



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUA December 17 - 23, 2020

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Updated submissions deadline: Please submit your announcements for the *Weekly News* of December 24 - 30 and December 31 - January 6 by 5pm Eastern on Sunday, December 22 through [this form](#). The *Weekly News* will be ran twice with all updates for the two-week period.

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.

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



Winter Solstice: A Service for All Ages

Sunday, December 20, 11:30am

Join us for our annual winter solstice celebration in praise of darkness, dreams, quiet, and rest. Let your friends know you're attending by [RSVPing on Facebook](#).

Then, join us next Sunday at 11:30am by going to www.uuaa.org/service. After the service, join us on Zoom to socialize and discuss the service at

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 UUAA calendar.](#)

How the Grinch Stole Christmas Read-Aloud
Friday, 7:00pm

UUAA Bookworms invite all to a read-aloud Zoom of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. All children and adults are welcome to listen: [Use this Zoom link to join.](#)

Multicultural Outreach Kwanzaa Celebration

Saturday, 11:00am

The Multicultural Outreach Ministry, which supports Black Congregants@UUAA and POC Gatherings, is excited to host the annual Kwanzaa Celebration. This will be a closed event, open to all who identify as BIPOC. The event link will be shared over email prior to the event.

Questions? Email quiana@uuaa.org.

Congregational Life Hour

Wednesday, 6:00pm

[Moved from December 16 to December 23]

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 UUAA community. Make some cocoa and settle in to talk about holiday plans, winter survival, and new year joys. [Join the Congregational Life Zoom here.](#)

UUAA COVID-19
Advisory Team



UPDATE

COVID-19 Update

[Read the December update](#) from our UUAA COVID-19 Advisory Team. Inquiries and questions may be directed to Executive Minister Rev. Cassandra Hartley (cassandra@uuaa.org) who will forward them, as appropriate, to team members.

UUAA Realm -- Our New Online
Database*Directory*Giving*

Communication Platform



UUAA 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 UUAA family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a community. [To learn more, click here.](#) Questions? Email realmhelp@uuaa.org.



Womyn's Community Sisterhood Social

Friday, December 18
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Our discussion topic is favorite holiday traditions and recipes. We'll collect our ideas into a shareable document, complete with any resource links you would like to provide. You can join the Sisterhood Social by computer or by phone beginning at 7pm. Please join us even if you'll be a little late. [Click here to join the gathering.](#)

Questions?

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Caregivers & Kiddos Virtual Playdate

Sunday, December 20
6:30pm

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join in on a virtual playdate. [Join the Zoom here.](#)



Habitat Year-End Update

We received this from Habitat for Humanity Huron Valley:

“ . . . UUAA members have not only donated but volunteered their time to help us catch up on home build projects delayed due to COVID-19. UUAA has been a TREMENDOUS support partner this year, and we are

beyond grateful for the service you all provide to our organization. We look forward to partnering with you all again in 2021.”

To top this off, Sandy Simon was honored as the Volunteer of the Year at the recent Volunteer Appreciation Event.



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 (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

[Alpha House](#) is an Interfaith Hospitality Network shelter that aims to shelter and support children and families temporarily experiencing homelessness in our community. Each year, our SGD program leads an effort to provide Alpha House with donations of critical items.

Please [look over this list](#) and sign up for the items 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.

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.



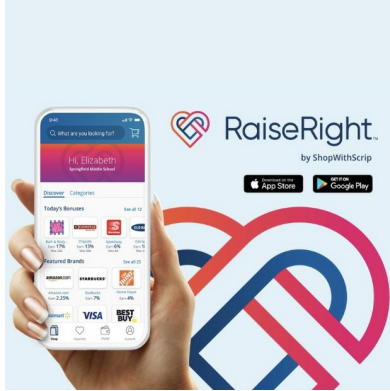
Thank You Letter to UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

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

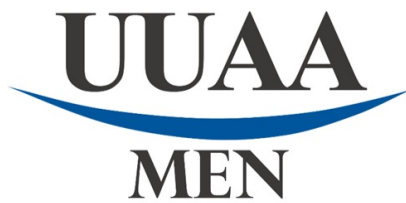


have it shipped to your home. [Here is an easy-to-follow 3-minute tutorial video](#) to get you started.

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.



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.



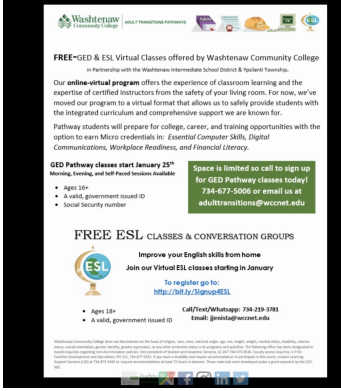
Mid-Winter Men's Retreat

Saturday, January 30

Save the date for a virtual Men's Retreat in January. Emerge from your cocoon, the times call us to turn towards a new way! Our retreat will begin in the morning via a Zoom followed by optional small outdoor activities in the afternoon. Stay tuned to this space for the FREE registration info.

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](#). You must complete registration paperwork and orientation before classes begin on January 25.

Other virtual programs can be accessed through the Pathway program. Please contact adulttransitions@wccnet.edu.



Social Justice Roundtable

January 30

Please save the morning of January 30 to connect with other social justice leaders. The Social Justice Council will be hosting a virtual roundtable for social justice leaders that will focus on "Community, Collaboration, and Covenants." Time will be spent on learning how to use Realm, UUA's new interactive database, to communicate with your group, create collaboration opportunities between groups, and explore tools to form a group covenant. Watch for more details in the *January Newsletter*.



UUA Groups: Reserve a Zoom Room

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

Questions? Email Debita Graham at 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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