



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA | November 5 - 11, 2020

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Updated submissions policy: Please submit your announcements for the *Weekly News* through [this form](#) by Tuesday at 5pm EST. The *Weekly News* is distributed each week on Thursday. Questions? Email Communications Ministry Specialist Kari Gottfried at communications@uuaa.org.

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Make an online offering today!



Join us this week for worship!

Sunday, November 8, 11:30am EST

Join special musical guest Tret Fure in an opportunity to be together in community for our first post-election Sunday service.

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

Then join us on Sunday at www.uuaa.org/service.

After the service, join us for a Zoom social hour where we can check in as a community and further discuss the service. Use this link to take part: uuaa.org/socialhour.

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

Weekly Meditation

Wednesdays, 4:00pm - 5:00pm



All are welcome to practice a form of Buddhist meditation with fellow congregants.

www.uuaa.org/meditation

Are you interested in learning more about meditation?

[Watch "Intro to Meditation"](#) produced in April by Rev. Manish on our UUA YouTube Channel.



Congregational Life Hour

Wednesdays, 6:00pm

Join Coordinator of Congregational Life Quiana Perkins for our weekly Congregational Life hour.

As we arise in a season of overlapping pandemics, UUA hopes to take a new approach to racial justice education and engagement -- one that is more expansive and has layered accessibility.

If you want to learn more, we are hosting a Racial Justice Arc 101 for our November 11 congregational life meeting. This one-hour session is for folks who want to learn what the Arc is and how it could work at UUA.

Email quiana@uuaa.org for the Zoom link.

Election Week at UUA



PREPARE. PROCESS. PERSIST.

UUA.org/electionweek

Election Week at UUA

Thursday, November 5, 8:00pm
UUA National Post-Election Vigil

View the event [here](#).

Friday, November 6, 12:00pm
UUCSJ Post-Election Healing Space
Register for the event [here](#).

Sunday, November 8, 11:30am
UUAA Sunday Service with Tret Fure
View at uuaa.org/service.

Friday, November 13, 6:00pm
BIPOC Election "Wine" Down
Email quiana@uuaa.org for the link.

View more information about all the events at
uuaa.org/electionweek.



UUCivs: Vote Your Values

Many thanks to everyone who voted and to the volunteers who assisted folks in the wider community overcome barriers in exercising their right to vote. We salute all of you!



Building Our Vision: #RoadTo2050 Stewardship Spotlight

Our first stewardship spotlight features Kyle, who has been a part of the UUAA community for 24 years. What he loves most about UUAA is the thought and effort we put into being a good community. This year, Kyle pledged to ensure that we are able to continue providing good spiritual growth and development programs, because he knows how important they can be in the lives of our young members.

Thanks for pledging, Kyle!

For a chance to be featured in the next stewardship spotlight, make sure you've made your pledge and then email Kari Gottfried, Communications Ministry Specialist, at kari@uuaa.org. Thank you for all of your support!

[Make your pledge here.](#)

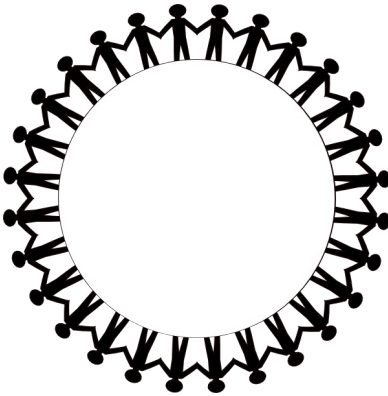


Community of Writers Zoom

Sunday, November 15

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Are you working on or revising a memoir, poem, story, or other creative writing? If you would like feedback at this stage of your piece, you are invited to participate in our November 15th "Works in Progress" meeting, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Zoom screen sharing enables us to follow the writing while hearing the writer read their five minute piece aloud. Interested UUAA members are welcome to request the Zoom link by contacting Kathy Friedrichs at kamf@umich.edu or Mary Lund at mlund@mi.rr.com.



Newcomer Chalice Circle

Saturday, November 21, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

If you are new to UUAA in the past year, join us to delve more deeply into the UU principles and experience a small group spiritual discussion. Sign up using [this link](#) by Monday, November 16 or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah

Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org. You will receive a Zoom link and reflective reading once you have registered.



UUAA Virtual Thanksgiving Gathering

Thursday, November 26

2:30pm - 4:30pm

UUAA invites you to virtually celebrate Thanksgiving with the UUAA Family!

Bring your favorite dessert and drink for a relaxed conversation centered on traditions and blessings. The Zoom link will be shared in the weekly bulletin the week of November 16.

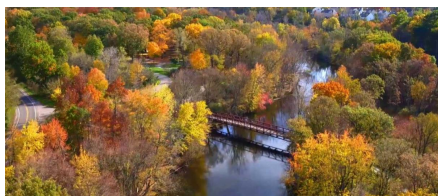
Questions?

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UUAA Virtual Thanksgiving Walks

Thursday, November 26

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Join your UUAA family for a post-giving community walk: lay-led or staff-led walks that adhere to all COVID-19 safety precautions (mask must be worn/social distancing/limited group size) throughout Washtenaw County.

Post-Giving Community Walk sign-up (including walk locations and times) will start November 16. Sign-up links will be posted on the website and sent in the *Weekly News*.

Questions?

Hannah Hotchkiss, Welcome Ministries Coordinator,

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Mindful Eating Team – Food Gatherers Farm Project

We are done for the season!

Despite the many challenges we faced in 2020, our ninth season

on the property of Farmer Bill Schmid was a huge success. Our social justice service project that fights hunger in Washtenaw County raised over 3,900 pounds of fresh produce and more than \$6,600 in sales at the honor-system roadside stand – all donated to Food Gatherers. This represents about 1,100 hours of work by our incredible team of volunteers, several of whom worked more than 50 hours this season. Our farm project builds bridges within the community and truly makes an impact on the lives of our neighbors who suffer food insecurity. We'll be back again next year for Season 10!

Washtenaw County has seen a dramatic uptick in the number of people seeking emergency food as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mindful Eating Team urges UUAA members to support organizations addressing this challenge.

Food Gatherers, our primary food rescue and distribution organization, announced two events to raise awareness and funds to meet the continuing need.

- November 16 - 29: Busch's Food and Fund Drive. Visit any Busch's store to participate.
- Early December: "Rockin' for the Hungry." Stay tuned for the date and further details at www.foodgatherers.org.



Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice (ICPJ): Online Auction

November 18 - 30

The ICPJ is hosting an online auction. Give a gift to ICPJ and a gift to yourself or a loved one through a "gifting double-dip." This replaces the annual harvest dinner fundraiser through which many UUAA congregants come together to share a meal and celebrate the work of justice leaders in our community. Please consider contributing an item to the online auction, participating in the event, and/or making a financial contribution.

If you're interested in supporting ICPJ's work, contact Jeannine LaPrad, ICPJ/UUAA liaison, jlaprad@umich.edu.



Alpha House: Thanksgiving Service Week

November 23 - 29

Alpha House is an emergency shelter for families temporarily experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. As is the tradition, UUAA hosts the families at the shelter during the week of Thanksgiving, November 23 - 29. UUAA provides dinner each night during our host week and hot breakfast on school holidays and weekends. We also purchase supplies and supervise children's activities when possible.

Sign up online at tinyurl.com/AHNov20 to donate a dish (curbside), heat meals (kitchen only), oversee activity time (outdoor option if weather allows), or provide financial support. We are all working together to keep residents and volunteers safe during COVID.

Questions? Contact AlphaHouse@uuaa.org.

Multicultural Outreach Ministry

Multicultural Outreach Ministries, which support



Black Congregants@UUAA and POC Gatherings, is excited to be announcing that Vanessa M. has agreed to take on a leadership role. We are excited for her energy and vision.

We also anticipate hosting our annual Kwanzaa Brunch online on Saturday, December 19 at 11:00am - mark your calendars! We are excited to be in community with you.

Questions? Email quiana@uuaa.org.

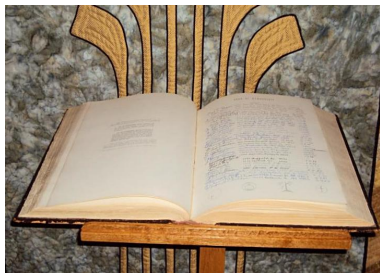


Partner Church Update

Our partner church is in a town called Kezdivasarhely in the region of Transylvania, in Romania. So what language do they speak? If you guessed Romanian, you'd be wrong. They speak Hungarian. That's because Transylvania used to be a part of Hungary.

Here are a few words to learn: Hello = szia: [click to hear it](#).

Thanksgiving = Hálaadás: [click to hear it](#).



Introduction to Our Faith

Saturday, December 5 and 12
10:00am-Noon

This two-session class launches you on your way toward membership and/or a deeper understanding of this congregation and faith. We will cover sharing our spiritual journeys, learning about the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, exploring your calling, how to get involved, and the meaning and responsibilities of membership. This class is a prerequisite to official membership.

[Register by Monday, November 30](#) or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.



Scrip Cards

Delivered right to your door!

Now, you have the option to get your physical gift cards sent

directly to you or a loved one. No more order schedules. No more pickup. Shopping physical gift cards just got way more convenient with the new ship-to-home feature—available only with the new mobile app [RaiseRight™](#) (by ShopWithScrip).

Choose from hundreds of top-selling brands that are labeled “Ship-to-Home Eligible.” A small shipping fee applies. You must pay with a bank account or credit card. Contact Carolyn for more information (cmbarber@umich.com).



UUA Groups: Reserve a Zoom Room

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

Questions? Email Debita Graham at room@uuaa.org.



UUSC Coffee Project

Equal Exchange coffee and chocolates are for sale again! This will be a curbside-pickup or delivery-with-no-contact program. Orders may be picked up in Ann Arbor (not at UUA) or delivered to your home. To see what we have in stock, [click here](#).

Email uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com to place your order online, or call Cathy Whitaker at 419-283-3430 or Ilene Beninson at 248-376-7031. All sales benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and this congregation.

Quick Links:

[UUA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUA](#) | [View past services](#)
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Other Links:

UUA.org | MidAmericaUUA.org

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