



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## This Week at UUAA December 2 - 8, 2021

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The *Weekly News* is distributed each Thursday. Deadlines for submissions are Tuesdays at 5:00pm.

The deadline for the *Weekly News* December 9 - 15 is Tuesday, December 7 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](mailto: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**

December 30—information will repeat

**Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering**

### **Join Us on Sunday**

*Sunday, December 5, 9:30am and 11:30am*



Join us this Sunday, December 5 as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, “Fierce Joy.” We will honor Hanukkah and explore what it means to practice a fierce joy in the midst of hard times.

This Sunday 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.

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](https://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](mailto: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, music, and stories in [our website archive](#).**

**Upcoming Events**  
**For a full list of events, [visit the UUAA Calendar](#).**

**Christmas Eve Livestream Viewers—Candle Pickup**

If you will be celebrating Christmas Eve by attending the livestream service on YouTube, you are welcome



to stop by UUAA ahead of time to pick up candles for you and your family.

Candles will be in a bin on the bench directly inside the main entrance doors. Pickup times are Sundays 9:00am - 2:00pm and Mondays through Thursdays 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at [hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).



## YRUU Apple Dumpling Sale!

*Accepting orders now*

Just in time for the holiday season, YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) will be selling apple dumplings again! We will continue 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 this Sunday, 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"

Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase gifts for the kids at Peace Neighborhood Center. If you have any questions, please email [stella@uuaa.org](mailto:stella@uuaa.org).



UUAA SGD

## Eighth-Grade Clothing Collection for the Delonis Center and Toy Drive for Toys for Tots!

*Donation boxes in front lobby and SGD wing through December 12*

Looking for an opportunity to give this holiday season? The 8th-grade class is collecting new, unwrapped, gender-neutral toys for the local [Toys for Tots chapter](#), as well as clothing and other select items for adults for

[The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County at the Delonis Center](#)

There will be donation boxes in the UUA main lobby and in the SGD wing. Items can be dropped off on Sunday mornings and during the week, Monday through Thursday from 10:00am - 4:00pm, from November 28 through December 12.

The Delonis Center needs:

### Immediate Needed Items

- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- New Unisex Sweatpants and Sweatshirts (all sizes including 3X)
- New Undergarments ([see Amazon Wishlist](#))
- Winter Coats
- New White T-Shirts
- Chapstick
- Lotions
- Hand & Foot Warmers

### Suggested Items (Year-Round)

- Winter Hats and Winter Gloves
- New Unisex Sweatpants and Sweatshirts-( all sizes including 3X)
- New Undergarments ([see Amazon Wishlist](#))
- New White T-Shirts
- Bus Tokens and Passes
- New Twin Sheet Sets
- Travel-Sized Toiletries

If you have any questions, please email [stella@uuaa.org](mailto:stella@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](mailto:sbreck@umich.edu) with any suggestions. Let's build a roadmap together!

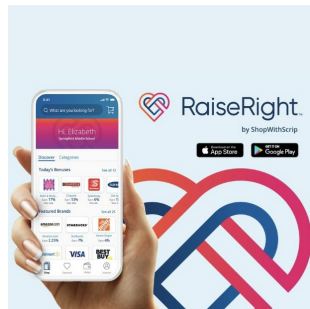


## UUSC, and Small Farmers

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.



## Let the UUA Scrip Program Help

Sundays through December 19

Do you dread Christmas shopping as much as I do? I never know what to get - what they need, what size, what color. Scrip (gift cards) to the rescue! And if you do know exactly what you want to get, use scrip to buy the presents and benefit the church at the same time. We now have \$100 Amazon, Meijer, and Target gift cards in stock, if all else fails.

Come browse the Scrip Table in the Social Hall on Sunday, check out [our webpage](#), or contact Carolyn at [cmbponyclub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmbponyclub@sbcglobal.net).



## Humanist Discussion

Thursday, December 2, 2:00pm

Monday, December 13, 7:00pm

Topics for both days will include the "Call for Denomination-Wide Dialog and Consensus Building on What Is Our Faith" petition and a *New York Times* opinion on censorship of advocates of boycotts, divestment, and sanctions against Israel.

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](mailto:humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org).



## UUAA Fiber Arts Group

*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. 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. 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 UUAA 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](mailto:crafters@uuaa.org).



## Honoring with a Poinsettia Purchase

*Order by Monday, December 6*

A long-standing UUAA Christmas tradition is to fill the Phifer 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 9:00pm Christmas Eve service.

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



## Kaleidoscope Discussion - "Being qUeer"

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

*Register by Tuesday, 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

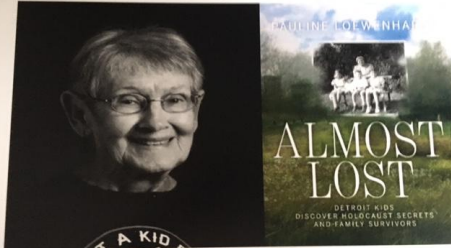
Sunday, December 12, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Join us for holiday crafts, cocoa and cookies outside, and decorating the UUAA Christmas tree in the Phifer Sanctuary. We plan to have a special holiday guest to talk with the children. Think large and jolly!

If you would like to help with this event, [sign up here](#). All supplies and instructions are provided.

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

Pauline's memoir is a loving remembrance of a Detroit childhood during the city's boom time. She is a first-generation American, police survivor, as she uncovers family secrets and discovers herself. From the streets of Detroit to the ashes of the Holocaust, she takes us on a journey that's harrowing, heartwarming, and ultimately triumphant.



Copies are \$20.00

## Book Reading Event! Pauline Loewenhardt Presents *Almost Lost: Detroit Kids Discover Holocaust Secrets and Family Survivors*

Sunday, December 12, 1:00pm - 2:30pm  
in the Fahs Chapel

The story begins in the mid-1990s when Pauline discovered descendants of one of her father's brothers in the Netherlands. Her dad, Herman Loewenhardt, was the youngest of 12 children of a German-Jewish family and the only male to leave Europe after WWI. When Pauline met her newly found cousins, it was a joyous but bittersweet reunion. She forged close, loving relationships with her new extended family in the Netherlands, and in the process learned the bitter truth of what happened to many members of the Loewenhardt family.

The story concludes with an epilogue about the newest generation of her extended family—the children and grandchildren of Louise and John, the cousins found in the 1990s. Pauline explores why it was important to name the family members who died in the Holocaust. They are no longer just names in a ledger, but relatives who lived and whose stories Pauline has learned.

Please join us for this special event. Adults and teens are welcome! Copies of *Almost Lost: Detroit Kids Discover Holocaust Secrets and Family Survivors* will be available for purchase (cash/check/credit/debit) after the reading, for \$20 per copy.

For more information, visit <https://www.paulineloewenhardt.com/>.

If you have any questions, please email [stella@uuaa.org](mailto:stella@uuaa.org).

## A Flaming Chalice for You!

Sunday, December 12



A lovely stoneware flaming chalice waits for you or for someone you love, made by potter Ingrid Gunderson. All proceeds go to our congregation.

Email her at [igunder@umich.edu](mailto:igunder@umich.edu) or come to her table in the Social Hall on December 12.

Undecided? Gift certificates are also available.



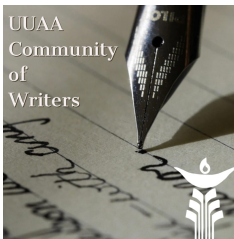
### North AA Gathering

Tuesday, December 14, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

December's North AA gathering will have two items up for discussion:

- the North AA UU itself—what would you like to see in the group, and
- the topic for the month: "How college changed me."

For more information contact Albert LaRose at [albertlarose@att.net](mailto:albertlarose@att.net).



### UUA Community of Writers Zoom Meeting

Sunday, December 19, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Do you laugh at slapstick, silly puns, blonde jokes, or the time your dog ate the remote? What makes us laugh is really what makes us tick, who we are. Writers will explore their relationship to humor for the December 19 meeting and may read five minutes or less of their creative efforts. Writers may instead write and read on any topic of their choosing. Member Diana Fead will facilitate the readings.

Contact Kathy Friedrichs for more information and the Zoom link at [kamf@umich.edu](mailto:kamf@umich.edu).

## Links

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



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