



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUAA January 14 - 20, 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 January 21 - 27* is Tuesday, January 19 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](mailto:communications@uuaa.org).

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

Notice: UUAA will be closed (staff and building) on Monday, January 18 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



### **Sunday Service**

*Sunday, January 17, 11:30am*

Our theme for January is "Imagine."

Join us on Sunday at 11:30am by going to [uuaa.org/service](https://uuaa.org/service). After the service, join us on Zoom to socialize and discuss the service at [uuaa.org/socialhour](https://uuaa.org/socialhour).

Last Sunday, we shared our collection with [Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley](#) (H4H). The mission of H4H is to enrich Washtenaw County through a legacy of affordable homeownership for low-income families. For over 20

years our congregation has partnered with H4H and other area congregations to renovate low-income housing in local communities. You can donate to Sharing the Collection at [uuaa.org/giving](http://uuaa.org/giving). Questions? Contact Jan Duncan at [janetdunc@gmail.com](mailto:janetdunc@gmail.com).

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

Congregational input on worship themes: Our theme for February is "Commune." Looking ahead, our theme for March is "March." 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 UUA calendar](#)

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

*Tuesday, January 19, 7:00pm*

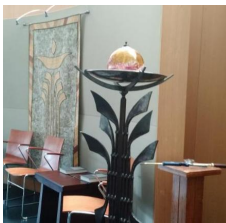
You must [register in advance here](#) to attend the meeting.

Questions? Email Rick Witten at [rawitten@gmail.com](mailto:rawitten@gmail.com).

Congregational Life Hour

*Wednesday, January 20, 6:00pm*

Today's theme is "Cook and Chat." We will spend half the time cooking, and the other half eating and enjoying each other's company. [Join the Congregational Life Hour here.](#)



### Give to the Minister's Discretionary Fund

Each year, UUA collects money for the Minister's Discretionary Fund, which is used to extend support to our community in many ways. You can give to the fund by going to [uuaa.org/giving](http://uuaa.org/giving) and selecting "Minister's Discretionary Fund" from the list. If you want to learn more, [watch this video from Rev. Manish about the fund.](#) Thank you for your support!

### Realm: Our Online Community



If you haven't yet joined Realm, our UUA Online Community, we encourage you to do so. What can you do with Realm?

Connect with your groups and view group events information in one place  
Access the most up-to-date Members Directory  
Update your contact and giving information at any time  
Set up your pledge and payments directly with the system  
Access your giving statement at any time

The more congregants who sign up, the more connected our beloved community becomes.

Realm Tip of the Week: You can download Realm on your phone by going to your App store and searching for RealmConnect!

Are you ready to join Realm, our online directory, giving, and communication platform? Email [RealmHelp@uuaa.org](mailto:RealmHelp@uuaa.org).



## Womyn's Community Sisterhood Social

*Friday, January 15, 7:00pm - 8:30pm*

If you've been missing the companionship of your UUAA Womyn friends, or if you're looking for the perfect opportunity to connect with some new friends, please join us. There's no set agenda or discussion topic. We will simply share time checking in and supporting each other. You can join the Sisterhood Social by computer or by phone beginning at 7:00pm. Please join us even if you'll be a little late.

[Click here to join the gathering.](#)

No computer or internet access? Dial +1 312 626 6799 and enter Meeting ID 960 6794 3727 when prompted to join the meeting using your phone.

Questions? Contact one of the hostesses:

Meg McKenzie, 734-417-7700, [mmckenzie22@gmail.com](mailto:mmckenzie22@gmail.com)

Judi Lintott, 734-352-7285, [jlintott@comcast.net](mailto:jlintott@comcast.net)



## Womyn's Circles Survey

*Deadline 1/28*

The Womyn's Council is updating our survey about Womyn's Circles. The purpose of this survey is to revitalize existing circles and start new ones. Please respond by Thursday, January 28 to allow survey results to guide us in a Zoom meeting on January 30 to help new groups get started.

[Click here to respond to the survey.](#)

If you can't access the Google Forms link above, email Meg McKenzie at [mmckenzie22@gmail.com](mailto:mmckenzie22@gmail.com) to receive the questions by email.



## Newcomer Discussion of the UU Principles

*Saturday, January 16, 1:00pm - 3:00pm*

If you are new to UUAA and would like to get to know others who are new and explore the underpinning tenets of Unitarian Universalism, join us for a discussion of the UU Seven 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. [To register, click here.](#) Questions? Email [Hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:Hannah@uuaa.org).

## Multicultural Outreach Business Meeting

*Sunday, January 17, 10:00am*



Black Congregants of UUAA and POC Gatherings will be hosting a business meeting the morning of Sunday, January 17. The agenda will be focused on planning more events for 2021. All those who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color are welcome in the space. The Zoom link will be shared via email.

Questions? Email [Multicultural@uuaa.org](mailto:Multicultural@uuaa.org).



## Community of Writers Meeting

*Sunday, January 17, 1:00pm - 3:00pm*

UUAA Writers will share their visions of 2021 cast from a personal, community, or even global perspective at this January meeting. Each writer may read in their chosen genre for five minutes or less. If you are interested in exploring your own creative writing by joining this group of supportive writers, you may request an invitation through UUAA Realm. Alternatively, contact Kathy Friedrichs at [kamf@umich.edu](mailto:kamf@umich.edu) or Sandy Kunkle at [sandykunkle@gmail.com](mailto:sandykunkle@gmail.com).

*Wednesday, January 20, 7:00pm - 9:00pm*



Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUAA Fiber Arts Group meets on the first Saturday and third Wednesday of the month for fellowship and sharing of knowledge and ideas. Whether you are a beginner looking for support or an experienced crafter, all are welcome. 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. For a Zoom link or questions, send us an email at [crafters@uuaa.org](mailto:crafters@uuaa.org) or [sissely@aol.com](mailto:sissely@aol.com).



### **Humanist Discussions**

*Thursday, January 21, 4:00pm*

*Monday January 25, 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 login information, or ask any other questions, send a query to [humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org](mailto:humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org).



### **Adult SGD Class: The Wi\$dom Path**

*Starting January 25*

The Wi\$dom Path, like most adult faith development programs, begins with participants' own stories. It then offers a widening exploration of the ways that money influences our personal lives and relationships, the broader society, and the world. Practical tools are mixed with deep reflection about the impact of our fiscal choices, both as individuals and as congregations. Themes of generosity and stewardship are explored along with questions about class and justice. Led by Beth Hospadaruk and Rev. Cassandra Hartley.

[Register for the class here.](#)

Questions? Email Rev. Cassi at [cassandra@uuaa.org](mailto:cassandra@uuaa.org).

### **Meditation 2021**

*Tuesday, January 26, 4:45pm - 6:00pm*



UUAA is excited to announce the return of Weekly Meditation. These sessions will be drop-in style; no pre-work or registration. Attendees can anticipate 30-40 minutes of direct meditation practice lay-led by Charley Burleigh. The link will be shared closer to the event start date. Other sessions will be held on February 2, 9, and 16.

Questions? Email [quiiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiiana@uuaa.org).



## Social Justice Roundtable

*Saturday, January 30, 9:30am - 11:30am*

Please save the morning of January 30 to connect with other social justice leaders. The Social Justice Council will be hosting a virtual roundtable for social justice leaders that will focus on “Community, Collaboration, and Covenants.” Time will be spent on learning how to use Realm, UUAA’s new interactive database, to communicate with your group, create collaboration opportunities between groups, and explore tools to form a group covenant. Look for more details in the *January Newsletter*.



## Mid-Winter Men's Retreat

*Saturday, January 30*

Join the (mostly) virtual Men's Retreat on Saturday, January 30. The retreat will begin in the morning with a Zoom group meeting followed by optional small activities in the afternoon. This year's theme is on the “turning points” we are facing relative to the pandemic and our national politics. Expect friendship, fun, intellectual and spiritual discourse, and lots of humor.

[Register for the Men's Retreat here.](#)



## Babies and Bedtime

*Sunday, January 31, 6:30pm*

Join the families of Caregivers and Kiddos for this fun weekly offering. Babies and Bedtimes will be a weekly 30-minute gathering. Together we will watch/listen to a children’s story, have time for caregiver and child interaction, and close with a simple song or question. This will be a drop-in style group; no pre-registration required. Join us in your jammies right before bed, at the dinner table, or however works for your family! Other sessions will be held on February 7, 14, and 21. The link is provided in the

Questions? Email [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

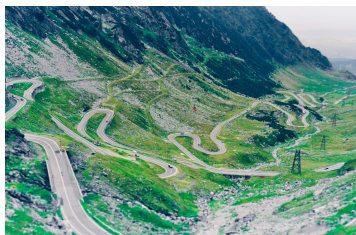


## Alpha House February Host Week

February 1 - 7

Alpha House is an emergency shelter for families experiencing temporary homelessness in Washtenaw County. Our upcoming host week is February 1-7. Sign up online at [tinyurl.com/AHFeb21](https://tinyurl.com/AHFeb21) to donate a dish (curbside drop-off) or provide financial support. We are trying to keep everyone safe during COVID. There are still lots of slots open for food and monetary donations.

Questions? Email [AlphaHouse@uuaa.org](mailto:AlphaHouse@uuaa.org).



## Partner Church Q&A

Welcome to the Partner Church Q&A! A new question (and answer) every week (more or less) to learn more about our partners.

Question #1: What is the name of the town of UUA's partner church in Transylvania?

- A) Kezdivasahely
- B) Targu Secuiec
- C) Bucharest

[Click here to reveal the answer.](#)



## Thank You Letter to UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

UUs for Justice in the Middle East invite you to [add your name](#) to a letter thanking Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, for joining 26 other faith community leaders in [a statement to members of Congress](#) opposing Israeli annexation of Palestinian land. The statement was written by [Churches for Middle East Peace](#) in response to plans by Israel to annex 30% of the occupied Palestinian West Bank, a violation of international law. [Click here to add your name](#) to the thank you letter.



## 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](mailto: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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