



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA January 21 - 27, 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 29 - February 3 is Tuesday, January 26 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!



Winter Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 24, 11:30am

In lieu of our regular Sunday service, please join us for our annual congregational meeting. The meeting will be held on Zoom, and registration is required to attend. [If you haven't done so already, you can use this link to register to attend the meeting.](#)

[Download the agenda for the meeting here](#) and [read the minutes from the 2020 Winter Meeting here.](#)

Please update to the most recent version of Zoom and familiarize yourself with the "raise hand" feature. If you are unable to access the raised hand on

the updated Zoom version, there will be alternatives to this feature that will allow you to still fully participate.

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

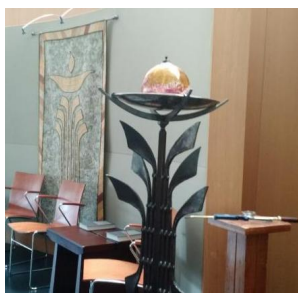
[View all upcoming events on the UUA calendar](#)

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 24, 11:30am
See above for more information.

Weekly Meditation
Tuesday, January 26, 4:45pm
You can join the Zoom at uuaa.org/meditation.

Congregational Life Hour
Wednesday, January 27, 6:00pm

Let's get LIT! If you are a reader, this hour is made for you! Come share your 2020 favorites and your 2021 literature dreams. [Join the Congregational Life Hour here.](#)



Give to the Minister's Discretionary Fund

Each year, UUAA 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 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: Realm Tip of the Week: If you are having trouble getting back onto Realm, type e.onrealm.org into your browser. Once you are logged in, we recommend bookmarking the site. Questions? Email RealmHelp@uuaa.org.

Are you ready to join Realm, our online directory, giving, and communication platform? Request an invitation by emailing RealmHelp@uuaa.org.



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.



Community Walks

January 23

UUAA Outdoors Womyn is sponsoring January Community Walks around Ann Arbor and nearby communities. To make sure we are all staying safe, groups are limited to a maximum of seven participants.

Masks are required. The groups are small enough to spread out on the trail and still be able to chat. To look for openings or to volunteer to lead a small

group, follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Jan2021walk>.

Questions? Contact sandy.eyl@gmail.com.



Adult SGD Class: The Wi\$dom Path

Starting January 25

The Wi\$dom Path, like most adult Spiritual Growth & 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.



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. You can join the Zoom at uuaa.org/meditation. Other sessions will be held on February 2, 9, and 16. Questions? Email quiana@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." We will learn 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: Free Registration

Saturday, January 30

Don't forget to register now for the (mostly) virtual Men's Retreat. It's free! 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 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.](#)



Womyn's Circle Meet & Greet

Saturday, January 30, 10:00am - 11:30am

Have you been wanting to join a Womyn's Circle? Are you part of an existing circle that has dwindled in numbers over the years and would like to add a few new members? [Join the meeting by computer](#) or call (312) 626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 996 3948 8137 when prompted.

If you can't attend but want to join a circle, email one of the coordinators, Meg McKenzie at mmckenzie22@gmail.com or Amy Thomas at amy.gibson.thomas@gmail.com.



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 SGD newsletter.

Questions? Email 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 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.



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 to 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.

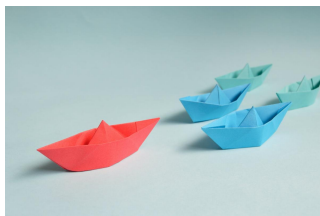


North AA UU Meeting

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.](#)



Centered Leadership Class with the Leadership Development Team

If there's one thing our congregants all seem to like (okay, besides coffee hour -- back in the day) it's a chance to gain new knowledge and discuss what we've learned. The Leadership Development Team (LDT) is offering just such a chance. The LDT's members are taking the [UUA's online Centered Leadership class](#), and will sponsor the \$30 fee for a limited number of congregants interested in taking it with us and joining in monthly Zoom discussions. Interested? Email the team at ldt@uuaa.org.

Thank You Letter to UUA President Rev. Susan



Frederick-Gray

UUUs 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.



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 to receive the questions by email.



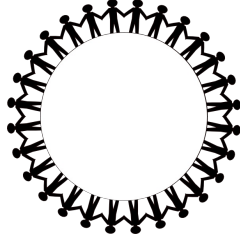
Womyn's Council Seeks Climate Change Liaison

UUAA Womyn: Would you like to be involved in the 20/50 Climate Change Vision work of our congregation? Join the Womyn's Leadership Council that meets on first Sundays and become the council liaison to the Vision Steering Committee (VSC). Use your skills to promote Climate Change, while attending a VSC meeting once a month and disseminating VSC meeting information to the Womyn's Council. Meet and work with new people. Email Womyn's Council Chair Shirley Smith at womenscouncil@uuaa.org for more information.

6-Week Chalice Circles in February and March

Mondays, starting February 8, 4:00pm

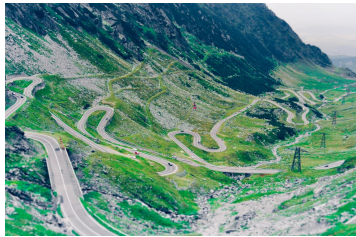
Wednesdays, starting February 10, 7:00pm



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.

[Register for a chalice circle here.](#)

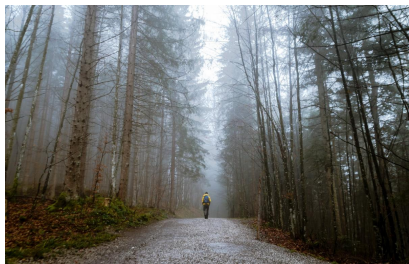
For more information, email ChaliceCircles@uuaa.org. Circle meetings will take place on Zoom.



Partner Church Q&A

[What does that long name Kezdivasarhely \(our partner church city\) mean?](#)

[How do you pronounce Kezdivasarhely?](#)



Historical Black Neighborhood Walk + Talks

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

We will have some set walks but will also share the walk routes. To get the walk routes and Zoom discussion links, everyone must sign up via this link:

[Historical Black History Walk 2021](#)

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

More event dates and details will be shared in the *February Newsletter*. Questions? Email quiana@uuaa.org.

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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