



The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, December 1, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Worship December 1 | 9:30am & 11:30am

Claiming Contentment, Joy, and Awe

In a season of anticipation, what does it mean to hold a longing for contentment, joy, and awe? When the world pushes us away from these facets of life, how can we reclaim a sense of grounding and appreciation of the world of which we are a part?"

On the Chancel | Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Rev. Lindasusan Ulrich

SOS Community Services

Today, Social Hour, Sharing the Collection Table

This week's collection will go to SOS Community Services which prevents and ends homelessness for families with children in Washtenaw County, Michigan. Visit their table during Social Hour. Questions? Contact Glenn Kime at glenn@thekimes.com.

Christmas Eve Usher & Greeter Signup

Today, Social Hour, Involvement Table

On Christmas Eve, the UUAA halls and Sanctuary will be bursting with joy. Volunteers are needed to make the celebrations run smoothly and create a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and long-time congregants. If you are interested in ushering or greeting, [use this link](#), or sign up at the Involvement Table during Social Hours on Sundays November 24, December 1, 8, 15. Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

Grocery/Scrip

Today, Social Hour, Grocery Scrip Table

Haven't visited shopwithscrip.com yet? December 5 and 6 is the perfect time. For those two days only, you can pay by credit card without the usual 2.6% processing fee. There will also be special bonuses on some of the 700 retailers available. This is an easy way to give money to UUAA, while purchasing gift cards for yourself or to give away and earning points/miles on your credit card. Please stop by the Scrip Table for more information.

Poinsettias for Sanctuary Decoration

Today, Social Hour, Poinsettia Table

Congregants can donate a poinsettia for Christmas Eve Sanctuary decoration. Give in honor or memory of a loved one, whose name will be printed in an insert to the Order of Service. The cost is \$15 per plant. Place your order using [this link](#) or at the Poinsettia Table during Social Hours before December 1, 8, and 15. You can pick up your plant(s) after the last Christmas Eve service. Questions? Contact Rick Johnson at rrjohnson46@gmail.com.

Mindful Eating

Today, Social Hour, Mindful Eating Table

Stop by the Mindful Eating Table today and learn some things about Regenerative and Biodynamic Agriculture. Two experts spoke on these topics at a presentation Mindful Eating hosted in conjunction with the Ann Arbor District library earlier in the month, entitled: "Agriculture and Climate Change: Can Regenerative and Biodynamic Agriculture Save the Planet?" For more information contact cathymuha@sbcglobal.net.

Protect Palestinian Children

Today, Social Hour, Justice in the Middle East Table

According to UNICEF, 700 Palestinian children every year are subjected to coercive interrogations and physical and verbal abuse in a military detention system that lacks human rights protections. This week, UUA president, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, and 24 other faith community leaders wrote a [letter to Congress](#) supporting H.R. 2407, "Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act." Please sign a postcard asking your representative to co-sponsor the bill. Questions? Contact Mark Jagner at mjagner@yahoo.com.

UUSC Coffee Project

Today, Equal Exchange Coffee Table, Social Hour

The holidays are almost here! It is time to get stocking stuffers and gifts. Support small farm cooperatives globally while helping to fund raise for UUSC social justice programs, and this congregation. Visit our table during Social Hour to choose from fair trade chocolates, coffee, teas, nuts, dried fruits, and Palestinian olive oils. Questions? Contact Ilene Beninson at ilene.beninson@gmail.com.

Senior Dinner Out

Wednesday, December 4, 6:00pm

All are welcome to join UU seniors at Hot Pot Chen (2255 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor). Enjoy good food and conversation—no reservations required—just come! Questions? Contact Marie Duke at omaduke7@gmail.com.

UUAA Humanist Study Groups

Thursday, December 5, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Gather with UU Humanists on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays (2:00pm-4:00pm) and/or 2nd and 4th Mondays (7:00pm-8:30pm) to discuss topics relating to humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science. All are welcome. At Monday's meeting, we will discuss chapter three of Tim Crane's *Meaning of Belief*. It is helpful but not essential to do the reading. Questions? Email blgibb@aol.com about Thursdays' group or hal@breidenbach.net about Mondays.

Vision 20/50 Q & A

Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Do you have questions about Vision 20/50? The Vision 20/50 Leadership Team will be in Fahs Chapel to answer questions and discuss the project, process and timeline. If you'd like to look at a preliminary set of post-it notes gathered from a few early Visioning sessions, register for a session, or complete the online survey, go to the Vision 20/50 webpage at www.uuaa.org/vision.

Friday Fun Night | Winter Fun

Friday, December 6, 6:00pm–9:00pm

A taco bar dinner begins promptly at 6:00pm followed by crafts of the season, Santa's visit, karaoke, Tom's Game Room, decorating the Sanctuary tree, and the kid's movie *Ice Age*. Immigration Action and Challenging Racism will be hosting a craft (butterfly tiles) and a viewing and discussion of *Who is Dayani Cristal?* Don't forget to bring your own place setting if you are able. Questions? Email FridayFunNight@uuaa.org.

Viewing & Discussion of *Who is Dayani Cristal?*

Friday, December 6, 7:00pm–9:00pm

Join UUAA Immigration Action and Challenging Racism for a screening of the award-winning documentary *Who is Dayani Cristal?* This film tells the story of a migrant who found himself in the stretch of desert known as 'the corridor of death' and shows how one life becomes testimony to the tragic results of the U.S. war on immigration. Children and adults are invited to harness their creative talents to create ceramic tiles and drawings for Ann Arbor's #MigrationIsBeautiful Butterfly Project. Questions? Email Cheryl at cheryl.natzmervallentine@gmail.com.

Plant-Powered Family Potluck

Saturday, December 7, noon-2:00pm

Join us for our Vegan Potluck. Bring a plant-based vegan dish without meat, fish, eggs, dairy, honey, or other animal products. Enjoy the company of fellow mindful eaters, share information, and eat delicious food! Please bring your own table service and serving tools. Questions? Contact Sheila Sanders at sheilasanders@comcast.net.

Evening of Sacred Song

Saturday, December 7, 7:00pm

The entire community is invited to the 24th Annual Evening of Sacred Song on December 7, 2019. Sacred Song is a secular, multi-ethnic group of performers who give voice to social change, environmental justice, and to peace. For more information, visit bit.ly/24thSacredSong or contact Lauren Mallas at mllauren@michiganlcv.org.

UUAA Community of Writers' Annual Winter Reading

Sunday, December 8, 1:15pm - 3:00pm

Everyone is invited to begin December with a rich presentation of poems, stories, essays, flash fiction, nonfiction, song, and memoir written and read by members of the UUAA Community of Writers. We hope all find this Reading inspiring. Afterwards everyone is welcome to enjoy coffee, pastries and conversation. Questions? Contact Mary Lund <mlund@mi.rr.com> or Kathy Friedrichs <kamf@umich.edu>.

North AAUUs

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00pm

North AAUUs will meet at the Gibb's (1050 Wall Street, Ann Arbor. Park in the street and buzz 118 for admission to the building.) The Visioning Team will run this meeting. If you plan to attend let us know so the team may prepare. Please email either Al LaRose at albertlarose@att.net or Susan Randall at 622sue@gmail.com. Questions & information: Al LaRose, albertlarose@att.net.

Black Congregants at UUAA Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 7:00pm

Black Congregants@UUAA (formally BLUU) will be holding a closed business meeting on 12/11 at 7pm. The agenda is planning for the Winter Spring Season of community gathering and social justice engagement. Questions? Contact Quiana@uuaa.org.

Mothers and Others

Saturday, December 14, 10:15am-noon

Join our group of caregivers of young children for fellowship, support and friendship! Mothers, fathers, grandparents, foster parents and others are all welcome to join! We typically meet for playgroups in the UUAA nursery on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Please note that there will be no play group on December 28. We will start 2020 with a January 11 meeting. For details, join our email list by emailing Charlene Mangi at Charlene.mangi@gmail.com.

One-Time Chalice Circle for Newcomers to UUAA

Sunday, December 15, 1:00pm–3:00pm

If you are new to UUAA in the past year and would like to delve more deeply into the UU Principles and experience a small group spiritual discussion, join the December Newcomer Chalice from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. Register by Sunday, December 8. If you would like childcare for this event, please register by Monday, December 2. [Register online](#) or email Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

UUA(A) Common Read

This year's UU common read is *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Learn what we are not taught in school about our history with indigenous peoples. Copies are available for loan in the UUAA office. Discussion sessions will be facilitated by UUAA Challenging Racism in 2020. Questions? Contact Kathy at jdkamclean@comcast.net.

Sharing the Collection Could Use Your Help

The Sharing the Collection committee is a small but dedicated team, working behind the scenes to share with the congregation the good work done by a spotlighted non-profit each month. The time commitment three meetings each year plus 2-3 hours monthly in the three months that you "facilitate". We are looking for 1-2 new members to start in January. If interested, contact sharecollection@uuaa.org.

January Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, December 14, 9:00am

Please note the early deadline due to the holidays. Submissions of 300 words or fewer should be sent to newsletter@uuaa.org. Questions? Email Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.

Two-Service Season Building Hours

Sunday | 8:30am-4:00pm

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

1st & 3rd Friday | 5:00pm-9:00pm

Other Fridays | Closed

Saturday | 9:00am-4:00pm

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