



The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, May 12, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Worship May 12 | 9:30am and 11:30am

Flower Communion

Join us for Flower Communion as we examine the intersection of history and new life. If you're able, please bring a flower to share. We'll also celebrate UUAA's 154th birthday and honor longtime members whose commitment to the congregation has extended over decades.

On the Chancel | Rev. Cassandra Hartley, Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich

Habitat for Humanity

Today, Social Hour, Sharing the Collection Table

Our first on-site work day is next Saturday, May 18. You can volunteer to work on the house or provide lunch for the workers. Future work days are June 8 and June 14. We haven't reached our \$7,500 pledge yet for our share of the building costs. To donate, please make a check out to UUAA with "Habitat" in the memo line. Questions? Visit during the Social Hour, go to www.uuaa.org/h4h, or email h4h@uuaa.org.

Grocery/Scrip

Today, Social Hour, Scrip Table

As of May 18, Whole Foods scrip (3% rebate) will no longer be available from Great Lakes Scrip. Now is a great time to reload your card, up to a maximum of \$500. We will stock up on physical cards at the Scrip Table, but once they are gone, they are gone. There is no "use-by" date. On a brighter note, we now carry Fresh Thyme scrip (5% rebate). Check them out! Questions? Email Carolyn Barber at cmbponyclub@sbcglobal.net.

Mindful Eating Sampling

Today, Social Hour, Mindful Eating Table

We will be doing a seed/seedling exchange during the month of May. Stop by to pick up and drop off extra seeds/seedlings. You are not required to provide the seeds/seedlings to take some. Questions? Contact Sheila Sanders at sheilasanders@comcast.net.

UUSC Coffee Project

Today, Social Hour, Fair Trade Coffee Table

Support small farm cooperatives globally while helping to fundraise for UUSC social justice programs and this congregation. Stop by during Social Hour following the first service to choose from fair trade chocolates, fruit and nut bars, coffee, teas, nuts, dried fruits, and Palestinian olive oils. Questions? Contact Ilene Beninson at ilene.beninson@gmail.com.

North AAU Group

Tuesday, May 14, 7:00pm

Join fellow northside Ann Arbor UUs at [Glacier Hills, The Meadows, 1200 Earhart Rd.](#) The topic will be "our bucket lists." Bob Reed will host. The doors are secured in the evening and one of us will let you in. Park in the circle drive at the entrance or in guest parking across the street. Questions? Email Al at albertlarose@att.net.

UUAA Humanist Study Groups

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00pm–8:30pm

Thursday, May 16, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Join us for this week's topic: Is Sentientism The Philosophy That Could Save The World?

Contact Hal Breidenbach at hal@breidenbach.net about the Wednesday Group and Contact Bruce Gibb at blgibb@aol.com about the Thursday group.

Searching for Truth in Love:

A Shared Ministries Team Workshop

Saturday, May 18, 10:00am–noon

Join us in the Fahs Chapel as we explore how "right relationship" and "sharing the center" apply to our congregation in communicating with each other and making decisions that affect us all. This participatory workshop will examine what it means to be in Covenant with the congregation when engaging in difficult conversations and will include discussions around the differences between civic and congregational democracy. All are welcome, and coffee and bagels will be provided. Questions? Contact SMT@uuaa.org.

People of Color Potluck

Saturday, May 18, 12:30pm–2:00pm

Please make plans to join congregants of color for a potluck. Bring a dish to share with the ingredients listed. This social event is being hosted to foster connections and fellowship among the UUAA people of color. Questions? Email Quiana Perkins at Quiana@uuaa.org.

Outdoors Women Dog-Friendly Walk

Sunday, May 19, 1:15pm

Join Outdoors Women for a walk at South Lillie Park in Ann Arbor. Meet at the park at 1:15pm or carpool from the church entrance at 1:00pm. Partners and children are welcome. Questions? Contact Sandy at sandy.eyl@gmail.com or 313-213-5559.

QUUest Bookstore offers Nancy McDonald Ladd's book



After the Good News: Progressive Faith Beyond Optimism. "Liberal pulpits ring with grand sermons about the arc that bends toward justice and about progress 'onward and upward forever.' Meanwhile the people in the pews struggle to attend to the suffering of their souls and the tragic aspects of life.... She shows how the religious life is not characterized by endless human advancement but by lurching movement, crisis-management and pain." Book cover

**Black Lives of UU (BLUU) Online Worship Watch Event
Sunday, May 19, 3:45pm**

Join us for the final BLUU's online worship service of the year. This is Black sacred space in its entirety-by and for Black people, with the words and voices of Black folks across the diaspora. We invite Black UU and Black UU adjacent folks to attend. Please respect this event as a Black safe space. Questions? Contact Quiana at quiana@uuaa.org.

LGBTQIA+ Youth meeting**Sunday, May 19, 1:00pm–2:00pm**

All lesbian, gay, bi+, trans*, non-binary, queer, intersex, asexual, and similarly identified youth are invited to a pilot meeting to assess the need/desire for an ongoing LGBTQIA+ youth group at UUAA. We will meet in the Emerson Room. We'd love your input about what your community would like in/from such a potential group. If you are interested in participating in the future but can't make this meeting, we'd love your input; contact Holly at hollyferrise@gmail.com.

Community of Writers**Sunday, May 19, 1:15pm–2:45pm**

Do you have a new poem, story, essay or other writing on which you would like to hear first responses? Or a work in progress for which you'd like encouragement? Or a writing you've submitted for publishing, and about which you seek additional viewpoints? Join our group in the Young Room. Everyone is invited to read approximately 5 minutes and receive appreciative comments. All are welcome to come and get acquainted. Questions? Contact Mary Lund, mlund@mi.rr.com.

Victimization and Demonization:**A Review of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict****Sunday, May 19, 2:00pm–3:30pm**

Professor Victor B. Lieberman, Raoul Wallenberg Professor of History and Professor of Asian and Comparative History at the University of Michigan, will provide an historical and contemporary overview of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Based on a course he teaches at the University of Michigan, his talk will consider origins of the conflict, self-images and grievances held by the two sides, and barriers to resolution. The talk will be followed by a Q&A. Questions? Contact Brandy at altotenor@comcast.net.

Wednesday Morning Readers**Wednesday, May 22, 10:00am–noon**

Diary of a Bookseller by Shaun Bythell will be Wednesday Morning Readers' book discussion this month. Join us in Fahs Chapel to discuss this story of the author's life inside Scotland's largest second-hand bookshop. Questions? Email Liz at lizzyt48176@gmail.com.

20th Annual Men's Retreat - Save the Date

Please join us for the 20th annual UUAA men's retreat September 21-23 at Judson Collins Retreat Center (45 minutes west of Ann Arbor). This year's theme will be resilience. We are looking for group leaders and workshop leaders. Scholarships are available. Registration begins in August. Questions? Contact Jim Schaefer at jim@jvscontrols.com.

Next Week's Worship**Together, in Loving Community**

Love is a central component building a caring, interconnected community. Join us this Sunday as we explore how we bring alive the spirit of love individually and in our communal lives at UUAA.

Introduction to Our Faith**Saturday, June 8, 10:00am–2:30pm**

This class is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism for newcomers and a prerequisite for congregants ready to sign the membership book. Join Rev. Lindasusan to learn about UU history, how to get involved, finding your calling, and the responsibilities of membership. [Register online](#) or by filling out a form found on the Involvement Table during Social Hour. The registration deadline is Sunday, June 2. If you need childcare, please register by Sunday, May 26. Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

Babies and Bailouts

On Behalf of BLUU, we want to thank the entire UUAA Community. On a local level, we collected 200 items and \$500.00 for the Metro Detroit Diaper Bank. On a national scale, one fund drive ~~only~~ yielded \$5000.00, all of which went directly to bailing out Mama's for Mother's Day. Mother's Day Bailout donations are still be accepted at [National Bail Out](#) #freeblackmamas. Thank you again for your generosity!

Mothers and Others—For Caregivers of Young Children

Connect with parents, guardians, and other caregivers of young children for support and fellowship We will be pausing our bimonthly playgroups over the summer and will instead meet up at a playground for a family potluck picnic on the 2nd Saturday each month. Our first summer picnic will be June 8. Join our Facebook group and email list. Search for UUAA Mothers and Others on Facebook or email Charlene Mangi at charlene.mangi@gmail.com.

Sunday Welcome Team Opportunities

We still have openings for 2019-2020 Sunday Welcome Teams. Summer is a great time to try out ushering, greeting, hosting a newcomer welcome session, or assisting with Social Hour. See if it is the right fit for you! Typically, Sunday Welcome Team members sign up to help one service a month. If you are interested in learning more, contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline**Wednesdays at 5:00pm**

Submissions of 90 words or fewer should be submitted in Word format and sent to bulletin@uuaa.org. Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

June Newsletter Deadline**Tuesday, May 21, 9:00am**

All submissions of 300 words or fewer should be submitted in Word format and sent to newsletter@uuaa.org.