



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA January 6 - 12, 2022

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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 13 - 19 is Tuesday, January 11 at 5:00pm Eastern [through this form](#).

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

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Join Us on Sunday

Sunday, January 9, 9:30am and 11:30am

Join us on Sunday, January 9 for "Every Moment, Every Encounter: Intention-Filled"

As we enter a new year, what does it mean to live our lives with the spirit of intentionality? The opportunity to bring love and compassion alive is always around us; how might our intentions serve to build the kinder, more just world that we yearn for?

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across our differences and empower leadership in people to create the change we need for a more peaceful and just world.” [Visit them online.](#)

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. 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.

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](#).



New UUAU Building Hours

As of January 10, the new UUAU building hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am until 3:00pm.

Staff Restructuring FY 2022

There have been some important changes to the staff structure. Please [read more about it here](#) from Manish, Cassi, and Ed.

Contributions to the Minister's Discretionary Fund (MDF)



Contributions for UUA's Minister's Discretionary Fund (MDF) are invited once a year, during the holiday season, and are primarily used to tangibly express our community's pastoral love, care, and appreciation, provide one-time emergency financial assistance, and meet other emergent needs. No other line item in our budget, or set of funds, exists for these important expressions of community care.

Please consider donating to the MDF, and if you have already done so, we thank you for your generosity. [You may give using this link](#), or physical checks can be mailed to UUA, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, Attn: Ed Lynn, Interim Administrator. Please note "MDF Contribution" in the memo line of the check.



The Green Corner

Welcome to The Green Corner, where in the coming weeks you will find info and answers to your questions about what YOU can do to combat climate change. If you have a question or issue that you would like to see addressed here, email your suggestion to greencorner@uuaa.org.

The Green Corner is brought to you by the Climate Action Group of UUA. What can UU do right now? [Check out this resource](#) on UUA's website and find much more info at www.uuaa.org/climate.

Why bother? Because little actions add up. Because if you don't, who will? Because as Margaret Mead famously said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."



Humanist Discussions

Thursday, January 6, 2:00pm

Monday, January 10, 7:00pm

Topics for January 6: TBD; for January 10: David Brooks "What Happened to American Conservatism" and the *NY Times* article on Edward O. Wilson. The topic for Thursday, January 20, will be chapter 7 from the *Scientific Spirit of American Humanism*, "Eugenics and the Question of Race."

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.



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@uuaa.org.



What is Restorative Justice Anyway?

Sunday, January 9, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Remember the first time you were punished for a breaking a rule or hurting someone? What if we looked at dealing with “wrongdoing” in a different way? Restorative Justice UUA is sponsoring two forums, the first on January 9, explaining how Restorative Justice (RJ) brings a new way of thinking about crime and repairing harm caused by crime in our communities, judicial system, and schools. Learn about RJ’s indigenous roots; see a demonstration of RJ being practiced in healing circles. Sessions will be held in person and by [Zoom](#).

Contact Kathy Friedrichs at kamf@umich.edu.



Sharing the Collection

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



Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East: Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 7:30pm - 8:30pm

UUJs for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME) is a denomination-wide organization with 27 chapters across the U.S. working for peace, security, and freedom for all people in Palestine/Israel. We educate our community about the history and current situation in Palestine/Israel. We advocate for the rights of Palestinians living under military occupation, for those discriminated against as second-class citizens in Israel, and for those who are refugees outside their native homeland.

Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm via Zoom. Contact Mark Jagner mjagner@yahoo.com to obtain the Zoom meeting link.



North Ann Arbor UU

Tuesday, January 11, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

North Ann Arbor UU meets monthly (via Zoom for the present) to discuss topics of interest chosen by the group members. On January 11, we will share in person highlights of the holidays.

Zoom Meeting

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812818351>

Meeting ID: 818 1281 8351

No computer access? Call the number below and enter the Meeting ID to join the meeting using your phone.

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



Newcomer Chalice Circle | The Seven UU Principles

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

Register by Monday, January 10

If you are new to UUAA 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.



Community of Writers Zoom Meeting

Sunday, January 16, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

On this Sunday the writers depart from their usual format and will instead write their deeply personal poems, "Where I Am From" during the Zoom meeting. The group writing will be inspired by a poem of the same title by George Ella Lyon and led by the

facilitators for the day, members Anne Ramsey and Sandy Kunkle. Poems may be shared with appreciative comment at the close of the meeting.

For more information and/or the link, contact Anne at anneramsey2910@comcast.net or Sandy at sandykunkle@gmail.com.



Me and White Supremacy Book Circle Forming

Wednesdays, February 23 through March 23, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

The Racial Justice Arc 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 book group will take place via Zoom starting on Wednesday, February 23, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, with co-facilitators Sally Preston and Bob Dinan. It will run on Wednesdays at 7:00pm weekly for five weeks, ending on March 23.

[Sign up for the Book Circle here.](#) A weekday morning group will be

forming as well; keep that in mind if this first group's timing doesn't work for you.

Questions? Reach out to RacialJusticeArc@uuaa.org.

Links

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



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