



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

**This Week at UUAA
January 7 - 13, 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 14 - 20* is Tuesday, January 12 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.

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Sunday Service: Exploring Unitarian Universalist Identity

Sunday, January 10, 11:30am

Our theme for January is "Imagine."

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

This Sunday, we will share 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.

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

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 UUAA calendar.](#)

Congregational Life Hour

Wednesday, January 13, 6:00pm

Join members of the Living Our Values (LOV) team as they dialogue on the role and importance of Covenant in our community. [Join the Congregational Life Hour here.](#)



Realm Tip of the Week

Where is this online UUAA Directory I have heard about? After you've sign in, click on the search icon in the upper right corner of your screen and start typing in the first or last name. If the person you seek has signed up for Realm and set privacy settings to be visible in the directory, their name and contact information will appear.

Do you want to join Realm, our online directory, giving, and communication platform? Email RealmHelp@uuaa.org.

Humanist Discussions

Thursday, January 7, 2:00pm

Monday, January 11, 7:00pm

The Thursday discussion will center on an interview by Krista Tippett of Agustin



Fuentes. The Monday discussion has not yet been determined.

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



UUCivs: Live Your Values

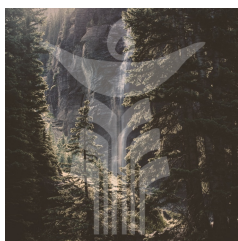
Sunday, January 10, 3:00pm

What could civic engagement look like in 2021? How might our energy be needed? What work will be important to do?

Help us begin this conversation at our next monthly meeting on Sunday, January 10 at 3:00pm. [Click here to join the Zoom meeting](#) or call (312) 626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID (849 9720 4824) and password (023352).

All are invited to help build on the momentum of the election and join in creating our evolving vision.

Questions? Email UUCivs@uuaa.org.



North Ann Arbor UU Group Meeting

January 12, 7:00pm

North AA UU will reconvene January 12, at 7:00pm to share prognostications for the coming year. Hopes, aspirations, fantasies, apprehensions, fears and worst

nightmares are equally welcome.

[Join the Zoom meeting here](#), or call (312) 626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID (818 1281 8351) to join the meeting using your phone.



Wanted: Comics and Graphic Novels for the Jail

January 12 & 13, 10:00am - 2:00pm

The Washtenaw County Jail Chaplain has requested comics and graphic novels for the prisoners. You can drop them off at the church lobby on January 12 or 13 between 10:00am and 2:00pm or email prisonbooks@uuaa.org to arrange a pickup. Donations must be in almost new condition, without marks or insertions.



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 for this discussion, click here.](#)

Questions? Email 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.

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 or Sandy Kunkle at

sandykunkle@gmail.com.



UUAA Fiber Arts Group

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. If 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 or sissely@aol.com.



Adult SGD Class: The Wi\$dom Path

Starting January 25

In this adult SGD class we will explore our relationship with money and the ways it intersects with our spiritual and ethical values. Led by Rev. Cassandra Hartley and Beth Hospadaruk. [Register for the class here.](#)



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 & spiritual discourse, and lots of humor.

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



Food Donations - The Mindful Eating Team

We'd like to highlight two of the many good organizations in Washtenaw County where you can help those suffering food insecurity now.

Community Action Network (CAN), in partnership with Food Gatherers and Ann Arbor Public Schools, has distributed over 607,000+ lbs of food and served over 75,000 meals to students this past fiscal year. With your support, they can continue to be a reliable and safe community resource for hundreds of local families. All donations made to CAN will be matched up to \$100,000 until December 31. [Donate to CAN here.](#)

Growing Hope in Ypsilanti says, "Your gift today means more people will have equitable access to fresh produce, better understand where their food comes from, and can more fully participate as a food entrepreneur." [Donate to Growing Hope here.](#)



Registration Open for First Chalice Circles of 2021

Are you looking for a way to connect with fellow congregants at UUAA? Are you seeking opportunities to share your truths in a brave space? Chalice Circles are facilitated gatherings focused on the practice of deep listening and based on a curriculum of brief readings and questions on a particular topic. Six-week Chalice Circles are now forming for February and March.

[Register online here](#) for one of two Chalice Circles forming now and beginning in February.

For more information, email ChaliceCircles@uuaa.org. All circles will be

held on Zoom.



UUA Groups: Reserve a Zoom Room

Submit your [Zoom room reservations here](#).

Questions? Email Debita Graham at room@uuaa.org.

Quick Links:

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Other Links:

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