



The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, January 6, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Worship January 6 | 9:30am and 11:30am

A Blank New Page

A sense of possibility fills the beginning of each new year. By exploring this month's theme together, we can imagine ourselves into 2019. This Sunday will also include our annual Ritual of Remembrance, which honors members of the congregation who have died in the last year.

On the Chancel | Rev. Cassandra Hartley, Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout

Friends In Deed

Today, Social Hour, Sharing the Collection Table

This week's collection will go to Friends In Deed. Friends In Deed is a refuge for individuals and families having needs such as referrals, car repair, transportation, furniture, beds/cribs, utilities, prescriptions, and storage (for the homeless). Visit the Friends In Deed Table in the Social Hall or visit them online at www.friendsindeedmi.org. Questions? Email Jan Duncan at janetdunc@gmail.com.

UUSC Coffee Project

Today, Social Hour, Fair Trade Table

Support small farm cooperatives globally while helping to fundraise 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.

UUs for Justice in the Middle East: BDS Movement

Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–3:00pm

Join us for a video featuring Omar Barghouti, co-founder and spokesperson for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement (BDS) for Palestinian rights. In 2005, inspired by the South African Anti-Apartheid Movement, Palestinians called for BDS to pressure Israel to comply with international law and human rights principles. What are the goals and strategies of the BDS Movement? Should our congregation adopt a resolution endorsing the BDS Movement? Questions? Contact Mark Jagner at mjagner@yahoo.com.

Immigration Action Coalition (IAC)

Saturday, January 12, 10:00am–11:30am

IAC is moving our monthly meeting to the second Saturday of each month. Come find out the latest about our new sanctuary movement and how to get involved in the immigration community. Questions? Contact Cheryl Valentine at CherylNatzmerValentine@gmail.com.

Ignite (20s & 30s)

Sunday, January 13, 1:00pm–2:00pm

Please join us to "Re-Ignite" the 20s and 30s Group for the new year. We will get to know each other, discuss upcoming activities, and explain how you can get involved in the group. Come if you are already involved or want to be involved. Lunch will be provided. Location to be determined. Questions? Contact Bryan Hart at bryan.t.hart@gmail.com.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 13, 1:00pm

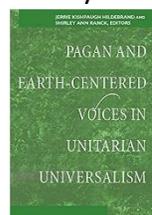
Pursuant to our Bylaws, a congregational meeting will be held after the second service in the Sanctuary. New on the agenda this year are participatory small group discussions. All congregants and UUAA friends are welcome and encouraged to engage in conversation about the future path of our congregation. Business matters will include an update from the Board, the 2019 Budget, and UUAA's Safety Plan. Questions? Email the Board at bot@uuaa.org.

Challenging Racism Book Discussion

Sunday, January 20, 1:00pm–3:00pm

Challenging Racism invites you to discuss the last half of *Centering – Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry*. UU religious professionals of color are usually marginalized in the white congregations they serve, and this book "centers" their experience. It is an essential book for all of us at UUAA to ponder and is an invitation to majority UUs to stand in the shoes of non-majority religious leaders (NMRL). Books are available to borrow in the office. Questions? Contact Edie Croake at ecroake@wccnet.edu.

QUUest Bookstore is open for business every Sunday between services. We carry a series of



Skinner House titles – the "Voices" series, which presents the many paths of Unitarian Universalism. One such is *Pagan and Earth-Centered Voices in Unitarian Universalism*, a collection of 23 "essays by some of the most prominent leaders in Unitarian Universalism Paganism."

One-Time Chalice Circle

Sunday, January 20, 1:15pm–3:00pm

Join a One-Time Chalice Circle. Consistent with this month's worship theme, we will be exploring the topic of "Possibility." Stop by our table during Social Hour to learn more and register, or register via e-mail at chalicecircles@uuaa.org.

Community of Writers Meeting

January 20, 2019, 1:15pm–2:45pm

The Community of Writers January meeting is rescheduled so as not to conflict with the UUA Annual Congregational Meeting. To welcome the new year, write a reflection about the coming year, or write a new piece, or advance a work in progress! Bring a piece to read to the group and request comments as desired. Please keep readings to five minutes or fewer. Questions? Contact Mary Lund at mlund@mi.rr.com or 248-344-4877.

Black Lives of UU (BLUU) Online Worship Watch

Sunday, January 20, 4:00pm

BLUU's online worship service 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 UUs and Black UU-adjacent folks to attend. For our siblings in faith who do not identify as Black, please share this invitation with Black folks in your life and community. While this Black sacred space is not for you, you may know Black people for whom this space would be healing. We look forward to being in beloved community with you. Questions? Contact Quiana Perkins at quiana@uuaa.org.

Wednesday Morning Readers

Wednesday, January 23, 10:00am–noon

Join us in the Jackson Chapel for a discussion of *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks. Questions? Contact Liz Hartley at lizyt48176@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Poor Peoples' Campaign (PPC)

Saturday, January 26, 9:00am–5:00pm

The PPC is gearing up for action in 2019. The Washtenaw County PPC is planning a Moral Fusion Summit at the Brown Chapel AME Church in Ypsilanti. Participation is free. Stop by the Social Justice Table or contact ginnylpreuss@yahoo.com for more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Introduction to Our Faith

Saturday, January 26, 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, January 20. Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

Next Week's Worship

The Power and Possibility of Story

How can story, our own and those of others, help heal, transform, and provide inspiration for our lives? Joining us in the pulpit this Sunday is special guest Ms. Satori Shakoor, a Detroit based artist, storyteller, and social entrepreneur, who is also one of the hosts of the local Ann Arbor Moth. It promises to be an inspiring Sunday that you won't want to miss!

Wednesday Morning Readers

Wednesday, February 27, 10:00am–noon

Wednesday Morning Readers will be discussing the book *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian. All are welcome to join. Questions? Contact Liz Hartley at lizyt48176@gmail.com.

Prison Books

Prison Books is in need of good quality and current paperback books...fiction or non-fiction. Drop off books in the SGD wing donation area outside the library. Donation guidelines: no underlining, highlighting, or yellowing, and current to the last 10 years unless classics. There is a demand for fiction and non-fiction (no romance novels, please). Questions? Contact Phyllis Valentine at pav@umich.edu.

Sunday Social Hour Team

Are you looking for ways to volunteer at UUA in 2019? The Sunday Social Hour Team could use your help setting up Social Hour, resetting for Second Social Hour, or with clean up after Second Social Hour. Typical shifts are half an hour to 45 minutes once a month. Questions? Email Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

December Sharing the Collection

Thank you for your generosity in support of Community Action Network (CAN) on December 2. We collected \$1,574.55 toward CAN's good work. To learn more about CAN and how to volunteer or donate, visit them online at canwashtenaw.org. Questions? Contact Barbara Cherem at barbaracherem@yahoo.com.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Wednesdays at 5:00pm

All 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.

February Newsletter Deadline

Monday, January 21, 9:00am

All submissions of 300 words or fewer should be submitted in Word format and sent to newsletter@uuaa.org. Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.