



The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, December 8, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Worship December 8 | 9:30am & 11:30am

Little Miracles

An expansive meditation for unsung blessings, everyday miracles.

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

Christmas Eve Usher & Greeter Signup

Today, Social Hour, Involvement Table

On Christmas Eve, the UUAA will be bursting with joy. Volunteers are needed to 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. We especially need 9:00pm ushers. Questions? Email Hannah@uuaa.org.

Grocery/Scrip

Today, Social Hour, Grocery Scrip Table

Need a little something to give over the holidays but don't know what? We have the answer--scrip cards! We carry several popular cards at the table, but you can also place a special order from more than 700 retailers. If you order by noon, Monday the 16, you will have your physical card(s) by the 22nd. Many now offer electronic (emailed) cards, too. Stop by during Social Hour to make a purchase. Questions? Email cmbarber@umich.edu.

Poinsettias for Sanctuary Decoration

Today, Social Hour, Poinsettia Table

Congregants can donate a poinsettia for Sanctuary decoration. Give in honor or memory of a loved one, whose name will appear on an insert to the Order of Service. The cost is \$15 per plant. Order using [this link](#) or at the Poinsettia Table by December 15. You can pick up your plant(s) after the last Christmas Eve service. Questions? Contact Rick at rjohnson46@gmail.com.

Mindful Eating

Today, Social Hour, Mindful Eating Table

Mindful Eating Team will display ideas for locally sourced food-related gift baskets for the holidays. Baskets will feature Michigan fruits, breakfast goodies, homemade spaghetti sauce and pasta fagioli, and much more. We will have samples to taste. Questions? Email rockettmerrill@aol.com.

Sponsor a Family for the Holidays Drop Off

Today, Social Hour, Sponsor a Family Table

Please remember to bring your gifts to UUAA today. Drop off will be at the Sponsor a Family Table during Social Hour. Questions? Email Ilene at ilene.beninson@gmail.com or Frankie Moore at fmoore@canannarbor.org.

UUSC Coffee Project

Today, Social Hour, Equal Exchange Coffee Table

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? Email ilene.beninson@gmail.com.

Auction Planning Meeting

Today, Kemnitz Room, 10:45am–11:30am

Is there going to be an auction in 2020? Oui! Do we have a date? Bien sur! It will be on March 21. We even have a theme – “An Evening in Paris.” Join us. Questions? Email auction@uuaa.org.

2020 Womyn's Retreat Meeting

Today, Brown Room, 10:00am–11:15am

Join the planning committee for the 2020 Womyn's Retreat. This event is for all who identify as women in a way that is significant to them. The retreat features workshops, small and large groups, and personal connection. Questions? Contact: Judi Lintott at jlintott@comcast.net or 734-352-7285.

UUAA Bridge Group

Today, Kemnitz Room, 12:30pm–3:45pm

Come play bridge with the UUAA Bridge Group. We will start with a lesson. All intermediate and up players welcome. Questions? Email kbourdon1@comcast.net.

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.

UUAA Humanist Study Groups

Monday, December 9, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Thursday, December 19, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Join UUAA Humanists to discuss topics relating to philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science. All are welcome. At Monday's meeting, we will discuss Tim Crane's *Meaning of Belief*. It is helpful but not essential to do the reading. There will be no meeting Monday, December 23. Questions? Email blgibb@aol.com about Thursdays' group or hal@breidenbach.net about Monday's group.

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 @ UUAA Business Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 7:00pm**

Black Congregants @ UUAA (formally BLUU) will be holding a closed business meeting. 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.

Detroit Handbell Ensemble Concert

Saturday, December 14, 4:00pm

Come experience the joy of handbell music in a concert performed by the renowned Detroit Handbell Ensemble. This is a free concert that will be held in the Sanctuary. The ensemble will perform a variety of holiday-inspired music on handbells and handchimes. Come and celebrate the holidays with a joyful concert for friends and family. All are welcome. Sponsored by the UUAA Music Team. Questions? Contact theresa rohlck at theresa@uuaa.org.

Pastoral Care Card Making

Sunday, December 15, PC Card Making Table

Pastoral Care is hosting a card making party in the Social Hall Sunday, December 15 after each service! Those who want to write a card to homebound congregants, or to those who have experienced a loss over the past year, are welcome! Names, addresses, and supplies will be provided. Questions? Email Quiana@uuaa.org.

Black Congregants @ UUAA and POC Potluck

Sunday, December 15, 1:00pm–3:00pm

Multicultural Outreach, Black Congregants @UUAA (formally BLUU), and People of Color (POC) are hosting a winter potluck. We will use email for meal planning and to share additional event details. Not sure you are on the email list? Send a note to Quiana@uuaa.org. This is a special holiday gathering for all those who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) + non BIPOC partners and parents! Questions about the event and who can attend? Email Quiana@uuaa.org.

Wednesday Morning Readers

Wednesday, December 18, 10:00am–noon

We will be meeting in Fahs Chapel to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Our January book selection is Toni Morrison's 1988 Pulitzer Prize winner for Fiction, *Beloved*. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Liz Hartley at lizyt48176@gmail.com.

Womyn's Sisterhood Social

Friday, December 20, 6:00pm

Meet at Zamaan Café (3580 Plymouth Rd. near US-23) for a quick dinner. At 7:00pm, join us for the 7th Annual Solstice Singalong with Lori Fithian and friends at the Green Wood Church of FUMC (1001 Green Rd., Ann

Arbor). If you're on the Womyn's Community email list, watch for details in your inbox or find details at the Womyn's Community Table in the Social Hall on Sundays. Questions? Contact Judi Lintott at 734-352-7285 or jlintott@comcast.net.

Pastoral Care Thank You Cookies

Sunday, December 22, Pastoral Care Table

Pastoral Care at UUAA has grown over the last year. We have a thriving network that supports all congregants in times of need and joy. We want to thank all those who have completed an act of care in these last few months. Come grab a volunteer thank-you cookie on Sunday December 22, 2019 at the Pastoral Care Table (along the courtyard windows) between services in the Social Hall. Questions? Email Quiana@uuaa.org.

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.

Additional Visioning Sessions and Online Survey

Bring your perspectives to the table as we clarify UUAA priorities via our Vision 20/50 process and answer, "How can we best use our energy, talents, time, money, classrooms, 46 acres ..." Sign up at the Social Hall Vision 20/50 Table, or go [online](http://uuaa.org/vision) (uuaa.org/vision) to choose a session convenient for you. If you absolutely cannot make an in-person appearance there is an [online survey](#) you can access through uuaa.org/vision on the website.

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.

Submission Deadline for a Combined Edition

December 22, 29, & January 5 Bulletin

Tuesday, December 17, 9:00am

Please note that there will be one Bulletin for these three Sundays. This is a 3-Sunday Bulletin. So if you have an event in early January that needs to be advertised, a submission should be sent by December 17 at 9:00am.

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