



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA November 11 - 17, 2021

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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5:00pm.

The deadline for the *Weekly News* November 18 - 24 is Tuesday, November 16 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

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

Please note that the *December Newsletter* deadline is this coming Sunday, November 14 by 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

Please note the following holiday deadlines for the upcoming *Monthly Newsletter* and the *Weekly News*:

Monthly Newsletter Deadlines

December newsletter—Deadline Sunday, November 14, to be sent out November 22/23

January newsletter—Deadline Sunday, December 12, to be sent out December 20

Weekly News - Holiday repeat weeks

November 25—information will repeat
December 30—information will repeat

Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering



Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, November 14, 9:30am and 11:30am

Join us this Sunday as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, “Honoring Our Interdependence with the Environment”, how are we Unitarian Universalists called to honor our interdependent connection with the planet of which we are a part, in these days of increasing climate change-related devastation? Join us this Sunday as we explore our UU commitment to our Seventh Principle.

There will be a social hour after both services. We will be serving grab-and-go doughnuts at the main entrance for you to take with you as you leave UUAA on Sunday morning. With the onset of winter and the removal of the tents outside the Social Hall, we no longer have an outdoor space for gathering to eat. We will return to serving beverages once we can be inside unmasked safely.

We will also be livestreaming the service if you prefer to attend from home. You can join us at uuaa.org/service.

Please note that masks will be required for everyone over the age of 2.*

If you have questions or concerns about the mask requirement, please contact Hannah Hotchkiss, Coordinator of Welcome Ministries and Membership, at hannah@uuaa.org.

*Exception to the mask requirement: members of the worship team who are actively speaking can remove their masks. The first row of chairs in the sanctuary will be removed to ensure proper distancing.



Social Hall Tables

Sundays after each service starting November 14

Starting on Sunday, November 14 we will resume having a limited number of congregational tables in the Social Hall after each service. We will still have UUAA stewardship fundraisers (Scrip and Coffee), groups announcing events and meetings (Social Justice Council, Mindful Eating, etc.), and fellowship opportunities (Fiber Arts, Kaleidoscope, etc.).

November 14: Bookstore Going-Out-of-Business Sale, Scrip, Coffee Sales, Gathering Table

November 21: Bookstore Going-Out-of-Business Sale, Scrip, Coffee Sales

November 28: Scrip, Coffee Sales

The configuration of the Social Hall will have fewer tables with sanitizer protocols. We ask that there be no more than two people visiting a table at a time, and that people be mindful of others who are waiting.

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

Upcoming Events
For a full list of events, [visit the UAAA Calendar](#).



Sunday Welcome Team Seeks New Members

The Sunday Welcome Team is looking for new members for 2021-2022! The monthly time commitment is 40 to 90 minutes, but the work you do is invaluable! We need greeters, ushers, and welcomees. We are especially in need of first Sunday ushers.

Interested? Please contact: Hannah@uuaa.org.



Interested in Teaching OWL? Upcoming Facilitator Training Opportunities!

One of the cornerstones of our Spiritual Growth and Development Program is Our Whole Lives (OWL), a lifespan sexuality education program that models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. It is a holistic program that moves beyond the intellect to address the attitudes, values, and feelings that youth have about themselves and the world.

We usually offer OWL to 8th graders as a full academic year course; this year we are hoping to put together a teaching team by January. With two teachers already committed, and one signed up for training, that means we only need one more.

In-person and online training sessions available. Please consider helping us bring back this essential, popular, and dynamic program!

Interested? Please email stella@uuaa.org for more information.



UUAA Veterans for Peace Is Back!

Open to all veterans and others who support peace and justice, we are a subgroup of local Veterans for Peace Chapter 93. Veterans for Peace is a non-profit, global organization of military veterans and allies whose collective efforts aim to build a culture of peace and justice by using our military experience and lifting our voices. A potential project involves investigating the need for Restorative Justice for veterans who have committed crimes.

For details or to join: in Realm, under Groups, find UUAA Veterans for Peace, or contact Mike Muha at vets4peace@uuaa.org.



What Is a Gathering Table?

During the October 24 service, Vision Steering Committee Co-Chairs Rick Witten and Kathy Edgren presented the concept of “Gathering Table” events as a way for our congregation to connect, focus, and reflect on our three Vision 20/50 priority areas.

These metaphorical “tables” will be open gatherings that inform people about the ongoing efforts of our social justice groups and provide ways to share ideas and get involved—in ways big or small.

Three gathering table events are planned for this church year—one for each Vision priority area. Everyone is invited and welcome!

Questions? vision@uuaa.org



Sponsor a Student

Sponsor-a-Student in India

Each year we connect members of this congregation with approximately 100 young children in a Unitarian lower primary school in the Khasi Hills of northeast India. We currently have eight students who still need sponsors, and we would be happy to enroll you in the program! Each sponsor contributes \$50 (which is sent to the school) and agrees to write one letter to the individual child they sponsor.

Please contact Allen Duncan or Cathy Doherty ASAP at khasihills@uuaa.org if you are interested.

Mindful-Aging Series

There is no roadmap for successful aging, and too



often we have to make quick decisions when health declines. Yet we all have questions such as: What happens when I can't take care of myself? How long can I stay in my home? What kind of help is available? What legal papers do I need? What is a Power of Attorney? A DNR? What's up ahead? How can I help my aging parents?

The UUAA's Pastoral Care team is planning a series of sessions about issues in aging and would like your input about topics of interest. We are also looking for people with expertise in aging who could provide information.

Please contact Sandy Breck at sbreck@umich.edu with any suggestions. Let's build a roadmap together!

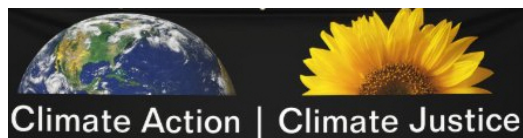


Fair-Trade Coffee to Resume On-site Sales November 14

We will be returning to sales on-site after both Sunday services at the UUAA beginning November 14! Until then, sales will continue out of members' homes. You can order for pickup or delivery by emailing us at

UUAAequalexchangeorder@gmail.com.

After our return to the building, we will still take orders for remote pickup or delivery. As always, sales benefit the UUAA and UUSC.



First Annual UUAA Climate Gathering Table

Sunday, November 14, 10:30am - 1:00pm and 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Please come to the first annual UUAA Climate Gathering Table on Sunday, November 14:

- Come visit us in the Social Hall between 10:30am and 1:00pm: fun give-aways, lots of information, and opportunities to get involved.
- Join an interactive Zoom gathering from 2:30pm - 4:00pm and hear about current UUAA Climate Action/Climate Justice activities. Give your input on what actions we can be taking as individuals and as a community to address the climate crisis and work toward climate justice.

Pre-register for the Zoom Gathering Table [using this link](#). All are welcome -- all ages, members, friends, staff, ministry, anyone interested in learning

about or giving feedback about our Climate Action/Climate Justice work.



1948: Creation and Catastrophe **From now until November 14**

The documentary film tells the story of the establishment of Israel and the destruction of Palestinian society, as seen through the eyes of the people who lived it. It is not possible to make sense of what is happening in Palestine/Israel today without understanding 1948. Ten years in the making, the film includes archival film with context provided by respected historians. Watch online for free until Sunday, November 14. [Register here](#) to access the film.

Watch the [film trailer](#) for *1948: Creation and Catastrophe*. Then, on Sunday, November 14 at 3:00pm, join the Voices From the Holy Land Film Salon featuring co-director/producer Ahlam Muhtaseb and Israeli-American author and human rights activist Miko Peled.

Understanding the history is essential as we consider a congregational resolution supporting Palestinian rights. UUs for Justice in the Middle East meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Contact Mark Jagner at mjagner@yahoo.com or Ruth Vail at ruthvail43@gmail.com for more information.

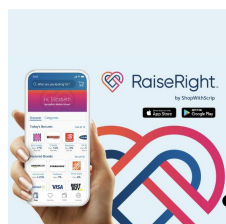


QUUest Bookstore Going-Out-of-Business Sale

November 14 and November 21

After more than 20 years of operation, the UUA QUUest Bookstore will be closing its doors on November 21 after the Social Hour following the second service. We are holding a going-out-of-business sale in the Social Hall after each service on November 14 and November 21.

Books with an original cover price of \$10 will be sold for \$3, the price for books with a cover price under \$10 will be \$1. Please stop by our tables to find your bargain book. CASH OR CHECKS ONLY. All sales final!



The Scrip Table Will Be Open

Sunday, November 14, 10:30am - 11:20am and 12:30pm - 1:00pm

- What: **The Scrip Program**
- Why: To raise money for the congregation

- Who: Anyone who would like to see corporate profits converted into funds to benefit UUAA, just by buying things you would normally buy
- How: Set up an account with **Shop with Scrip**, using enrollment code F9F626FE2L951, or stop by the table in the Social Hall to purchase cards directly or get help with setting up your own account. For purchases at the table, cash or check is preferred, though we can take credit cards (through Realm) with an additional 3% transaction fee.
- Where: Find the smiling volunteers at a table in the Social Hall after each service this Sunday

Questions? Contact Carolyn at cmbponyclub@sbcglobal.net.



Humanist Discussion

Thursday, November 18, 2:00pm

Monday, November 22, 7:00pm

Thursday: A facilitated discussion on Chapter 3 “Manifesto for an Age of Science” from *The Scientific Spirit of American Humanism*. Learn about what Roy W. Sellars, UM professor of philosophy and a member of our First Unitarian Church of Ann Arbor, had to say about American Humanism moving forward.

Monday: Topic TBD

Humanism has a long history in our congregation, and a lively group of Humanists has been meeting for over 20 years, 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 still virtual. To get on our mail list, get the login information, or any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



Newcomer Chalice Circle | The Seven UU Principles

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

Registration Deadline: Monday, November 15

Are you new to UUAA? Would you like to explore the tenets of Unitarian Universalism with others who are new?

Join us for a Zoom discussion of the Seven UU Principles:

- What do they mean to you?
- Which ones resonate strongly?
- How do they inspire?

You will receive the principles and reflection questions in advance. We will

practice a deep-listening format during the discussion. [Please register](#) by Monday, November 15. We ask that when you sign up you commit to attending and log into the Zoom room by the start time.

Questions? Email Coordinator of Welcome Ministries and Membership Hannah Hotchkiss at: Hannah@uuaa.org.

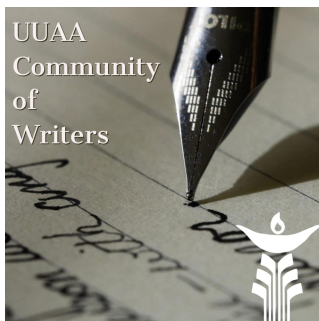


Transgender Day-of-Remembrance Observance

Saturday, November 20, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Kaleidoscope invites all to their observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance, an internationally recognized day honoring the lives of transgender, nonbinary, agender, and gender-expansive people lost to transphobic violence this year. There will be a short memorial ceremony open to all. After the memorial portion concludes, we invite trans, nonbinary, agender, and gender-expansive folx to remain for an in-group processing and conversation space. This event will be held on Zoom (link available closer to the event).

Please reach out to KaleidoscopeInfo@uuaa.org for additional information.



Community of Writers Zoom Gathering

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

The Community of Writers will gather on the Sunday of the beginning of Thanksgiving week. Appropriately, the suggested writing topic is "Thanks." Original creative writing can be any interpretation of the topic, in any genre of the writer's choosing, or any other original writing the writer chooses to read. Readings are limited to five minutes. Anne Ramsey will guide the readings and solicit appreciative comment.

If you would like the Zoom link to attend, contact Kathy Friedrichs at: kamf@umich.edu or Anne Ramsey at: anneramsey2910@comcast.net.



Thanksgiving Host Week

Monday, November 22 - Sunday, November 28

Alpha House is an emergency shelter for families temporarily experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. Our next host week is November 22 - 28. Sign up online at <http://UUAA.org/AlphaSignup> to help

financially, donate a dish (curbside or in-person), heat meals (in-person), or oversee activity time (outdoor option if weather allows). Everyone at Alpha House wears a mask and washes hands frequently, regardless of vaccination status. Find links for volunteer guidelines in our signup.

Questions? Contact: AlphaHouse@uuaa.org.



Community Walks Are Back

Friday, November 26, various times

Join your UUAU family for a post-Thanksgiving Community Walk/ Roll/ Stroll that adheres to all COVID safety precautions (masks/limited group size) and takes place at various times and locations throughout Washtenaw County.

Use this link to sign up: www.uuaa.org/walksignup.

- Go to the sign-up list and find a community walk that suits your style. Some are family friendly, some dog friendly, some well-suited to walkers and wheelchairs, some for more rugged hikers.
- We are limiting walks to 6 people per group for safety.
- Watch for an email with the walk leader's name, contact number, parking information, and any updates to COVID health precautions.

On November 26, grab your mask, meet your UUAU friends, and take a walk!



Introduction to Our Faith via Zoom

Thursdays, December 2 and 9, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

This two-session Zoom class launches you on your way toward membership and a deeper understanding of this congregation and faith. We will share our spiritual journeys, cover the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, explore your calling and how to get involved, and discuss the meaning and responsibilities of membership.

This class is a prerequisite to official membership. [Registration is required.](#)

Questions? Email Coordinator of Welcome Ministries and Membership Hannah Hotchkiss at: Hannah@uuaa.org.

Sponsor A Child for the Holidays 2021

Sunday, December 5

UUAU is excited to be a community partner for



[Community Action Network \(CAN\)](#) Sponsor A Child for the Holidays Program. This program works with faith communities like UUAA to bring holiday cheer to families in need. COVID-19 safety has created some new steps for this year's project.

Congregants wanting to sponsor a child [need to register here](#). After registering, congregants will receive the child's wish-list response from CAN, with two needed items and two wanted gifts. Please spend the equivalent of \$100. Have fun shopping, then on December 5, 2021, drop off your items at UUAA.

* We will have just one drop-off day; if you need to make arrangements outside of this set time, you will need to work with CAN directly.

Questions about Sponsor a Child can be sent to sponsorachild@uuaa.org.

Links

[Reserve a Zoom room](#) | [View past services](#)
[Log in to Realm](#) | [Make your pledge](#)



[UUA.org](#) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](#)
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