



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUAA January 13 - 19, 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 20 - 26 is Tuesday, January 18 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.

Support the ministries of UUAA: Make an online offering



Join Us for Sunday Service

Sunday, January 16, 9:30am and 11:30am

“The Peace and Justice-Building Legacy of MLK”
How do we maintain a commitment to peace and justice amidst a world that is so fraught? MLK’s ministry and life journey provide some insights. Join us this Sunday as we honor MLK’s legacy for a world that still needs his vision.

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

Please note our Covid Safety Policies: *Anyone entering the UUAA building for activities/business is expected to be fully vaccinated and boosted, as eligible, and must remain properly masked at all times. [A video of our updated policy is available here.](#)*

*Exception to the mask requirement: Members of the worship team who are actively speaking may remove their masks. All unmasked speakers on the chancel have tested negative in the preceding 24 hours.

After Sunday Service

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. There will be a limited number of tables set up in the Social Hall for social justice and fund-raising activities after both services.

Next Sunday

Winter Congregational Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, January 23, 10:30am - 12:00pm

UUAA's Winter Congregational Meeting will be held on January 23 at 10:30am. We will begin with an abbreviated Sunday service, instead of the regular 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday services. Registration in advance is required. To register and see the agenda, visit the homepage of our website, uuaa.org.

Question Box Service

Sunday, January 30

We will have a special question box service, where the Rev. Manish shares some of the community's spiritual questions and responds in-the-moment. You can [ask your questions here](#) up until noon on Wednesday, January 26.

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

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



New UUAA Building Hours

As of January 10, the new UUAA 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.

Special Upcoming Event at UUAA



Best Selling *New York Times* Author
Philosopher * Poet * Spiritual Teacher

MARK NEPO

"Once in a generation or two humanity remakes itself, such as we are right now, Such a remaking is both profound and painful. But here we are ... being asked to be fierce and tender."

WORKSHOP: PAIN, FEAR, AND THINGS AS THEY ARE

Saturday, February 19 from 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Registration & adherence to Covid protocols required:

www.uuaa.org/nepoevent (Link will go live the week of January 16.)

Featured at two services on Sunday HEARTWORK -- BEING A SPIRIT IN THE WORLD

Open to all, limited seating

Sunday, February 20, 9:30am & 11:30am Services

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*4001 Ann Arbor Saline Road or via Zoom link provided through
registration at www.uuaa.org/nepoevent*

(Link will go live the week of January 16.)

Literati is the participating bookseller for these events.

"Mark inspires us to figure out how to deal with the great complexities of our lives in these unique times and circumstances." Reverend Manish Mishra-Marzetti



Contributions to the Minister's Discretionary Fund (MDF)

Contributions for UUAA'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 UUAA, Attn: Ed Lynn, Interim Administrator, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Please note "MDF Contribution" in the memo line of the check.



Hosting an Afghan Family

UUAA Immigration Acton is working with Jewish Family Services to host an Afghan family. In preparations, our congregation needs to prove we have funds on hand and volunteers to provide for and support this family. Volunteers and future donors can sign up [using this link](#).



Sharing the Collection: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice

There is still time to donate to this month's collection for [Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice](#). The mission of Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice “centers racial and economic justice as we address the root causes of violence from oppression, poverty, environmental devastation, patriarchy, and war. We wage love and practice nonviolence in all its forms through education, community organizing, advocacy, and direct action. We unite across our differences and empower leadership in people to create the change we need for a more peaceful and just world.” [Donate through our website or by logging into Realm](#).



The Green Corner Recycling Updates

Did you know there are **changes in curbside recycling** in the Ann Arbor area?

- **Only #1, #2, and #5 plastic bottles & tubs can go in curbside bins**, while other shapes of #2 items must go to the Drop-Off Station, and #4 plastic cannot be recycled.
- **Bagged shredded paper and plastic bags** must now be taken to the Drop-Off Station.
- **Bulky plastic** (cat litter buckets, laundry baskets) can only be taken to Drop-Off.
- For more information, [click here](#) or check with your recycling company for their specific guidelines.
- Be sure to keep plastic bags, styrofoam, and electronics out of the recycling bins!

Does recycling matter? Yes! Household recycling greatly reduces greenhouse gasses (GHG).

- For example: Making a new can from recycled aluminum uses 95% less energy than if made from virgin materials.
- Using recycled paper to make new paper products emits 70% less greenhouse gasses (GHG) than if made from virgin materials.

Fun fact: Recycled paper goes from Recycle Ann Arbor to Ohio, where it is made into boxes for Amazon!

Check out uuaa.org/climate for more information on Climate Action/Climate

Justice.

Questions or a topic you'd like to see here? Email greencorner@uuaa.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@uuaa.org.

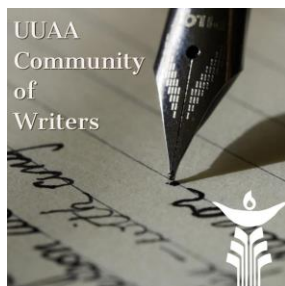


Jubilee Three Anti-Racism Training: Learning Together About Systemic Racism

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@uuaa.org for more information.



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.



UUAA Fiber Arts Group

Wednesday, January 19, 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 usually meet the first Saturday of the month 11:00am - 1:00pm in person at UUAA in the Young room and the third Wednesday of the month 7:00pm - 9:00pm on Zoom.

For a Zoom link or questions, send us an email atcrafters@uuaa.org



Humanist Discussions

Thursday, January 20, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Monday, January 24, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Topics for Thursday, January 20, will be chapter 7 from *The Scientific Spirit of American Humanism*, "Eugenics and the Question of Race," as well as "How Christian nationalism drove the insurrection," "The world's religions face a post-pandemic reckoning," and John McWhorter on "Woke Politics, Race, and Education." Topics for Monday, January 24 to be determined.

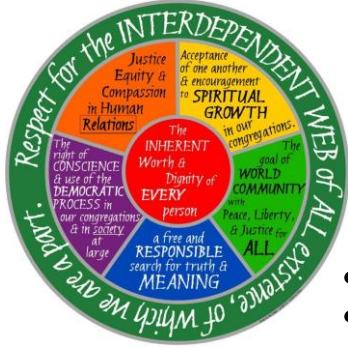
Humanism has a long history in our congregation. A lively group of Humanists has been meeting regularly for over 20 years, gathering on the second and fourth Monday evenings and/or first and third Thursday afternoons to discuss topics relating to Humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, science—the list is long and varied. All are welcome, regardless of theology or philosophy. All meetings are still virtual.

To get on our email list, get the login information, or get answers to any other questions, send a query to humanistgroupinfo@uuaa.org.

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, and
- the 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.



Sunday FunDay

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

All ages are invited to join SunDay FunDay for a snack, crafts, and games. Grab some cocoa and snow-inspired treats in the courtyard outside the Social Hall. Then warm up at the craft table where we will be making nightlights to get us through the long winter. Try your hand at a snow-inspired game, and snap a photo at our photo-op booth!

Questions? Email Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.



Memory Loss Support Group for Caregivers Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

If you have a friend, spouse, or partner with memory loss, you are invited to attend the support group that meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 3:00pm - 4:30 pm. This group is a partnership of the UUA Pastoral Care Team and the Alzheimer's Association. The group provides a safe and confidential space where you may ask questions and share your story.

For more information and/or the Zoom link for the February meeting, contact one of the facilitators: Joan Burleigh at joburleigh@aol.com, Sandy Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com, or Meredith Ley at meredith1888@gmail.com,

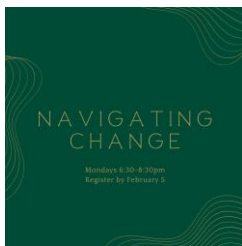


Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Gathering Table

Sunday, February 6, 2:30pm - 4:00 pm

Save the date! February 6 is our Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Gathering Table on Zoom. Over 15 groups at UUAA are involved in some kind of anti-racism or anti-oppression work. This is the first time we'll bring all these efforts into one space and share the plans for 2022. Volunteers are still needed to facilitate breakout groups. If you are interested, please contact Cindy O'Connor at racialjusticearc@uuaa.org.

Stay tuned for more information in coming bulletins including the RSVP and Zoom links.



Navigating Change

Mondays beginning, February 7, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Major life transitions are always hard, and in this time of great upheaval in the wider world, they are even more challenging. In this class, we will gather for support and to explore the tools found in Bruce Feiler's book "[Life Is in the Transitions: Mastering Change at Any Age.](#)" Facilitated by the Rev. Cassandra Hartley.

Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30pm on Zoom

7 sessions: February 7 & 21; March 7; April 4 & 18; May 2 & 16

Register here by February 5. Questions? Email cassandra@uuaa.org.



Singles Space

THURSDAYS 7-8:30PM

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Thursdays, February 10 - April 7, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Register by February 6

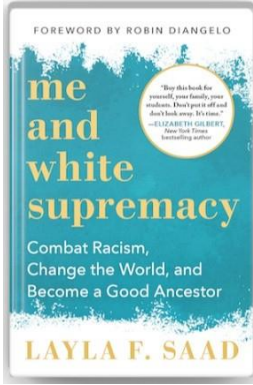
(Ages 25+) Being single comes with both great gifts and great challenges in our society. This is a space for single/unpartnered people to gather for support and to explore spiritual practices designed with these gifts and challenges in mind. Facilitated by the Rev. Cassandra Hartley.

Thursdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm on Zoom

8 Sessions: February 10 - April 7 (no meeting March 17)

Register here by February 6. Questions? Email cassandra@uuaa.org

Signup for *Me and White Supremacy* Book Circle



Wednesdays, February 23 - 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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