# First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

## **Monthly Newsletter | December 2021**

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# Worship

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 worship theme for December is Joy. All are welcome to share this joy as December is a time for miracles, waiting, light, and community; it is the month in

which people around the world celebrate Hanukkah, Advent, Christmas, Kwanzaa. Mid-December we will mark the Winter Solstice and the turning of the seasons. We will celebrate with story, music and candlelight the spirit of Christmas at our three services on Christmas Eve at 4:30, 7:00 and 9:00 pm. The service at 4:30 will be open to families with children.

There will be no service on December 26, however we will offer a time for reflection and sharing at 10am ET on Zoom. Watch for details about all of the December services and activities in the weekly news.

On Sunday, December 5 we will Share Our Collection with **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County started in 1991 and in their first several years of programming, an average of 45 children were matched annually with the goal of inclusion and equity. The program has grown to serve an average of 400 children annually. They continue their efforts to serve every child in Washtenaw County that needs and wants a mentor. Their vision is that all youth achieve their full potential, as they believe that potential is inherent and limitless in all youth. Their mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Please note that the church office is closed December 25 - January 1.

#### Give to UUAA

<u>A Note from your</u> <u>Congregational Chaplain, rev.</u> <u>theresa.</u>

UUAA COVID-19 Advisory Team



# UPDATE

Covid Team Update <u>Read more about the</u> <u>covid plans for the winter.</u>



Sharing the Collection -December 5 <u>Learn about Big Brothers</u> <u>Big Sisters of Washtenaw</u> <u>County.</u>



Intro to Our Faith <u>Register to join our</u> <u>course on Unitarian</u> <u>Universalism.</u>



Poinsettia Purchase Read about how to join in the holiday festivities.





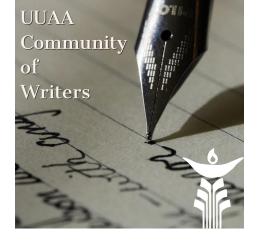
#### Alpha House Learn more about the Holiday Wishes Program.



Mindful Aging Come share your knowledge and help with the creation of mindful aging resources.



Restorative Justice Join us for forums in 2022, learn more here.



Community of Writers Join us to share your creative writings.



Humanist Discussion Group Read about how to get involved with the Humanists at UUAA.



Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group Join other caregivers who support those





UUAA Fiber Arts Come join us and explore your creativity experiencing memory loss.



UUs for Justice in the Middle East <u>Read the UUJME action</u> <u>alert.</u>

### Communications

### **Submitting to UUAA Communications**

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

Please submit your announcements for the *Weekly News* through this form by Tuesday at 5pm ET. The *Weekly News* is distributed each week on Thursday.

<u>Please note a change in the January Newsletter Submission</u> <u>Date</u> - Please make any submissions to the January Newsletter through <u>this form</u> by Sunday, December 12 at 5pm ET. The January Newsletter will go out before Christmas week.

<u>Watch this video</u> for more information on how to submit to the *Weekly News* and *Monthly Newsletter*.

You can learn more about our communications policies here.

Web postings and updates can be submitted at any time to **webtech@uuaa.org**. If you have any additional questions, please contact Communications Ministry Specialist, Amber Beland at **communications@uuaa.org**.

## **UUAA** Links

<u>UUAA Website</u> | <u>Social Justice at UUAA</u> <u>Make Your Pledge</u> | <u>UUAA Events Calendar</u> | <u>Realm</u>



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