



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

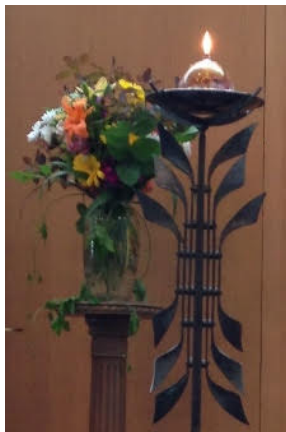
## This Week at UUAA January 28 - February 3, 2021

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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 4 - 10* is Tuesday, February 2 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!**



### **Sunday Service**

*Sunday, January 31, 11:30am*

This Sunday, we welcome guest speaker Dwight Wilson to share Quaker approaches to conflictual and difficult conversations.

Join us on Sunday at 11:30am Eastern by visiting [uuaa.org/service](http://uuaa.org/service), or watch later on-demand [on our YouTube channel](#).

After the live service, join us for company and conversation at [uuaa.org/socialhour](http://uuaa.org/socialhour).

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

Looking ahead to February, our theme for the month is "Commune." How do we construct identity in community together?

**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.

#### Social Justice Roundtable

*Saturday, January 30, 9:30am*

The Social Justice Council will be hosting a virtual roundtable for social justice leaders that will focus on "Community, Collaboration, and Covenants." To obtain the Zoom link, email [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

#### Weekly Meditation

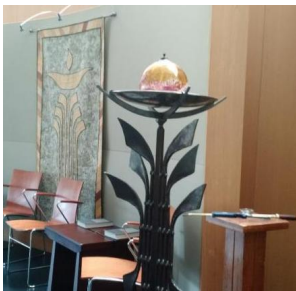
*Tuesday, January 26, 4:45pm*

Join the weekly meditation practice by visiting [uuaa.org/meditation](http://uuaa.org/meditation).

#### Congregational Life Hour

*Wednesday, February 2, 6:00pm*

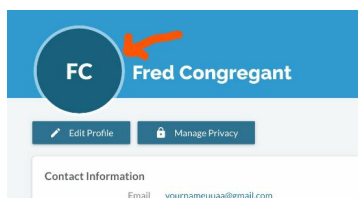
The theme for this week is hot dish! This will be an open check-in with a mix of topics. All are welcome. [Join the Congregational Life Hour here](#).



### Give to the Minister's Discretionary Fund

Each year, UUAU 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

[Realm, our UUAU online community](#), is making it easier to connect. Many UUAU small groups are now managing their participants lists and starting to communicate through Realm. Have you joined yet? Request for your Realm invitation to be sent by emailing [RealmHelp@uuaa.org](mailto:RealmHelp@uuaa.org).

Realm challenge of the week: Upload your profile picture. Go to [e.onrealm.org](https://e.onrealm.org), click on the circle to the left of your name, and drag and drop your photo. Need help? Email [RealmHelp@uuaa.org](mailto:RealmHelp@uuaa.org).



## Vision 20/50 Update

Did you miss the Vision update at last Sunday's Congregational Meeting? Check out [the revised Vision 20/50 webpage](#).

Read about what lay leaders and staff have been working on since the Congregational Vision report was presented at the May 2020 Congregational Meeting. We're making progress on our three priority areas: Climate Justice, Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression, and Radical Welcome.

If you have questions about Action Planning or want to join the Steering Committee, email [vision@uuaa.org](mailto:vision@uuaa.org).



## Humanist Discussions

*Thursday, February 4, 2:00pm*

*Monday, February 8, 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).



## 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](mailto:mmckenzie22@gmail.com) or Amy Thomas at [amy.gibson.thomas@gmail.com](mailto: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. [Join the Babies and Bedtime Zoom here.](#)

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](http://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).



## 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 of 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](mailto:FridayFunNight@uuaa.org).



## UUCivs: Vote Your Values

Sunday, February 7, 3:00pm

Last month's brainstorming meeting yielded great suggestions for what civic engagement could look like in 2021. Join us for our next meeting to continue this work and share ideas.

Meeting ID: 849 9720 4824

Password: 023352

Phone #: (312) 626-6799

Doesn't the election seem so long ago? For proof, [visit the UUCivs webpage](#) to go back in time when our primary focus was to get out the vote!



## Six-Week Chalice Circles in February and March

*Mondays, starting February 8, 4:00pm*

*Wednesdays, starting February 10, 7:00pm*

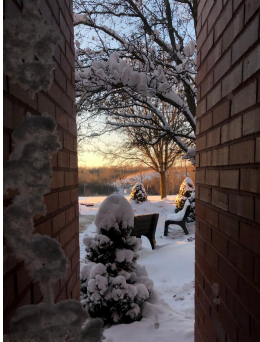
Chalice Circles are facilitated gatherings where members explore topics through readings, share experiences and reflections, and practice deep listening. They are a great way to build new relationships in a deep and meaningful way.

There are still a few openings in the Chalice Circles beginning in February. [Register for a chalice circle here.](#)

For more information, email [ChaliceCircles@uuaa.org](mailto:ChaliceCircles@uuaa.org). Circle meetings will take place on Zoom.

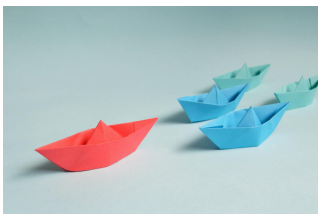
## North AA UU Meeting

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](mailto:ldt@uuaa.org).



### Historical Black Neighborhood Walks and 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 Walks Sign Up](#)

More event dates and details are shared in the *February Newsletter*. For questions, email [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

*Presented by the Multicultural Outreach Ministry, Racial Justice Arc and Outdoors Womyn groups.*

### Womyn's Council Seeks Climate Change Liaison

UUA 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](mailto:womenscouncil@uuaa.org) for more information.



## Newcomer Chalice Circle

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

If you are new to UUA and would like to get to know others who are new and explore the 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto:Hannah@uuaa.org).



## Sponsor a Student in Khasi Hills, India

*Sunday, February 21, 3:00pm*

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

It's a UUAA tradition to sponsor students at a primary school in a rural village in NE India. Every year UUAA congregants sponsor around 100 students. Each \$50 sponsorship helps provide needed supplies for the school, supplemental salaries for teachers, 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](mailto:hal@breidenbach.net).



## 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.](#)



### 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](mailto:room@uuaa.org).

### Quick Links:

[UUAA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUAA](#) | [View past services](#)  
[Make your pledge](#) | [UUAA Events Calendar](#) | [Log in to Realm](#)



### Other Links:



[UUA.org](http://UUA.org) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](http://MidAmericaUUA.org)  
[Side with Love](#) | [UUCSJ](#) | [DRUUMM](#) | [BLUU](#)

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