



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA December 23 - 29, 2021

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

The deadline for the next *Weekly News* January 6 - 12 is Tuesday, January 4 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.

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Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, December 26, 10:30am (Zoom service only)

Sunday, January 2, 10:30am (In person and live streamed)

Join us on Sunday, December 26 for "A Seasonal Gathering" at 10:30am for an hour of time in community. The building will be closed, but there will be a one-time live Zoom event that will allow interaction between those gathered. We will begin with a brief time of centering, followed by some discussion and sharing in breakout rooms hosted by rev. theresa and members of the Pastoral Care Team. The link will be available after the December 24 services at uuaa.org/service.

Contact theresa@uuaa.org if you have questions about this service or

need more information.

On January 2 there will be one service at 10:30am, "Begin in Stillness." This service will be in person and livestreamed. Please join us for the first service of 2022 for a time of music, story, and rituals that will help us let go, set new intentions, and share aspirations for the year ahead. We begin a new year once again, in stillness, in love, and with hope.

There will be no in-person social hour either December 26 or January 2. However, on January 2 we will be serving grab-and-go doughnuts at the main entrance for you to take with you as you leave UUAU 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 UUAU Calendar](#).



Christmas Eve Services

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



UUAU 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. The final day for pickup is Thursday, December 23, 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at

hannah@uuaa.org.



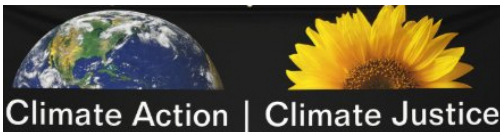
***Me and White Supremacy* Book Circle Forming**

Join us for this opportunity for individual growth and group conversation, starting in February 2022.

The Racial Justice Arc (RJA) team warmly invites you to participate in a small group reading and discussion of *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor* by Layla F. Saad. The book and associated journal prompts teach readers to understand their white privilege and their participation in white supremacy.

The author suggests, "Create the change the world needs by creating change within yourself." The group will be guided by two RJA members, with a total of five sessions meeting over 10 weeks time. If purchase is a hardship, books may be provided to group participants. Sign-up details coming soon!

Contact RacialJusticeArc@uuaa.org for more information.



Taking Action for Climate Justice in 2022: A Conversation with Community Organizers, Leaders, and Activists

Tuesday, January 4, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Join a conversation with community organizers, leaders, and activists from the Michigan Alliance for Justice in Climate, Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition, Michigan UU Social Justice Network, and the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. We will learn more about the vision and principles guiding these organizations and explore the ways in which faith-based groups can become engaged and enduring partners on the climate justice journey ahead.

[Register here in advance](#). You will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.



Ignite January Gathering

Tuesday, January 4, 7:00pm

Ignite UUA is excited to host Ignite Online Trivia Night on Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00pm. Please sign up on the [Google form!](#) We will email the secure link to all registered parties on Sunday, January 2.

Questions? Contact quianadenae@uuua.org.



UUA Fiber Arts Group

Saturday, January 8, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Wednesday, January 19, 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 usually meet the first Saturday of the month 11:00am - 1:00pm in person at UUA in the Young room (though January 8, a second Saturday, the meeting will be at a member's home) and third Wednesday of the month 7:00pm - 9:00pm on Zoom.

For a Zoom link or questions, send us an email at crafters@uuua.org.



Newcomer Chalice Circle | The Seven UU Principles

Saturday, January 15, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Register by Monday, January 10

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 Zoom discussion of the Seven UU 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 when you [register](#). We will practice a deep-listening format during the discussion. We ask that when you sign up, you commit to attending and will log into the Zoom room by the start time.

Questions? Email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuuaa.org.



Kaleidoscope Movie Night

Friday, January 14, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Kaleidoscope is hosting a movie night on Friday, January 14 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm! We will be showing *Mosquita y Mari*, a coming-of-age film about Chicana teenagers and their complicated relationship. (Autostraddle rated it one of their best lesbian movies of all time!)

We will be streaming the film on Zoom and, if possible, also offering an in-person option. [Please RSVP here](#) if you are interested so we can send you the Zoom link and information about the potential in-person screening.

Questions? Please contact KaleidoscopeInfo@uuuaa.org.



Jubilee Three Anti-Racism Training: Learning Together About Systemic Racism

Friday, January 14, 6:00pm - 9:00pm; Saturday, January 15, 9:00am - 8:00pm; and Sunday, January 16, noon - 7:00pm

Do you wish to deepen your understanding of how race and ethnicity play out in our institutions and our daily lives? Are you ready to take a leading role to nurture a multicultural future in the face of opposing cultural currents? This weekend workshop is open to anyone who wants to journey toward making a stand against racism.

This virtual event runs January 14 - 16 at a cost of \$170. [Register here](#). Scholarships are available through the Racial Justice Arc; contact Cindy O'Connor at RJA@uuuaa.org for more information.



Introduction to Our Faith

Saturdays, January 22 and 29, 10:00am - noon

[Register by Sunday, January 16](#)

This two-session Zoom class launches you on your way toward membership and a deeper understanding of this congregation and faith. We will cover:

- Sharing our spiritual journeys,
- History of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation,
- Exploring your calling,
- How to get involved,
- Meaning and responsibilities of membership.

This class is a prerequisite to official membership. [Register by Sunday, January 16.](#)

If you have any questions or need help registering, contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at 734-665-6158 or by emailing Hannah@uuaa.org.

Links

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



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