



# The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, September 1, 2019

## First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Worship September 1 | 10:00am**  
**Expectation | You and Me, Together**

What does it mean to choose spiritual community? What expectations come with that choice? Often, the spoken ones are just the beginning.

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

### **Advocacy Postcard Campaign**

**Today, Social Hour, Social Justice Table**

Driving without a license to get to work, school, or medical appointments is the number one reason that our immigrant community members are detained and deported. Michigan law doesn't provide a way for the differently documented to get a license. Participate in a postcard campaign to advocate for drivers' licenses for all qualified Michigan residents at the Social Justice Table or the Immigration Action Coalition meeting, Saturday, September 14. Questions? Contact Cheryl at [cheryl.natzmervallentine@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.natzmervallentine@gmail.com).

### **Grocery/Scrip Card**

**Today, Social Hour, Scrip Table**

While the "back to school" specials may be over at ShopwithScrip.com, now is a great time to stock up on scrip cards as many stores are just ramping up their sales. Meijer (3%) is always good for groceries, clothing, and automotive. What's not to like? There are over 600 more retailers to choose from such as TJMaxx (7%), HomeGoods, Marshalls, and Sierra Trading Post! Stop by the Scrip Table for more information or to place an order. Questions? Contact Carolyn at [cbarber@umich.edu](mailto:cbarber@umich.edu).

### **Men's Retreat Registration**

**Today, Social Hour, Men's Retreat Table**

Join us for the 20th anniversary retreat, Friday-Sunday, September 20-22, at the Judson-Collins Center in the Irish Hills. Our theme is "Resilience." Enjoy friendship, fun, intellectual and spiritual discourse, humor, and physical activities. We offer half-price rates for first-time attendees, and scholarships are available. Register at the Men's Retreat Table during Social Hour or online at [uuaa.org/mensretreat](http://uuaa.org/mensretreat). Questions? Email [mensretreat@uuaa.org](mailto:mensretreat@uuaa.org) or call Bob at 734-674-7452.

### **Register for the Womyn's Retreat**

**Today, Social Hour, Womyn's Council Table**

The Retreat will be held Friday-Sunday, September 27-29. Register by September 15 and a beautiful t-shirt is included with your registration. Stop by the Womyn's Council Table during Social Hour to see the "Storyteller Within" t-shirt designed by our own Debra Golden, and select your shirt color and size. Sizes to XS-4XL. If you're unable to attend the retreat, you can still order a shirt. Stop by during Social Hour to place your order. For questions or to place an order if you can't make it to UUAA on Sundays, contact Judi Lintott at 734-352-7285.

### **Mindful Eating**

**Today, Social Hour, Mindful Eating Table**

Produce exchange continues at our table during Social Hour. Gardeners, bring any extra produce you have to share. All are invited to come and take home what's on the table. Stop by to learn what we're about and what interesting programs we have scheduled for Fall. Questions? Contact Merrill at [rockettmerrill@aol.com](mailto:rockettmerrill@aol.com).

### **UUSC Coffee Project**

**Today, UUSC Coffee Table, Social Hour**

Back to school healthy snacks are here! It's time to stock up on dried fruits and nuts to pack in lunches! Support small farm cooperatives globally while helping to fundraise for UUSC social justice programs, and this congregation. Come to our table during Social Hour following the second service to choose from fair trade chocolates, coffee, teas, nuts, dried fruits, and Palestinian olive oils. Questions? Contact Ilene Beninson at [ilene.beninson@gmail.com](mailto:ilene.beninson@gmail.com).

### **Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group**

**Wednesday, September 4, 3:00pm–4:30pm**

If you are a caregiver who would like some support, join us. We will meet in the David Room. All are welcome. Questions? Call Meredith Ley at 734-717-0213.

### **Senior Dinner Out**

**Wednesday, September 4, 6:00pm**

It's time for our monthly Senior Dinner Out at Hot Pot Chen (2255 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor). No reservations are necessary. Just come to share a good meal and conversation with fellow seniors. Questions? Contact Marie Duke at [omaduke7@gmail.com](mailto:omaduke7@gmail.com) or 734-769-0467.

### ***Banished: Ethnic Cleansing of Blacks in America***

**Friday, September 6, 7:00pm–9:00pm**

Join Mindful Eating and Challenging Racism in viewing and discussion of the documentary: *Banished: Ethnic Cleansing of Blacks in America*. *Banished* explores a time "when thousands of African Americans were driven from their homes and communities by violent, racist mobs. The film places these events in the context of present day race relations." Questions? Email Cathy at [cathymuha@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathymuha@sbcglobal.net).

### **North AAUU**

**Tuesday, September 10, 7:00pm**

All are welcome to join the North AAUU Group at Bob Reed's in the Meadows, Glacier Hills, (4001 Glacier Hills Dr., Ann Arbor). We will talk about what we are learning at this stage of our lives. Questions? Email Al LaRose at [albertlarose@att.net](mailto:albertlarose@att.net).

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## Mothers and Others

**Saturdays, September 14 & 28, 10:15–noon**

Join our group of caregivers of young children for fellowship, support, and friendship! Mothers, fathers, grandparents, foster parents, ... all are welcome to join! We will resume our bimonthly playgroups in the UUAA nursery in September on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. For details, join our email list by emailing Charlene Mangi at [charlene.mangi@gmail.com](mailto:charlene.mangi@gmail.com).

## Community of Writers

**Sunday, September 15, 1:15pm–2:45pm**

UUAA Community of Writers changed its schedule to the third Sunday of the month meeting in the Kemnitz Room, downstairs SGD Wing. At our upcoming meeting, we will read a five-minute original writing—a poem, short story, memoir segment, essay, etc., and invite comments as desired. Newcomers are welcome to read or listen. Bring your coffee or other beverage and sign in to read and give appreciative comments. Questions? Contact Mary Lund, at [mlund@mi.rr.com](mailto:mlund@mi.rr.com).

## Adult Our Whole Lives (OWL)

**First Class Sunday, September 15, 1:00pm–3:30pm**

Adult OWL explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages, using values, communication skills, and spirituality as starting points. Participants will build understanding of healthy sexual relationships, accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives. There will also be the opportunity to ask honest questions, engage in activities to help clarify personal values and improve decision-making skills, and work together to build a safe and supportive peer group. Register online at [www.uuaa.org/sgd/adults](http://www.uuaa.org/sgd/adults). Questions? Contact Craig VanKempen at [craigvk@gmail.com](mailto:craigvk@gmail.com).

## Chalice Bells

The handbell choir welcomes new players each Fall. If you can read music, have a reasonably good sense of rhythm, and have Sunday evenings free to rehearse, the Chalice Bells is the place for you. We begin rehearsing at the end of September. To learn more, contact theresa rohlick by September 1 at [theresa@uuaa.org](mailto:theresa@uuaa.org).

## Forums Advancement Ministry Seeks New Members

UUAA Forums Advancement Ministry (FAM) provides an ongoing series of forums that seek to expand our understanding of the world around us. A forum generally includes topical content (could be presentation, panel discussion, or film) followed by moderated Q&A and discussion. Several forums are scheduled the Fall, with room for more. If you are interested in producing such forums, please send your name and preferred email address to [forums\\_dev@uuaa.org](mailto:forums_dev@uuaa.org), or speak with Laura Johnstone. To receive email notices of future forums, email [forums@uuaa.org](mailto:forums@uuaa.org).

## UUAA Humanist Study Groups

Humanism has a long history at UUAA, and a lively group of humanists has been meeting for about 20 years to discuss topics relating to humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science. Our next meetings are Thursday September 5, 2:00pm-4:00pm and Monday, September 9, 7:00pm-8:30pm. Contact Hal Breidenbach at [hal@breidenbach.net](mailto:hal@breidenbach.net) about the Monday group or Bruce Gibb at [blgibb@aol.com](mailto:blgibb@aol.com) about the Thursday group.

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## Next Week's Worship

**The Tide Is Rising. So Are We.**

On this first Sunday of the two-service season, we gather for an ingathering for all ages and our annual Water Communion. We sing, we recommit ourselves to our shared spiritual journey. We invite you to bring a small container of water from a source with meaning to you, or, to draw on the water we will have on hand. We will combine these waters in a ritual to honor the life-giving power of beloved community.

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## New Room Reservation Requests Now Accepted

Recognized congregational groups may now submit room reservation requests for one-time and repeating events occurring now through September 12, 2020. This means you may now submit requests that bridge the two-service to one-service seasons, although you may need to reconcile your event times with the building hour changes that occur with those service seasons. To submit a room reservation request or for more information, go to the [Request-a-Room link](#) on the bottom of the [UUAA website](#). The Room Team, debita graham and Jim McCargar, can be reached by emailing [room@uuaa.org](mailto:room@uuaa.org).

## Registration for Fall Children & Youth SGD Classes

SGD families, get a jump on registration for the 2019-2020 program year! Registering now helps us get working on class lists and sizes. Register by using [this link](#). To see which classes are being offered this year, or to get more information about our program, visit [www.uuaa.org/sgd](http://www.uuaa.org/sgd).

## 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](mailto:bulletin@uuaa.org). Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).

## October Newsletter Deadline

**Saturday, September 21 at 9:00am**

Submissions of 300 words or fewer should be submitted as an attachment in Word format and sent to [newsletter@uuaa.org](mailto:newsletter@uuaa.org). Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries at [hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).

## Building Hours Labor Day Weekend

**Saturday, August 31 | Closed**

**Sunday, September 1 | 9:00am-1:00pm**

**Monday, September 2 | Closed**

## Fall Building Hours Begin Sunday, September 8

**Sunday | 8:30am-4:00pm**

**Monday-Thursday | 9:00am-9:00pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday | 5:00pm-9:00pm**

**Other Fridays | Closed**

**Saturday | 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Office: Monday-Thursday | 9:00am-5:00pm**

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All are invited to Social Hour after each service. We ask that congregants refrain from bringing food or drink into the Sanctuary. Thank you.