



The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, April 21, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Worship April 21 | 9:30am and 11:30am

Easter and Earth | *Crafted in Conversation with UUAA's Climate Action Group*

This year, the holy days of Easter and Earth Day are quite near. In the old story of new life, is there hope for the planet?

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

Grocery/Scrip

Today, Social Hour, Scrip Table

If you are looking for an easy way to contribute to the congregation, purchase your scrip cards here. You pay face value and the retailer rebates a portion to UUAA. A \$25 purchase can yield from \$.50 to \$3.75 for UUAA. Questions? Contact Carolyn at cmbarber@umich.edu.

H.O.P.E. Clinic Donation Kick Off

Today, Social Hour, 7th Grade SGD Table

Every year the H.O.P.E. Clinic serves thousands of individuals in south-east Michigan. With dignity and respect and at no cost to their clients, they provide food and social services; medical and dental care; and community behavioral health services while partnering with other agencies to ensure holistic care. Today 7th graders will be handing out lists of items needed for donation and collecting them through May 5. Questions? Email Carli Hildebrandt at cjwhildebrandt@gmail.com.

Organic Community Gardening at UUAA

Today, Social Mindful Eating Table

The community garden located on the UUAA property has been renovated this past fall and spring, and we are ready to enroll a few good gardeners. If you are interested in a small plot for growing your own veggies and flowers organically and very locally, sign up at the Mindful Eating Table during Social Hour. We participate with Food Gatherers in "Plant a Row for the Hungry" to help support food security in Washtenaw County. Questions? Contact Cathy at mysarina@aol.com.

"Culture: It Is All in Your Head"

Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–3:00pm

Forums Advancement Ministry welcomes congregant and organizational psychologist Bruce Gibb and his forum "Culture: It Is All in Your Head." Bruce will define culture, develop a model of UUAA's culture, and consider changes attendees believe can improve the congregation. A Q&A and discussion will follow. Questions? Contact Phil Tuchinsky at phil@tuchinsky.org.

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU)

Online Worship Watch Event

Today, Brown Room, 3:45pm

This worship service is explicitly Black. 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 UU and Black UU adjacent folks to attend. Please respect this event as a Black safe space. Questions? Contact Quiana at quiana@uuaa.org.

Earth Day Sing-Along

Monday, April 22, 7:00pm–8:45pm

Join us for a special list of love songs to the Earth. Let's sing for our Mother! Lyrics and chords will be projected on-screen. Bring your guitars or other instruments. Questions? Email lorifithian@mac.com or call 734-426-7818.

Wednesday Morning Readers

Wednesday, April 24, 10:00am–noon

Join us in the Fahs Chapel for a discussion of Katja Petrowskaja's book *Maybe Esther*. *Maybe Esther* is part memoir and a search for the author's ancestors. Questions? Contact Liz at lizzyt48176@gmail.com.

Environmental Justice Practitioners Network

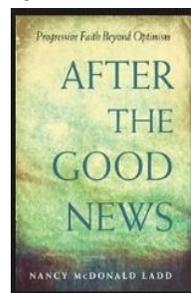
Thursday, April 25, 7:30pm–9:00pm

Join Climate Action in the Young Room for the online webinar, "A Conversation with Members of Lummi Nation & Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship." Special guests, Fred Lane (Lummi Nation Tribal Council member) and Dr. Kurt Russo (Senior Strategist, Lummi Nation Sovereignty and Treaty Protection Office), will build upon stories shared in *Justice on Earth*. They will also speak with us about their recent campaign and totem pole journey to [Bring \(Salish Sea Orca\) Tokitae Home](#). All are welcome. Questions? Email rmohr@pasty.net.

Mothers and Others | For Caregivers of Young Children **Saturdays, April 27 & May 11, 10:15am–11:15am**

This growing group connects parents, guardians, and other caregivers of young children for support and fellowship. Join us for playdates in the nursery on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Join our Facebook group by searching UUAA Mothers and Others and join our email list to find other opportunities to connect. We hope to see you! Questions? Email Arika at arika.grace@gmail.com or Charlene at charlene.mangi@gmail.com.

QUest 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

2019 Annual Men's Dinner**Saturday, April 27, 6:00pm–9:00pm**

Join us for the Annual Men's Dinner catered by The Moveable Feast. John Preston will present "Becoming the Man My Dog Thinks I Am," a talk that combines wit and wisdom to give each of us new perspectives on how to become a person who likes himself, relates to others better, and has a firmer foundation for romantic relationships. The talk will be followed by small-group discussions. The \$30 tickets, covering full dinner and soft drinks, can be purchased in advance at the Men's Council Table during Social Hour. Questions? Email Pat Herbst at pg Herbst@umich.edu.

Mindful Eating: Farm Project Forum**Sunday, April 28, 1:00pm–1:45pm**

Who is Farmer Bill, and why do we plant and tend gardens on his property? Spoiler alert - it all benefits Food Gatherers! Join us in the Fahs Chapel as we prepare for our 8th season in the fight against hunger in Washtenaw County. Meet Farmer Bill, learn about our project, and find out what's new this year. Farm volunteers and the just plain curious are all welcome! Snacks will be served. Questions? Contact Colleen Crawley ccrawley59@gmail.com.

One-Time Chalice Circle**Sunday, April 28, 1:15pm–3:00pm**

Sign up for a one-time Chalice Circle. Chalice Circles are small discussion groups where participants practice deep listening and make connections through sharing experiences and thoughts. This month's theme is exploring the topic of "Wholeness." To register or learn more, email chalicecircles@uuaa.org.

ACLU Talk by Michael Steinberg**Sunday, April 28, 4:30pm–6:00pm**

Michael Steinberg, Legal Director of ACLU of Michigan, will speak about the ACLU's recent work on civil liberties and social justice. Whether it is asylum, immigration, LGBTQ, reproduction, same sex adoption, or other rights that we UUs value so highly, the ACLU is in the forefront of the fight. This event is sponsored by the UUAU Planned Giving Team. Furthering social justice is a central UU value. Share your values across generations. Remember UUAU in your estate plan. Questions? Email plannedgiving@uuaa.org.

Babies and Bailouts | Watch Party & Donation Drive**Sunday, April 28, 7:00pm**

UUAU and BLUU invite the congregation to Babies and Bailouts -- End Money Bail Live Panel Watch Party and Donation Drive in the Fahs Chapel. The End Money Bail Panel will educate on the money bail system, including a post-panel discussion and a donation drive in support of families impacted by mass incarceration. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with this event. If you are able to volunteer or have questions, email quiana@uuaa.org.

Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group**Wednesday, May 1, 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.

Next Week's Worship**Every Body's Church** | *Crafted in conversation with UUAU's Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM)*

Our welcome must grow each time our community does. Where are our growing edges in building the church for every body?

Climate Action Forum**Sunday, May 5, 1:00pm–2:30pm**

The Climate Action Group invites you to a forum about The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, now before Congress, and The Green New Deal. We will present the rationale for and the national impact of this legislation designed to drastically reduce the use of fossil fuels and to incentivize the use of renewable energy sources, minimizing the effects of runaway global warming. It will recommend specific congregant actions to advance the legislation. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Tom Bauld at bauldt@comcast.net.

Climate Crisis Action Group**Friday, May 10, 6:45pm Doors Open**

Join Climate Action in the Sanctuary for a viewing of the 2018 documentary *The Reluctant Radical*, followed by a Zoom Q&A with the activist featured in the film, Ken Ward. "There are many fronts in the vast climate fight; this film highlights the personal struggles and victories of one daring path." Bill McKibben, Founder, 350.org. To allow for as much time as possible for the Q&A, the film will begin promptly at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Questions? Contact RMohr@Pasty.net.

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.

Green Building Committee (GBC)

As Earth Day 2019 rings clear its message this year, UUAU's Green Building Committee announces its plan to complete the installation of additional solar panels on the UUAU roof over Social Hall, each in the name of those who've donated a new panel. If any congregant wishes to add a panel in either their name or another's, take this opportunity to submit the donation form on UUAU website or as printed in the brochure rack by main entrance. Let's make it a solar world! Questions? Email Dave at dave@homelandsolar.com.

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.