



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA
November 12 - 18, 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.

Please make any submissions to the *Monthly Newsletter* by November 21st at 5pm through [this form](#). The *Monthly Newsletter* will be distributed at the end of the month.

Questions? Email Communications Ministry Specialist Kari Gottfried at communications@uuaa.org.

Support the ministries of UUAA:
Make an online offering today!



Join us this week for worship!

Sunday, November 15, 11:30am EST

Join us on Sunday to experience worship together at 11:30am Eastern, or **watch the service** at your leisure any point throughout the week.

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 Offerings

Meditation

Wednesday, 4:00pm

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

www.uuaa.org/meditation

Congregational Life Hour

Wednesday, 6:00pm

Join Coordinator of Congregational Life Quiana Perkins for a chance to connect with our UUA community.

Email quiana@uuaa.org for the Zoom link.



BIPOC Election "Wine" Down

Friday, November 13, 6:00pm

Join us for a closing brave space to unpack the election. All those who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a person of color are welcome to attend this event. Email quiana@uuaa.org for the link.



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: Liz Hartley

This week's stewardship spotlight features Liz Hartley, who has been a part of the UUA community for about ten years. Growing up, she wasn't a part of any particular faith community -- her family

didn't practice Judaism -- but after just a few services at UUAA that she attended with her son Mike, Liz says that she knew it was where she belonged. Liz loves that UUAA welcomes people from all backgrounds and accepts that each person in the community believes what is true to them. This is what she loves most about the UUAA community and why she pledges every year.

Thanks for pledging, Liz!

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.](#)

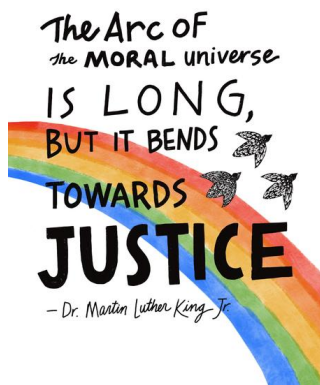


Community of Writers Zoom

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 15 "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.



Racial Justice Arc Steering Committee

Monday, November 16

6:30pm

All aboard! This is the last call for Racial Justice Arc Steering Committee members. UUAA is taking a new approach to Racial Justice education and engagement -- one that is more expansive and has layered accessibility. We are gathering all those who are ready to step into the work and start creating programming that matches our mission and values.

Email quiana@uuaa.org for the Zoom link.



UUAA November Board Meeting

Thursday, November 19

7:00pm - 9:00pm

UUAA Board meetings are open to the public. You must [register in advance](#) if you wish to attend as an observer, to ensure the safety of our meetings. Observers will remain muted for the duration of the meeting. If you wish to address the Board, you must make a request of the President (president@uuaa.org) at least one week in advance of the meeting and provide the topic you wish to speak about (for up to five minutes). Learn more about the Board of Trustees [here](#).



Mindful Eating Team – Food Gatherers Farm Project

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.



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.

Email for the Zoom link.

Questions?

Hannah Hotchkiss, Welcome Ministries Coordinator,
hannah@uuaa.org

Quiana Perkins, Congregational Life Coordinator,
quiana@uuaa.org.



UUAA Virtual Thanksgiving Walks

Friday, November 27

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

throughout Washtenaw County.

[Sign up for a walk here](#) -- consider the time, distance, and terrain before signing up. Walks are limited to six participants for safety.

November 24: Check your emails. We will share your walk leader's name and contact number, parking information, and up-to-date COVID health precautions.

November 27: Grab your mask and take a walk!

Questions?

Hannah Hotchkiss, Welcome Ministries Coordinator,

hannah@uuaa.org

Quiana Perkins, Congregational Life Coordinator,

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Thank-Scripting Days

November 19 & 20

Participating families earn up to 20% with 120+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. For the first time ever, you have an extra day to take advantage of Thank-Scripting Day

bonuses, November 19 and 20. Using scrip raises money for the church when you buy the things you need to buy anyway!

You must have an online Shop with Scrip account to participate -- [sign up here](#). Enroll with the UUAA code [here](#).

Questions? Contact Carolyn Barber at cmbarber@umich.edu.



Alpha House: Thanksgiving Service Week

November 23 - 29

Alpha House is an emergency shelter for families temporarily experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. Our next host week is November 23 - 29. A few cooks for Thanksgiving turkey and a few dishes for Saturday and Sunday are still needed.

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.



QBuddies: Round 2

The QBuddy Program is a way for people in our UUAA community to connect during this COVID-19 period of increased isolation. When COVID-19 restrictions started last spring, UUAA began a very active Q(uarantine) Buddy program that continued through mid-summer.

Six months later we are still in a pandemic, and still in need of connection. So, we've relaunched the QBuddy program for a second round, and we hope you'll join us!

[Sign up for a QBuddy here.](#)

Questions?

[View this letter](#) for more information or email theresa@uuaa.org.



Chalice Lighters Needed

You are invited to be a chalice lighter in upcoming worship services! You (alone or with family/others) can submit a video recording of you lighting whatever chalice you use at home. This is video only -- you do not need to say anything! You may submit these recordings at any time.

[Guidelines for recording and submitting videos.](#)

We look forward to your virtual presence in worship in the coming months. In peace, [the UUAA Worship Team](#).



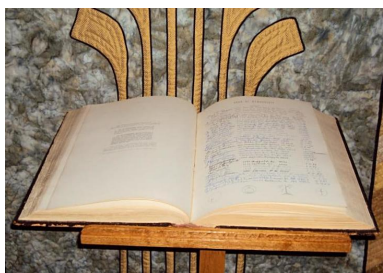
Coffee Project Holiday Gift Bags Are Here!

Our sales of fair trade Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, and more are continuing from off-site, for pickup in

central Ann Arbor or delivery.

As in past years, get a handmade, reusable, cloth gift bag with any purchase!

To order, email us at uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com (that's "UUA Equal Exchange Order" all run together). Place an order for local delivery as a gift and we'll include a gift tag! See what is currently in stock here (<https://tinyurl.com/uuaa-ee>).



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 share our spiritual journeys, learn about the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, and explore your calling. We will also discuss how to get involved and what the meaning and responsibilities of membership are. This class is a prerequisite to official membership.

Register by Monday, November 30 or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.



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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