



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA December 9 - 15, 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 16 - 22 is Tuesday, December 14 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

Please note the *January Newsletter* deadline is this Sunday, December 12 at 5:00pm.

Questions? [Watch this video](#) on how to submit to the *Weekly News*, or email Communications Ministry Specialist Amber Beland at communications@uuaa.org.

Weekly News - Holiday repeat week

December 30—information will repeat

Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering



Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, December 12, 9:30am and 11:30am

Join us this Sunday, December 12 as we gather in person for two services at 9:30am and 11:30am, "The Joy of Waiting...." We will journey through the (imagined or real) snow as we consider what we can learn from pausing to reflect on this season of Advent, this season of

waiting. Will you join us?

Due to Covid protocols, our social hours of old have changed. There will be a limited number of tables set up in the social hall for social justice and fundraising activities after both services. But with the onset of winter and the removal of the tents outside the Social Hall, we no longer have a safe space indoors or outdoors for gathering to eat. We will return to serving beverages once we can be inside unmasked safely. However, 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.

We will also be livestreaming the service if you prefer to attend from home. You can join us at 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.

*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 Services

We will celebrate with story, music, and candlelight the spirit of Christmas at our three services on Christmas Eve at 4:30, 7:00 and 9:00pm. The service at 4:30 will be open to families with children.



Christmas Eve Livestream Viewers—Candle Pickup

If you will be celebrating Christmas Eve by livestreaming the service, 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.



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 UUAA 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 to 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 and 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.



Notice of Candidates for Men's Council

The UUAA Men's Council elects three men each year to serve for three years (2022 - 2025). This year's election will take place between December 13 and December 20.

One man (Bob Dinan) has accepted a nomination to replace outgoing council member Gregg Peterson. Additionally, two men whose three-year terms end in 2021 (Jim Schaefer and Pat Herbst) are bidding for a second term.

Men of the congregation are encouraged to read their bios at <https://bit.ly/2021UUAAMenBios>. An electronic voting form will be distributed on December 13, 2021.

Continuing members of the council include Tom Chettleborough, Glenn Harris, Glenn Kime, Tim Miller, John Russell, and Kenji Yano.

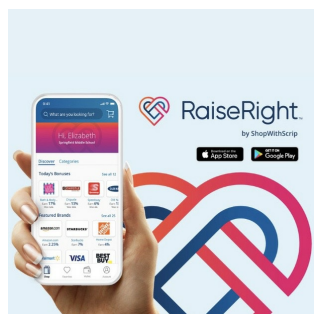


Equal Exchange Sales Support the UUA, UUSC, and Small Farmers

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.



Sunday Fun Day—Holiday Celebration

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

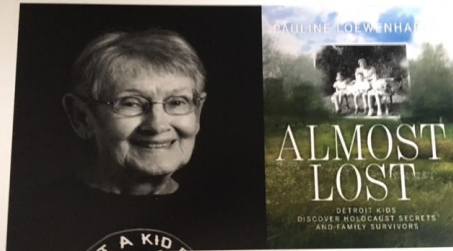
Join us for holiday crafts, cocoa and cookies outside, and decorating the UUA Christmas tree in the Phifer Sanctuary. We plan to have a special holiday guest to talk with the children. Think large and jolly!

If you would like to help with this event, [sign up here](#).

All supplies and instructions are provided.

Questions? Email Hannah@uuuaa.org.

Pauline's memoir is a loving remembrance of a Detroit childhood during the city's boom time. She is a first-generation American, polio 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@uuuaa.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 or come to her table in the Social Hall on December 12.

Undecided? Gift certificates are also available.



Humanist Discussion

Monday, December 13, 7:00pm
Thursday, December 16, 2:00pm

Topics for Monday 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.

Thursday's topics are yet to be determined.

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 get answers to any other questions, send a query to

humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



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.



UUA Fiber Arts Group

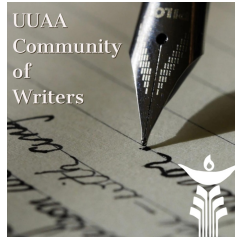
Wednesday, December 15, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUA 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.



UUAA 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.

Links

[Reserve a Zoom room](#) | [View past services](#)

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