



# The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, January 13, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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

### 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!

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

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### Alpha House Host Week

#### Today, Social Hour, Alpha House Table

The UUAA Alpha House host week is Monday-Sunday, February 4-10. Alpha House is a shelter for families experiencing homelessness, located on Jackson Road in Ann Arbor. UUAA needs 100 volunteers for our service week and up to \$400 to cover supplies. Sign up or donate money during Social Hour or online at [tinyurl.com/AHFeb19](http://tinyurl.com/AHFeb19). Questions? Contact UUAA Alpha House Coordinators at [alphahouse@uuaa.org](mailto:alphahouse@uuaa.org).

### Grocery/Scrip

#### Today, Social Hour, Scrip Table

Are you still looking to make a New Year's resolution that is easy to keep -- use more scrip! Scrip acts like a gift card; you pay and receive the face value of the card, but UUAA receives a "rebate." We keep several types of cards in stock and can order close to 700 more. Stop by the Scrip Table for more information or to place an order. Questions? Contact Carolyn Barber at [cmbarber@umich.edu](mailto:cmbarber@umich.edu).

### Immigration Action Coalition Coat Collection

#### Today, Drop Off in Coordinators' Office

Responding to a request from Borderland Rainbow Center in El Paso, Texas, UUAA is collecting adult and children's coats for immigrants released by Border Patrol in El Paso. If you have coats in good condition to donate, bring them to the UUAA Coordinator's Office (Hannah and Mark's office) by Monday. Especially needed are children's coats and small and medium adult sizes. Coats will be shipped to El Paso on January 14. Donations for shipping costs and boxes are also needed. Questions? Email Cheryl Valentine at [cherylvalentiner@gmail.com](mailto:cherylvalentiner@gmail.com).

### Mindful Eating Team (MET)

#### Today, Social Hour, Mindful Eating Table

MET is promoting the "joy of cooking" this month by sharing some of our favorite cookbooks and recipes at our table. Stop by to look through cookbooks that have proven to be reliable sources of inspiration and tasty dishes for us. We're also interested in learning about cookbooks that you recommend.

### UUAA Bridge Group

#### Today, Kemnitz Room, 12:45pm–3:45pm

The Kemnitz room will be open for bridge during and after the congregational meeting. No partner is necessary. Questions? Email [kbourdon1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kbourdon1@sbcglobal.net).

### Annual Auction Planning Meeting

#### Today, Sunderland Library, 10:45am–11:30am

It's better to give than to receive – especially when it comes to the auction. Our most popular items are

dinners or other social gatherings. So if you've been channeling your inner Swedish or Thai chef and would like to offer a dinner let us know at [auction@uuaa.org](mailto:auction@uuaa.org), or stop by the library today for our meeting. Questions? Email [annualauction@uuaa.org](mailto:annualauction@uuaa.org).

### Congregational Meeting

#### Today, Sanctuary, 1:00pm–2:30pm

Pursuant to our Bylaws, a congregational meeting will be held after the second service in the Sanctuary. All congregants and UUAA friends are welcome and encouraged to engage in visioning 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 or Trustees at [bot@uuaa.org](mailto:bot@uuaa.org).

### North AAUU

#### Tuesday, January 15, 7:30pm

All are invited to the home of Al and Barbara LaRose (1720 Mershon Drive, Ann Arbor) The topic is Bruce Gibb vs. Francis Fukuyama. Seating is limited. Make your reservations early, by emailing [albertlarose@att.net](mailto:albertlarose@att.net) or calling 734-761-4724.

### Interweave Event

#### Friday, January 18, 6:00pm

Join LGBTQIA people, their families at 6:00pm for dinner at Casablanca (2333 Washtenaw Ave., Ypsilanti) followed by a performance of Out Loud Chorus at 8:00pm at Towsley Auditorium (4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor). If interested in joining us for dinner, RSVP Ronda Hemingway at [hemingwayronda@gmail.com](mailto:hemingwayronda@gmail.com).

### 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 UUers 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](mailto:ecroake@wccnet.edu).

### 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](mailto:chalicecircles@uuaa.org).

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**Community of Writers Meeting****January 20, 2019, 1:15pm–2:45pm**

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](mailto: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 or those Black folks interested in UU to attend. For our siblings in faith who do not identify as Black, please share this invitation with Black folks in your life. Questions? Contact Quiana Perkins at [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto: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 [lizzyt48176@gmail.com](mailto:lizzyt48176@gmail.com). All are welcome.

**UUA Climate Action Group Webinar Call****Thursday, January 24, 7:30pm–9:00pm**

The Climate Action Group invites you to **Water Unites Us**, part of the Environmental Justice Practitioners Network Webinar Series, online in the Jackson Chapel. UU co-ministers emeriti, Reverends Rose Edington and Mel Hoover, will build upon stories and lessons learned from their chapter "Water Unites Us" in the current UUA Common Read, *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and Environment*. Both have long and continuing histories of activism in justice work. Questions? Contact Ruth Mohr at [rmohr@pasty.net](mailto:rmohr@pasty.net).

**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](mailto:ginnylpreuss@yahoo.com) for more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities.

**The Better Men Dialogue****Saturday, January 26, 1:00pm–3:30pm**

What does it mean to be a "man" in today's world? What does the world need from those that identify as men? Join us in the UUA Social Hall for community drumming, panel discussion, and community dialogue exploring these thought-provoking questions. All genders are welcome. We just ask that you bring open minds, open hearts, and a constructive approach. Co-sponsored by the UUA Men's Fellowship, Intentional Living Collective, and Evenstar's Chalice. Please register at [bettermendialogue.eventbrite.com](http://bettermendialogue.eventbrite.com). Questions? Email Bob Hospadaruk at [hospadaruk@gmail.com](mailto:hospadaruk@gmail.com).

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**Next Week's Worship****Mission: Impossibility**

When events or circumstances feel insurmountable, how might we spiritually work with and move through feelings of impossibility?

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**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](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).

**Ignite (20s & 30s)****Sunday, January 27, 1:00pm–2:00pm****(Note the Rescheduled Date Above)**

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](mailto:bryan.t.hart@gmail.com).

**UUA Humanist Study Groups**

Jim Breck will facilitate a discussion of "The Humanist Message," a sermon by Ken Phifer, at both of our next meetings: Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 - 8:30pm and Thursday, January 17, 2:00pm-4:00pm. For questions about the Wednesday group, contact Hal Breidenbach at [hal@breidenbach.net](mailto:hal@breidenbach.net). For questions about the Thursday group, contact Bruce Gibb at [blgibb@aol.com](mailto:blgibb@aol.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](mailto:pav@umich.edu).

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