



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA March 18 - 24, 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* March 25 - 31 is Tuesday, March 23 at 5pm Eastern [through this form](#).

The deadline for the *April Newsletter* is Sunday, March 21 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: The BIG Sing

Sunday, March 21, 11:30am

A growing UUAA tradition, the annual BIG sing gives us a moment in the year to remember how powerful a force can form when voices work together. This is a moment to affirm our own voices with joy, to invest them with love and acceptance, to breathe beauty into our world we've been given. We invite you to a time of singing together, this time through more virtual connections. The

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville will be our guests this week.

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

After the live service, join us for company and conversation at uuaa.org/socialhour.

Zoom Social Hour provides a wonderful opportunity to get to know congregants you might not have otherwise gotten to know. You will have the chance to choose between entering a breakout room with a discussion facilitator and questions pertaining to the service, or you can ask to be put into a purely social breakout room with no questions posted. Discussion facilitators are there to make sure everyone has a chance to introduce themselves and has an opportunity to speak. All are welcome! Questions? Email Hannah@uuaa.org.

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

Need more worship in your life? Watch past services, music, and stories in [our website archive](#).



Congregational Life Hour: Terrified of Tofu? Want to Eat Less Meat?

Wednesday, March 24, 6:00pm

Do you want to learn more about the UUA Mindful Eating Team? Are you interested in learning how to eat less meat? Join members of the UUA Mindful Eating Team to learn about what we do, how you can participate, and share ideas for cooking with tofu.

[Join the Zoom meeting here.](#)

Questions? Email quianadenae@uuaa.org.



Free KN95 Masks

In response to the new variant of Covid-19, we are partnering with Washtenaw County to distribute KN95 masks to UUA and the wider community. If you'd like to pick one up, you can come to UUA Monday -

Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm, and take one from the marked bin just inside the front doors (by the rainbow flag). Please maintain social distancing and wear a mask while on our property.

****In order to distribute masks to as many people as possible, please take just one per person in your household.****

If you have transportation or health concerns that make it difficult to come to UUA, contact our Pastoral Care team at pastoralcare@uuaa.org.

UUAA Womyn's Council



Sisterhood Socials

Womyn's Zoom Socials Are Now Twice a Month

Friday, March 19, 7:00pm

Saturday, April 10, 10:00am

Join UU Womyn on Zoom twice every month for casual and renewing conversations that allow us to connect (or reconnect) with our UU Womyn friends. Not surprisingly, some of us are early birds and some are night owls, so we offer both a morning and an

evening option. Please join us, even if you'll be a little late.

Join the Zoom gatherings at the links below:

[Second Saturdays, 10:00am](#)

[Third Fridays, 7:00pm](#)

Questions? Contact Judi Lintott at jlintott@comcast.net or 734-352-7285.



Humanist Discussions

Thursday, March 18, 2:00pm

Monday, March 22, 7:00pm

Humanism has been an integral part of the history of our 155-year-old 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 email list, get the Zoom login information, or ask any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.



Community Walks

Saturday, March 20

Join a small group of UUs to walk or hike on the spring equinox (March 20). Community Walks are safe and fun ways to meet new and old friends in an outdoor setting. All walkers must wear masks if medically able and maintain

physical distance. Read the descriptions of each walk to find out if they are suitable for small kids or if they are wheelchair friendly. Find more information and sign up using the link www.uuaa.org/walk.



Newcomer Chalice Circle

Saturday, March 20, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

If you are new to UUAA and would like to get to know others who are new, join us to explore the glue of Unitarian Universalism, the UU Seven Principles. What do they mean to you? Which ones resonate strongly? How do they inspire you? You will receive a copy of the principles and reflection questions in advance. 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.



Community of Writers Meeting

Sunday, March 21, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Dan Carleton will facilitate the March meeting of the UUAA Community of Writers. Dan has asked members to share writings that focus on rebirth or the coming spring equinox. "If no writings exist that celebrate eggs, Spring, or Latin terms for all that stuff, bring another writing that you have done on another subject."

If you are interested in attending this Zoom meeting, contact Kathy Friedrichs at kamf@umich.edu or Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com. A link will be sent to members and friends on Friday, March 19.



Climate Justice: Opportunity to Learn with Other UU Congregations

Tuesday, March 23, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

In recognition of World Water Day, the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit and Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network will co-host a screening of the 2014 film "I Do Mind Dying," about the scandal with water shutoffs in Detroit. The UUAA Climate Crisis Action Group is encouraging members of our community to join in this opportunity to learn together with

the broader UU community in Michigan. The 50-minute film will be followed by guest speakers, with a Q&A session moderated by Jenny Teed from MUUSJN, who also serves on the People's Water Board. The film and discussion will be shown via Zoom.

[Join the Zoom meeting here.](#)

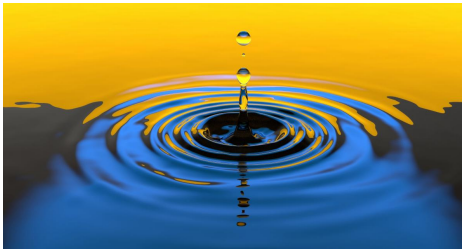


Jackson Fund Accepting Grant Proposals

Proposals due Monday, March 29, 5:00pm

The Jackson Social Welfare Fund (JSWF) Committee of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor (UUAA) awards grants yearly to projects advancing the First

Amendment to the Constitution and promoting reason and understanding to peacefully solve conflicts. The [2021 Request for Proposals is available on the UUAA website](#) or by contacting co-chairs Kyla Boyse and Chris Pellar-Kosbar via JSWF@uuuaa.org. Questions are welcome, as well. Proposals are due by 5:00pm Monday, March 29, 2021. We expect to award \$31,200 in grants this year and will announce award decisions by the end of May.



Sunday Womyn's Circle

March 28, 9:00am - 10:30am

A new Womyn's Circle for friendship and sisterhood has started and would like to add four to six additional UUAA women.

This group will meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 9:00am - 10:30am. The next Zoom meeting is March 28. If you're ready to connect with other UU women in a long-term circle of friendship and support, contact Greta Uehling at greta455@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



Trans Day of Visibility: Our Whole Lives

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

*Trans Day of Visibility Celebration,
6:00pm-7:00pm*

*Interweave Listening Session, 7:00pm-
8:00pm*

At 6:00pm, join Interweave and Congregational Life Hour for a celebration of Trans lives, honoring the full spectrum of life, love, and JOY! All members of our congregation and community are welcome. This is a multigenerational event.

[Join the Trans Day of Visibility Celebration gathering here.](#)

Then, at 7:00pm, LGBTQ+ community members are invited to join an Interweave listening session. This time will be a facilitated dialogue where participants will be able to share their thoughts and help shape Interweave going forward.

[Join the Interweave listening session here.](#)

Questions? Email quianadenae@uuaa.org.



UUA Fiber Arts Group

Saturday, April 3, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday, April 21, 7:00pm - 9pm

Come knit, crochet, embroider, or engage in some form of fiber arts together. UUA Fiber Arts Group meets twice a 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.



Introduction to Our Faith

Registration deadline: April 5

Saturdays, April 10 & 17

10:00am - 12:15pm

This two-session class launches you on your way toward membership or just a deeper understanding of this congregation and faith. We will share our spiritual journeys, learn the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, explore your calling, and discuss how to get involved and the meaning and responsibilities of membership. This class is a prerequisite to official membership.

[Register here](#) by Monday, April 5 or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.

Alpha House Host Week

April 12 - 18

[Alpha House](#) is a homeless shelter for families in Washtenaw County. There are many ways to

Alpha
House



Interfaith Hospitality Network

support our neighbors in need. Sign up online at uuaa.org/AlphaSignup.

For questions or more information, email alphahouse@uuaa.org.



Celebrate International Women's Day with Sisters' Blend Coffee from Equal Exchange

Along with our usual inventory of fair-trade coffees, teas, and chocolates, we are selling a special blend of coffee from Equal Exchange called Sisters' Blend. This is a full city roast, drip blend, in one-pound bags that sell for \$10.00. Give it a try! As always, you can order at

uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com or call our committee members at 419-283-3430.



UUA 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.

Quick Links:

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



Other Links:

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



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