



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA November 18 - 24, 2021

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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5:00pm. Please note the November 25 - December 1 weekly news will be a repeat due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for the *Weekly News* December 2 - 8 is Tuesday, November 30 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 the following holiday deadlines for the upcoming *Monthly Newsletter* and *Weekly News*:

Monthly Newsletter Deadline

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



Sundays, November 21 and 28, 9:30am and 11:30am

Join us this Sunday, November 21 as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, “The Wisdom of Reflection & Storytelling: Deepening Relationship with

Ourselves Across Time and Space.” Join us this Sunday as special guest Satori Shakoor, a Detroit-based professional storyteller, a former member of George Clinton & the Parliament Funkadelic, and a fast friend of UUAA shares with us her gifts and wisdom, reflecting on her own deepening relationship with our shared socio-cultural milieu and this time of justice-making. Satori’s gift of storytelling is always moving and impactful—please do join us for this special opportunity!

On Sunday, November 28, join us for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, “Reflections on Gratitude and Thanksgiving.” This Sunday we reflect on the themes of this holiday weekend, which include gratitude and thanksgiving. Members, friends, and visitors from near and far are warmly welcome as we join together in story, music, and reflection on these themes.

On Sunday, November 28, children and youth in K - 12 will meet together in the Fahs Chapel for multi-age programming during both services (nursery and preschool care will be available).

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.

Need more worship in your life? Watch past services,

Upcoming Events

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



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, we only need one more.

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

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



YRUU Apple Dumpling Sale!

Pre-orders are available now

Just in time for the holiday season, YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) will be selling apple dumplings again! We will begin taking orders this week. In order to align with our COVID-19 policies regarding food indoors, all dumplings will be delivered frozen, to be baked and enjoyed at home. One order of 2 frozen dumplings is \$5.

Dumplings will be available for pickup starting December 5 and will be sold weekly until they're gone! Order in person at the YRUU table in the Social Hall following both services or online through your Realm profile.

Instructions for online ordering are as follows:

1. Go to the [YRUU Apple Dumpling Sale Order Form](#)
2. Enter the amount of payment (\$5/set of 2 dumplings)

3. Enter your email address
4. Choose date for payment and click the red "continue" link
5. Choose a payment method (credit/debit/bank account)
6. Click the red "Give \$__" link
7. Note your receipt number and click "finish"

If you have any questions, please email stella@uuaa.org.



Thanks to All for a Great Climate Gathering Table

Thank you to everyone who took part in UUA's first annual Climate Gathering Table on Sunday, November 14th. It was wonderful to see kids, youth, and adults all taking part in both the in-person and Zoom Gathering Tables! Thank you for investing your time in furthering our UUA vision.

You can use this link to view ALL of the information that was available in the Social Hall or referenced in the climate updates in the afternoon Zoom gathering: www.uuaa.org/climate. The resource page includes great material for families and kids, some updates on UUA climate projects, the Graham Institute reports, and more.

You can still provide input to the Climate Issues survey that remains open for one more week. You can [use this link to take the survey](#).

If you would like to contribute additional ideas and feedback to our climate goals, please email climate@uuaa.org.

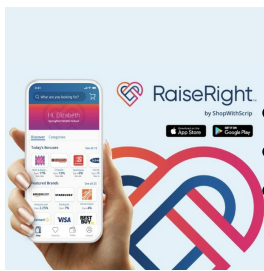


Mindful-Aging Series

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 UUA'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!



The Scrip Table Returns

- **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: Discussing “It Didn’t Have to Be This Way”, a review of *The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity*.”

Humanism has a long history in our congregation. A lively group of Humanists has been meeting regularly 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.

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.



Equal Exchange Sales Support the UUA, UUSC, and Small Farmers

Sundays from November 21 - December 19

The holidays are coming, so visit the UUSC Table in the Social Hall after both services every Sunday to get stocking stuffers, gifts, and treats for yourself—coffee, tea, chocolate, dried fruits, nuts, olive oil from Palestinians, and more.

All of our sales benefit UUA and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), while helping small farmers around the world who have been hit hard by the pandemic.



QUUest Bookstore Going-Out-of-Business Sale

Sunday, 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 21.

Books with an original cover price of over \$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 are final!



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://UUA.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!



UUAU Ignite* Walk & Social

Friday, November 26, 2:30pm - 5:15pm

**Ignite is the group that supports UUAU community members approximately ages 20-39*

All members in their 20s and 30s (+ or -) are invited to UUAU for a group walk in the "backyard" followed by treats and conversation. This will be a great chance to meet and make friends with other young UUs, learn more about our congregation's history, and ask questions about how you can engage in creating your future at UUAU. Veterans of the group will lead a hike on the property (prepare for mud and cool temperatures). After the hike, join in conversation, hot chocolate, and treats around a campfire on the patio between the Fahs Chapel and the Social Hall. [Ignite Walk RSVP](#)

If the weather's too wet, we'll meet at Panera at Eisenhower and Ann Arbor-Saline Road beginning at 2:30pm.

This activity is being hosted by the Office of Congregational Life with support from the UUAU WomUUn's Community. All are welcome.

Questions? quianadenae@uuaa.org.



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.



UUA Fiber Arts Group's Meetings

Saturday, December 4, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Wednesday, December 15, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUA Fiber Arts Group meets on the first Saturday and third Wednesday of the month for fellowship and sharing of knowledge and ideas. If you are a beginner looking for support or an experienced crafter, all are welcome. We also have quilters that have joined us. If you would like to make comfort shawls or baby blankets for Pastoral Care, arrangements can be made to supply you with the yarn and pattern.

We meet the first Saturday of the month 11:00am to 1:00pm in person in the UUA Whitney Young room and the third Wednesday of the month 7:00pm to 9:00pm on Zoom.

For a Zoom link or questions, send us an email at crafters@uuaa.org.



Sponsor A Child for the Holidays 2021

*Sunday, December 5**

UUA 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 UUA 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 from CAN, with two needed items and two wanted gifts. Please spend the equivalent of \$100. Have fun shopping, then on December 5*, 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



December Sharing the Collection

Sunday, December 5

On Sunday December 5 we will share our collection with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County, a group that believes in the dignity and worth of all individuals. They believe that each young person deserves unconditional support and acceptance, no matter their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. They encourage any and all interested young people and potential mentors to inquire and learn more about being in a supportive, developmental mentoring relationship.

Visit them online at <https://www.bbbswashtenaw.org>.

Questions? Contact Jan Duncan at janetdunc@gmail.com.



Honoring with a Poinsettia Purchase

Order by December 6

A long-standing UUAA Christmas tradition is to fill the Sanctuary with poinsettias honoring loved ones. UUAA congregants can order red, pink, or white two-stem plants for \$15 each. Place your order, enter your honoring information, and see payment options by [clicking on this link](#).

You can pick up your plants following the last Christmas Eve service.

Questions? Email Hannah@uuaa.org.

Kaleidoscope Discussion - "Being qUeer"

Thursday, December 9, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Register by December 7

Join Kaleidoscope for an all-ages small group discussion about "being qUeer" -- all about our



queer and trans identities and being UU. We will create a space for reflection and deep listening, where all voices have space to speak up and share from their own experiences.

[Register by Tuesday December 7 here](#) for a spot at the Zoom table!



Sunday Fun Day Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 12, 12:30pm - 1:15pm

Join in the fun after the second service. Make New Years cards for fellow congregants and help decorate the UUA Sanctuary tree. We will be serving cocoa outside. Crafts and decorating will take place inside.

Questions? Email Hannah@uuaa.org.

Links

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



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