



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA February 4 - 10, 2021

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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5pm. The deadline for the *Weekly News February 11 - 17* is Tuesday, February 16 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

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

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Sunday Service

Sunday, February 7, 11:30am

Our theme for February is "Commune." How do we construct identity in community together?

Join us on Sunday at 11:30am Eastern by visiting uuaa.org/service, or watch later on demand [on our YouTube channel](#).

After the live service, join us for company and conversation at uuaa.org/socialhour.

This Sunday, we will share our collection with [Foundations Preschool](#). Founded in 1934 under the name of Perry Nursery School, Foundations Preschool of Washtenaw County continues to serve children and families in

our community by providing high quality early education with support services. Their goal is to ensure affordability, equity, and inclusion for those who need it most. Questions about sharing the collection? Email Jan Duncan at janetdunc@gmail.com.

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

Congregational input on themes: Looking ahead to April, our worship theme is "Speak." What spiritual, ethical, and/or moral questions do you have related to this topic? [Ask them here](#).

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](#)

Weekly Meditation

Tuesday, February 9, 4:45pm

Join the weekly meditation practice by visiting uuaa.org/meditation.

Congregational Life Hour

Wednesday, February 10, 6:00pm

What is restorative justice? It's healing, community, justice, transformation. Join the Congregational Life Hour for an overview of this crucial social justice topic and its ties to racism. Learn about the ways that you can help people who have been hurt by our criminal justice system, with methods that include systemic change, prison ministries, and personal connection. A variety of small- and large-volunteer opportunities exist, ranging from being a pen pal to advocating for major change in our approach to justice.

[Join the Congregational Life Hour here](#)



Realm: Our Online Community

[Realm, our UUAA online community](#), is making it easier to connect.

We have reached a 50% participation rate on Realm. Nice work! Spread the word. Encourage your fellow congregants to join.

Realm Quest of the Week: Let's get your group participation up and running.

Go into your Realm profile, scroll to the bottom and see what groups you are already listed as a member of. Are some of your groups missing? Go to groups, click on "Find Groups", and peruse the ministry areas. Find your group. Select "Join the group."

Have you joined Realm yet? If not, request for your invitation to be sent by emailing RealmHelp@uuaa.org.



Humanist Discussions

Thursday, February 4, 4:00pm

Monday, February 8, 7:00pm

Humanism has a long history in our congregation. A group of Humanists has been having lively meetings 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. All meetings are now virtual. To get on our mail list, get the log-in information, or ask any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



Historical Black Neighborhood Walks and Talks

Throughout the month of February, UUA lay leaders will lead walks in historically Black neighborhoods, then gather on Zoom to talk about the experience and local Black history.

We will have some scheduled walks but will also share the walk routes for do-it-yourselfers. To get the walk schedules, routes, and Zoom discussion links, everyone must sign up via this link:

[Historical Black History Walks Sign Up](#)

More event dates and details are shared in the *February Newsletter*. For questions, email quiana@uuaa.org.

Presented by the Multicultural Outreach Ministry, Racial Justice Arc and Outdoors Womyn groups.



Tree of Love

February 6 - 14

Renew your sense of connectedness by sharing messages of love. Lift the spirits and bring joy to a fellow congregant by adding to our Love Tree near the main entrance of UUAA. Bring love home by choosing a message that speaks to your heart. Anytime between February 6 and 14, you can add and take from our Love Tree. Be creative! Questions? Email FridayFunNight@uuaa.org.



UUCivs: Vote Your Values

Sunday, February 7, 3:00pm

Last month's brainstorming meeting yielded great suggestions for what civic engagement could look like in 2021. Join us for our next meeting to continue this work and share ideas.

Meeting ID: 849 9720 4824

Password: 023352

Phone #: (312) 626-6799

Doesn't the election seem so long ago? For proof, [visit the UUCivs webpage](#) to go back in time when our primary focus was to get out the vote!



Six-Week Chalice Circles in February and March

Information session Saturday, February 6, 11:00am - Noon
Mondays, starting February 8, 4:00pm - one spot left
Wednesdays, starting February 10, 7:00pm - a few spots left

Interested in registering but still have questions? [Join the information session on Monday, February 6 at 11:00am here](#). Drop in any time during the hour, or email ChaliceCircles@uuaa.org.

Chalice Circles are facilitated gatherings where members explore topics through readings, share experiences and reflections, and practice deep listening. They are a great way to build new relationships in a deep and meaningful way.

There are still a few openings in the Chalice Circles beginning in February. [Register for a chalice circle here](#).



North AA UU Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00pm

North AA UU will examine [the statement by the UUA Commission on Institutional Change published in the Fall 2020 UU World](#).

[Join the Zoom link here.](#)



Outdoors Womyn Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 6:30pm

Outdoors Womyn is hosting a Zoom meeting open to all those who currently identify as women. Many are interested in getting out on the trails this winter for hiking longer distances, such as 3 - 5 miles or more.

This takes more time than a typical one-hour walk, so you'll need to think about what you will eat and drink as well as have the right clothes and other gear to support a successful winter hike. Bring your questions and your experience. Contact Sandy at sandy.eyl@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



Newcomer Chalice Circle

Saturday, February 20, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

If you are new to UUA and would like to get to know others who are new, join us to explore the tenets of Unitarian Universalism and discuss the UU Seven

Principles. What do they mean to you? Which ones resonate strongly? How do they inspire you? You will receive the principles and reflection questions in advance, and we will practice a deep listening format during the discussion. [Register for the newcomer chalice circle here](#). Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.



Introduction to Our Faith

Saturdays, February 20 & March 6

10:00am - 12:15pm

This two-session class launches you on your way toward membership and a deeper understanding of this congregation and faith. We will cover sharing our spiritual journeys, 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 here by Monday, February 15](#), or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuuaa.org.



Sponsor a Student

Sponsor a Student in Khasi Hills, India

Sunday, February 21, 3:00pm

Come just to learn about, sign up for, or renew sponsorship.

It's a UUAA tradition to sponsor students at a primary school in a rural village in northeast India. Every year UUAA congregants sponsor around 100 students. Each \$50 sponsorship helps provide needed supplies for the school, supplemental salaries for teachers, and uniforms and lunches for students. [Learn more about this worthy program at the Zoom meeting, which you can join here.](#)

Questions? Contact hal@breidenbach.net.



**Immigration Action Coalition
Virtual Drag Bingo Fundraiser**

Saturday, March 6, 7:30pm

BORED?! Aren't you tired of the same old stuff every pandemic Saturday?!? Can we DRAG you to a Virtual Bingo Night?! Join us on Saturday, March 6 at 7:30pm for a family-friendly drag show plus virtual bingo night with Boylesque! Have fun and support local immigrant communities!

[Buy your ticket here.](#)



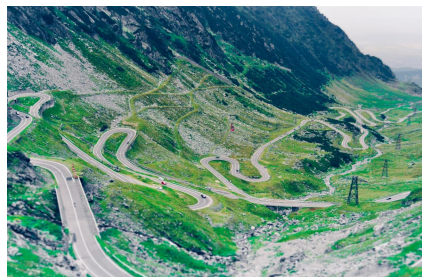
Womyn's Council: Come Write a Poem With Me!

Saturday, March 13, 10:00am - Noon

Come write a poem with me,
come write a poem with me,
come write a poem with me,
that I might know your Heart!

Let's write a 20-verse collaborative Nijuin Renga poem together over Zoom. The verses are short: 2-3 lines. We'll need at least 4 Womyn and not more

than 10 Womyn to make collaboration feasible online. Something fun and new to try! Contact Shirley Smith at sjpoetess@gmail.com for a one-page beginner's guide to Nijuin Renga.



Partner Church Q & A

Question: Our Partner Church is in the city of Kézdivásárhely (we call it Kezdi), but we also hear about a town of Szentivanlaborfalva (Szentivan). How are the two connected?

[Read the answer here.](#)



UUA Groups: Reserve a Zoom Room

In 2020, we processed nearly 350 Zoom room reservations! 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](#) | [Log in to Realm](#)



Other Links:

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

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