



# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## Monthly Newsletter | December 2020



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## Worship

Join us each week at [uuaa.org/service](https://uuaa.org/service).

Each week that we worship together, we gain new insights and wisdom on how to be a people of a prophetic, transformational, justice-seeking faith. Our theme for the month of December is "Be Still." The worship theme for the month of January is "Imagine." What ethical, spiritual, and/or moral questions do you have relating to this topic? [Ask them here!](#)

[Join us on Sundays](#) with live chat at 11:30am Eastern, or at any time throughout the week at your convenience [on our YouTube channel](#). After the live services, [head over to our Zoom social hour](#) to discuss the service and socialize with the community.

If you want to learn more about our upcoming services, [visit our Facebook events page](#) to join the conversation online. While you're there, RSVP to our upcoming services!

View past services and other videos on [our website archive](#), and make sure you're [subscribed to UJAA on YouTube](#) so you never miss new content!

Keep an eye out for more news about holiday services and events coming soon.

[Contribute to the weekly offering here..](#)

# UUAA Updates

## UUAA COVID-19 Advisory Team



## UPDATE

### COVID-19 Update

The UUAA COVID-19 Advisory Team met in November to go over UUAA policies and protocols. Read the latest update [here](#), and keep an eye on the *Weekly News* for a final 2020 update later this month.

## BUILDING OUR VISION



*#RoadTo2050*

### Pledge Drive Update

As the pledge drive enters its final month, we still have a way to go. Learn more about our progress and what your pledge means to UUAA [here](#), and if you haven't already, make your pledge [here](#).



### UUAA Building/Staff Hours

Although our operations are largely virtual, the building will be closed, and UUAA staff will be off for the last week of December.

[Read more here.](#)



### Board of Trustees Update

Learn about the BoT's most recent vote in favor of moving some of UUAA's funds to the UU Common Endowment Fund.

[Read the full update here.](#)



# Congregational Life Updates



## Pastoral Care

Read the latest note from our Congregational Chaplain, rev. theresa rohlick, and the Pastoral Care Team [here](#).



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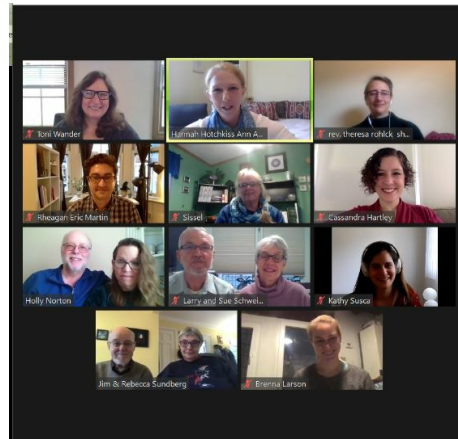
Read the latest note from our Coordinator of Congregational Life, Quiana Perkins, [here](#).

## Happy Kwanzaa



## Kwanzaa Sharing

Kwanzaa is a seven-day festival (December 26 - January 1) that celebrates African and African-American culture and history. [Read more about Kwanzaa and how UUAA is celebrating it here.](#)

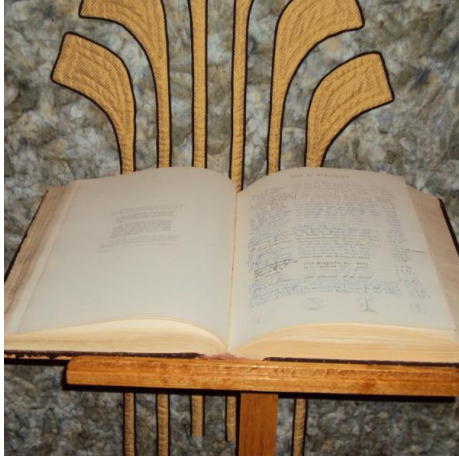


## Welcoming New Members

We are so delighted to welcome the newest members of UUAA to our community in this virtual era!

[Read more about them here.](#)

## Upcoming Classes and Workshops



### **Introduction to Our Faith**

Two-session class,  
Saturday, December 5 and  
12, 10:00am - Noon.

[Learn more here](#) and  
[register here.](#)



### **Trans Inclusion in Congregations**

Saturdays, January 16 -  
February 27, 10:30am -  
11:30am

[Learn more here](#) and  
[register here.](#)



### **Small Group Ministry Facilitator Training**

Have you ever wanted to  
lead a small group  
discussion at UUA?  
Starting in 2021, you can!

[Learn more here](#) and  
[register for the facilitator  
training here!](#)



### **Coming Soon: The Wisdom Path**

Stay tuned for this adult  
SGD class, starting January  
11, where we explore our  
relationship with money and  
the ways it intersects with  
our spiritual and ethical  
values. More details,  
including registration,  
coming soon!

## **Group Gatherings and Updates**



UUAA Womyn's Council



*Sisterhood Socials*

### **Womyn's Sisterhood Socials**

Sisterhood Socials are relaxed and friendly gatherings for UUAA women. The next meeting is Friday, December 18 at 7:00pm.

[Click here to read more.](#)



### **Kwanzaa Brunch**

The Multicultural Outreach Ministry invites all who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a person of color to our virtual Kwanzaa celebration on Saturday, December 19 at 11:00am.

[Read more here.](#)



### **Thank You Letter to UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray**

UUs for Justice in the Middle East invite you to read Rev. Frederick-Gray's statement opposing Israeli annexation of Palestinian land and add your name to a thank you letter.

[Read more here.](#)



### **Humanists Discussion Group**

The Humanist Group welcomes you to learn more about humanism and attend weekly group discussions on a variety of topics relating to humanism.

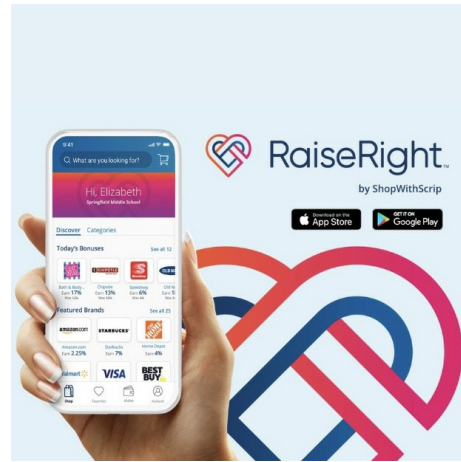
[Learn more about the group, meeting times, and contact information here.](#)

# Community Partners



## Sharing the Collection

Read about the difference your contributions make, who UUAA is supporting in the upcoming months (House by the Side of the Road in December!) and how to join the Sharing the Collection Committee [here](#).



## Scrip Program

Learn more about what makes scrip the perfect holiday present, and how you can use it to help yourself, UUAA, and your favorite charities (like Alpha House) this December! [Read more here.](#)



## Transylvanian Unitarian Thanksgiving

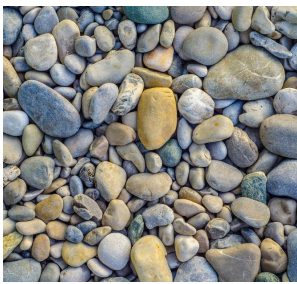
Learn more about what the Thanksgiving ritual means for UUs in Transylvania (where our partner church is!) [here](#).



## Holiday Wishes at Alpha House

There are four different ways you can support the "Adopt-a-Family" program this month. [Read about them here.](#)





## Submitting to UUA Communications

All recognized UUA groups may publicize UUA events and news through UUA communications channels.

Please submit your announcements for the *Weekly News* through [this form](#) by Tuesday at 5pm EST. The *Weekly News* is distributed each week on Thursday.

Please make any submissions to the *Monthly Newsletter* through [this form](#) by the 21st of the previous month at 5pm EST. The upcoming month's *Monthly Newsletter* will be distributed by the end of the previous month.

[Watch this video](#) for more information on how to submit to the *Weekly News* and *Monthly Newsletter*.

Web postings and updates can be submitted at any time to [webtech@uuaa.org](mailto:webtech@uuaa.org).

### Weekly News Deadlines

For the first two weeks of December, the deadline will be **Tuesday at 5pm EST** (as always).

December 17 - 23: Deadline is **Sunday, December 13 at 5pm Eastern**

December 24 - Jan 6 (two weeks, one email): **Due Tuesday, December 22 at 5pm Eastern.**



## UUA Links

[UUA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUA](#)  
[Make Your Pledge](#) | [UUA Events Calendar](#)



[Instagram](#)



[Facebook](#)



[Twitter](#)

## More Connections...

[UUA.org](http://UUA.org) | [MidAmericaUUA.org](http://MidAmericaUUA.org)  
[Side With Love](#) | [UUCSJ](#) | [DRUUMM](#) | [BLUU](#)



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