited to join Fountain Street for their social hour, the Deepening. The Deepening is 30 minutes of checking in and chatting followed by 30 minutes of small group discussion. Our regular social hour link will take you to the conversation: [uuaa.org/socialhour](https://uuaa.org/socialhour).

Interested in participating in virtual worship? [Light the chalice for an upcoming service](#).

**Need more worship in your life? Watch past services, music, and stories in [our website archive](#).**



### Congregational Events

[View all upcoming events on the UUA calendar.](#)

UUA Winter Celebration

*December 12, Saturday*

*1:00pm - 3:00pm*

Drop by the church to enjoy a socially distant walk, contribute to the winter altar, and pick up your ritual bag. [Learn more about the winter celebration and other holiday events here](#).

Can't make it on Saturday?

Bags will be available for pickup [at the church](#) Monday - Wednesday from 10:00am to 3:00pm and next Saturday (December 19) from 10:00am to noon. Questions? Email [fridayfun@uuaa.org](mailto:fridayfun@uuaa.org).

Congregational Life Hour

*December 16, Wednesday*

*6:00pm*

This is the only Congregational Life Hour to be held this month! Join Coordinator of Congregational Life Quiana Perkins for a chance to connect with our UUA community. Make some cocoa and settle in to talk about holiday plans, winter survival, and new year joys. [Join the Congregational Life Zoom here](#).

Questions? Email [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

**BIPOC-Focused Humanism  
December Class**

*Saturday, December 12*

*2:00pm - 4:00pm*



What do you know about womanism? [Watch this introductory video](#), then [sign up for this December's discussion](#) on womanism and how it intersects with humanism.

Mandisa Lateefah Thomas Thomas, President of [Black Nonbelievers](#), and Leika Lewis-Cornwell, President of [UU Humanists](#), will be joining us in our discussion.

Please consider the difficult emotions this material will call up as you prepare for this class. If you need pastoral care resources before or afterward, please reach out to [the UUAA pastoral care team](#).

Questions? Email [sgd@uuaa.org](mailto:sgd@uuaa.org).



### Community of Writers Congregational Zoom Reading

*Sunday, December 13  
1:00pm - 2:30pm*

The UUAA Community of Writers invites you to share in a Congregational Zoom Reading of our writings from the year 2020. Come enjoy our stories, personal reflections, poems, and memoir excerpts. Each writer will read 5 minutes; many will have their writings screen-shared for all to follow as they read. We'll reserve time for everyone to chat at the end! [Click here for the Zoom link](#).

Questions? Email Mary Lund at [mlund@mi.rr.com](mailto:mlund@mi.rr.com) or Sandy Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com).



### Humanist Gathering

*Monday, December 14  
7:00pm*

Humanism has a long history in our congregation; a lively group of Humanists has been meeting for over 20 years. We are currently gathering on the second and fourth Monday evenings and/or first and third Thursday afternoons to discuss topics relating to Humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, science -- the list is long and varied. All are welcome, regardless of theology or philosophy. On December 14, we will discuss a Yo-Yo Ma interview. All meetings are now virtual.

To get on our email list, get the log-in information, or ask any other questions, send a query to [humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org](mailto:humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org).



## UUA Realm -- Our New Online Database\*Directory\*Giving\*Communication Platform

UUA is moving to a new kind of record-keeping solution called Realm. It not only serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in the congregation. Realm promises to improve work life for our ministers and staff and will make it easier for our UUA family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a community. [To learn more, click here.](#)



## Join Outdoors Womyn

Outdoors Womyn is a small group that meets outdoors with COVID precautions for walking, hiking, bonfires, kayaking, and occasional bike rides (in warmer months). We also have members who would love cross-country skiing or snowshoeing if nature provides the weather for it. If you identify as a woman and want to be on our email distribution list, just send a message to [outdoors-women@uuaa.org](mailto:outdoors-women@uuaa.org) (your message will bounce back but it will be sent to the admin). Beware there is a fair bit of Reply-All but no spam.



## Alpha House Giving Tree

Each year, our SGD program leads an effort to provide Alpha House with donations of critical items.



[Alpha House](#) is an Interfaith Hospitality Network shelter that aims to shelter and support children and families experiencing homelessness in our community.

Please [look over this list](#) and sign up for an item(s) you can donate. Items must be new, and can be of any quantity you can supply. To arrange a drop off of your item, please coordinate with Alpha House by calling (734) 822-0220.



## Equal Exchange Holiday Treats

Our sales of Equal Exchange coffee, teas, and chocolates are continuing through the pandemic. They're the perfect holiday treat to give to a friend or enjoy for yourself! To see what is in stock, [check our inventory here](#). We are once again offering our homemade reusable holiday gift bags and will soon have

two new fair trade items for your holiday festivities: chocolate chips and flavored drip coffee!

For more info or to order, email [uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com](mailto:uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com).

UNOSZ - 110 éves (years old)  
Nők Világa - 20 éves (years old)  
IWC - 10 éves (years old)  
MUNOSZ - 5 éves (years old)  
Ünnepeljünk együtt!  
Let's celebrate together!

Első virtuális istentisztelet  
First virtual worship  
organized by UNOSZ and IWC  
2020. okt. 17, 17 óra  
(Oct. 17 at 5:00 pm, Romania)  
UNOSZ - IWC

## Partner Church News: Hungarian Unitarian Women's Service

The first ever virtual service (honoring?) Hungarian Unitarian Women was held this past October. The event drew

people from around the world, from Hungary to England to the U.S. In her sermon, the Rev. Julia Koppandi focused on the power of women's service -- a never-ending life path full of struggles and sacrifices yet so forceful that it changes systems, it creates, and it beautifies: "church embroideries stand in silent testimony." [Attached is the text of this inspirational sermon.](#)

Anyone interested in joining our Partner Church group that meets once a month, please contact [leeboekeburke@gmail.com](mailto:leeboekeburke@gmail.com).

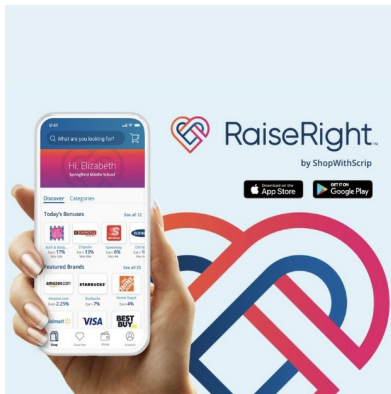


## Thank You Letter to UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

UUs for Justice in the Middle East invite you to [add your name](#) to a letter thanking Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, for joining 26 other faith community leaders in [a statement to members of Congress](#) opposing Israeli

annexation of Palestinian land. The statement was written by [Churches for Middle East Peace](#) in response to plans by Israel to annex 30% of the occupied Palestinian West Bank, a violation of international law. [Click here](#)

[to add your name](#) to the thank you letter.



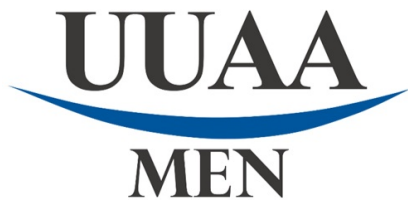
## Scrip Delivered to Your Home!

Scrip fundraising has been sorely impacted by the pandemic. Because we can't be together Sundays in the Social Hall, your access to physical gift cards has been difficult. However, with the new RaiseRight mobile app from [ShopwithScrip](#), you can purchase scrip and have it shipped to your home. [Here is an easy-to-follow 3-minute tutorial video](#) to get you started.

The video explains how to:

- Download the app from the app store
- Enroll in an online account with UUAA (enrollment code F9F626FE2L951)
- Shop for gift cards
- Set up online payment
- Have cards shipped directly to your home

Questions? Contact Carolyn Barber at [cmbponyclub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmbponyclub@sbcglobal.net).



## 2020 Men's Council Election

*December 7 - December 21*

The UUAA Men's Council elects three men each year to serve for three years. This year's election will take place between December 7 and December 21. Three men have accepted nominations to replace outgoing council members Mike Muha, Sean Reed, and Tom Reischl. The candidates are Tom Chettleburgh, Tim Miller, and John Russell. Men of the congregation are encouraged to [read their bios](#).

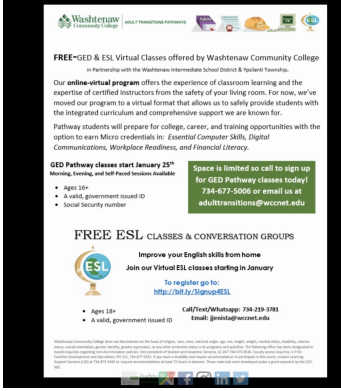
[Please vote by using this form.](#)

Continuing members of the council include Glenn Harris, Pat Herbst, Glenn Kime, Gregg Peterson, Jim Schaefer, and Kenji Yano.

## Free ESL Classes Through Washtenaw Community College

*Classes begin January 25*

This program works best if you know at least 100



words in English. It is an English-immersion program. All materials and teachers will speak English. You must be able to take an entrance listening exam. We will set up a time for you to complete registration paperwork and another time to meet the teachers. You must be 18 or older and have a photo ID. [Sign up for ESL classes here.](#)

Other virtual programs can be accessed through the Pathway program. Please contact [adulttransitions@wccnet.edu](mailto:adulttransitions@wccnet.edu).

You must complete registration paperwork and orientation before classes begin on January 25.



## UUA Groups: Reserve a Zoom Room

Submit your [Zoom room reservations here.](#)

Questions? Email Debita Graham at [room@uuaa.org](mailto:room@uuaa.org).

## Quick Links:

[UUA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUA](#) | [View past services](#)  
[Make your pledge](#) | [UUA Events Calendar](#)



## Other Links:

[UUA.org](#) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](#)  
[Side with Love](#) | [UUCSJ](#) | [DRUUMM](#) | [BLUU](#)

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