



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA February 11 - 17, 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 18 - 24* is Tuesday, February 16 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

The deadline for the *March Newsletter* is Sunday, February 21 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.

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



Sunday Service

Sunday, February 14, 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 at your leisure [on our YouTube channel](#).

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

Last Sunday, we shared 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 16, 4:45pm

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

Congregational Life Hour

Wednesday, February 17, 6:00pm

Hot dish: this will be an open check-in with a mix of topics.

[Join the Congregational Life Hour here](#).

Realm: Our Online Community



All you UUAA Realm users, your challenge of the week is to encourage 5 of your friends to join Realm. If you are in a group, it is a great place to spread the word! Don't know what Realm is? Haven't received your invitation to join? Email RealmHelp@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.



Join Rev. Manish in an "Intro to Hinduism" Workshop!

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

In collaboration with our UU siblings in Gainesville, Florida, Rev. Manish will be leading a one-night "Introduction to Hinduism for UUs" workshop. UUA members and friends are warmly welcome. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP directly to Rev. Manish at manish@uuaa.org in order to receive the event log-in details/credentials.



Humanist Discussions

Thursday, February 18, 4:00pm

Monday, February 22, 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.



Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice (ICPJ) Race Class Narrative Training

Thursday, February 18, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

ICPJ's critical strategies for 2021 include organizing a racial and economic justice collaborative in Washtenaw County and fostering unifying compassionate community conversations.

This race class narrative training helps to develop important skills that we can all use in our social justice work and in our conversations with those with different views. Several people from UUAA will be participating, and we hope you will join us! This is a good way to begin to develop a common language and approach for centering racial and economic justice in our work.

[Registration required.](#)

Facilitated by We the People Michigan.



Let's Explore Our UUAA Vision for Climate Action and Justice Together!

Friday, February 19, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Join the UUAA Climate Action Team to begin to organize and release our collective passion and power. We'll be sharing work underway locally and nationally as well exploring the UU Ministry for the Earth's 2020 Green Sanctuary program as a framework for UUAA's Climate Justice Priority Area. This is a comprehensive framework focused on local priorities that calls out the importance of actions in climate mitigation, adaptation/resilience, and justice, with specific focus on addressing the intersectionality of justice and climate efforts. Email climate@uuaa.org if you're able to join us.



Newcomer Chalice Circle

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

If you are new to UUAA 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.



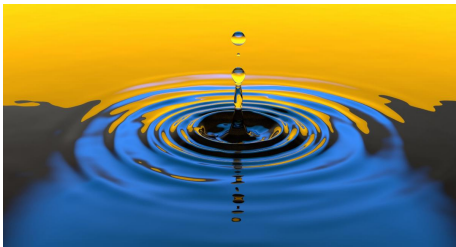
Introduction to Our Faith

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@uuaa.org.



Meet-Up to Form a New Womyn's Circle

Sunday, February 21, 9:30am - 11:00am

We had a GREAT meet-up on January 30. So great that a new Womyn's Circle has been formed. There are already at least five additional women eager to be part of a circle. We need 8 - 12 people with compatible schedules to form a solid Circle. If you are ready to be in a Circle, please join us, and we will help you form a Circle with other UUA women. The ongoing time commitment is usually for one 2-hour meeting a month.

[Join the Zoom Meeting here.](#) No computer or internet connection? Dial +1 312 626 6799 and enter Meeting ID: 999 3118 6242 when prompted to join the meeting.

Contact Meg McKenzie at mmckenzie22@gmail.com or Amy Thomas at amy.gibson.thomas@gmail.com with questions.

BIPOC Gathering

Sunday, February 21, 10:00am

The Multicultural Outreach Ministry would like to



invite all who identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC) to join us for social spiritual connections. This time will be for those who identify as BIPOC. This link will be shared via email.

Questions? Want to be added to the email list? Email multicultural@uuaa.org.



Community of Writers

Sunday, February 21, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

“What does Black History Month mean to you?” is the topic suggested by Community of Writers member Anne Ramsey for the next meeting of the UUA Writers. Members are encouraged to write on this topic (or any topic of their choice) and then share their writing in five minutes or less at the Zoom meeting.

For more information contact Kathy Friedrichs at kamf@umich.edu or Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com.



Sponsor a Student

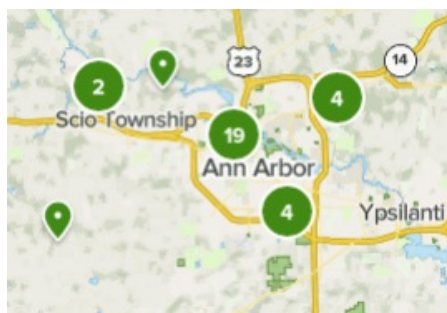
Sponsor a Student in Khasi Hills, India

Sunday, February 21, 3:00pm

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

It's a UUA tradition to sponsor students at a primary school in a rural village in northeast India. Every year UUA 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.



Outdoor Womyn Zoom Workshop: [Alltrails.com](https://www.alltrails.com)

Wednesday, February 24, 6:30pm

All are welcome to join Outdoors Womyn for a Zoom workshop regarding how to use [alltrails.com](https://www.alltrails.com) to:

- Find hiking trails and walking paths in your area
- Report trail conditions so that others benefit from your experience

Have you ever wondered whether the walking path near your home is icy or covered in snow? Or just wanted to find a new outdoor place to explore nearby? Want to help others in the congregation and the community by sharing your experience on local walking trails and hiking paths? One tool for this is alltrails.com.

[Register here](#) to receive a short pre-discussion assignment, then connect on Zoom on February 24 at 6:30pm.

Questions? Contact sandy.eyl@gmail.com.



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 - something fun and new to try! The verses are short -- two to three lines each. We'll need at least 4 but not more than 10 Womyn to make collaboration feasible online. Contact Shirley Smith at sjpoetess@gmail.com for a one-page beginner's guide to Nijuin Renga.

UUAA 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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