



The Weekly Bulletin | February 9, 2020

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Worship Services | 9:30am & 11:30

After Shock: Living Loss, Living Found

After tragedy and loss comes to life, after their pains break our hearts, after their memories distance us from trust and balance, after we survive, our next decisions decide how we are rebuilt. What does it mean to re-member a broken heart? Can we re-pair ourselves with trust and balance from a distance so far?

On the Chancel | Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Allison Halerz

One-Time Chalice Circle Signup

Today, Social Hour, Chalice Circle Table

Sign up for a one-time Chalice Circle offered on Sunday, February 23 from 1:15pm–3:00pm. Chalice Circles are small discussion groups where participants practice deep listening and make connections through sharing experiences, thoughts, and feelings. Stop by during Social Hour to learn more and register, or register via email at chalicecircles@uuaa.org.

Grocery/Scrip

Today, Social Hour, Grocery/Scrip Table

Scrip is a way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards. UUAAs purchase the cards at a reduced price, you pay (and receive) the face value. Stop by the Scrip Table for more information about the 700+ retailers or to make a purchase. Questions? Email cmbarber@umich.edu.

Habitat for Humanity's 2020 Women Build

Today, Social Hour, Habitat for Humanity Table

We are assembling a team to contribute (wo)man power for Habitat's annual Women Build. This project is by women for women. Each year a house is renovated for a woman-led local family in need and lifted up by the work of local women. Stop by our table for more details. No construction experience is necessary! Questions? Email habitat@uuaa.org.

UUSC Coffee Project

Today, Social Hour, Fair Trade Coffee Table

Get fair trade chocolates, coffee, teas, nuts, dried fruit, or olive oil for your valentine. Support small farm cooperatives globally while helping to fundraise for UUSC social justice programs and this congregation. Questions? Contact Ilene Beninson at ilene.beninson@gmail.com.

Denominational Connections Team

Today, Jackson Chapel, 1:00pm–3:00pm

Join the Denominational Connections Team in Jackson Chapel to view last year's General Assembly Sunday worship service. Learn about General Assembly (GA) What's it about? Where and when is it this year? How can I become a voting delegate? Questions? Email jdkamclean@comcast.net.

Socially Responsible Investing (SRI)

Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–2:15pm

Are you investing in faceless corporations that are possibly doing things with your money that don't align with your values? Join us in Fahs Chapel for a presentation by Angela Barbash, Chartered SRI Counselor. Angela will cover trends in Socially Responsible Investing, breaking down some of the basic

terminology, and sharing website and video resource links. Questions? Contact Cathy Muha at cathymuha@sbcglobal.net.

UU Bridge Group

Today, Kemnitz Room, at 12:30pm–3:45pm

All are welcome to a short bridge lesson and then to play bridge. Questions? Contact Karen at kbourdon1@sbcglobal.net.

UUA Humanist Study Groups

Mondays, February 10 & 24, 7:00pm–8:30pm

Thursday, February 20, 2:00pm–4:00pm

A lively group of humanists has been meeting for over 20 years at UUA, gathering on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and/or 1st and 3rd Thursdays to discuss topics relating to humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, science, and more. All are welcome. Questions about Thursdays? Contact Bruce Gibb at blgibb@aol.com. Questions about Mondays? Contact Hal Breidenbach at hal@breidenbach.net

North AAUU Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 7:00pm

Join the North AAUU Group at Bob Reed's in the Meadows, Glacier Hills, 4001 Glacier Hills Dr. Tell of a place that was meaningful to you and why. Questions? Email Al LaRose at albertlarose@att.net.

Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM)

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30pm–8:00pm

You can join us at UUA or from any computer or mobile device at <https://zoom.us/j/605943131>. If you're not familiar with Zoom and you'd like to do a test run, feel free to email Monica Cochran at monica@learningwithoutborders.com. She can set up a time do a test run with you. Questions? Email AIM at aim@uuaa.org.

Trans Inclusion in Congregations 3-Session Workshop
February, 15, 29, & March 28, 10:00am–1:30pm

Welcome Ministries and Interweave invite you to a three-session workshop designed by the [Transforming Hearts Collective](#). This workshop features online presentations followed by discussion, focusing on gender roles and the experiences of transgender people. We ask that you commit to all three sessions as the sessions build upon one another. If you are interested in digging deep and expanding welcoming practices in UU congregations, [register here](#) or email hannah@uuaa.org.

Join a New Womyn's Circle—Meet Up
Saturday, February 15, 11:00am–1:00pm

All UUA Womyn interested in joining/forming a new Womyn's Circle are invited to a Meet & Greet at UUA. Womyn throughout history have gathered in circles to empower each other and share wisdom and support. Some Womyn's Circles at UUA have been together for more than 20 years! This gathering will provide information about Circles and offer help in starting a new group. Questions? Contact Pat Kuessner at pkuessner07@comcast.net.

Introduction to Our Faith
Saturday, February 15, 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. 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 or in the Newcomer Welcome Room during Social Hour. Registration deadline is Sunday, February 9. Questions? Email Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

Restorative Justice and Jackson Social Welfare Fund
Sunday, February 16, 1:00pm–2:15pm

Restorative Justice advocates for alternatives to incarceration and helps those incarcerated heal. Jackson Social Welfare Fund has supported many of the community programs that promote restorative justice practices including the [American Friends Service Committee Michigan Criminal Justice Program](#). Join us in Fahs Chapel as we learn about the Good Neighbor Project from Demetrius Titus, Program Associate, and Natalie Holbrook, Executive Director of AFSC. This program pairs up community participants with those incarcerated serving life or long indeterminate sentences in a co-mentoring relationship. Questions? Email Carolyn Madden at cgmadden@gmail.com.

Community of Writers
Sunday, February 16, 1:00pm–2:30pm

You are invited to bring a writing to read. We will continue sharing our personal writing goals for the new year. If someone has not begun a new writing, another piece can be read to the group. As time allows, group activities suggested by members also will be discussed. If you're interested in leading the March meeting, please volunteer at the February meeting. Questions? Contact Mary Lund, mlund@mi.rr.com

Womyn's Sisterhood Social
Friday, February 21, 6:00pm–9:00pm

If you've never been to a Sisterhood Social, this is the perfect time to give it a try! Sisterhood Socials are casual events on the third Friday of each month that provide a warm and welcoming opportunity to get to know more women at UUA. Please bring food to share for potluck dinner. This social will be held at 1149 Lester Ave., Ypsilanti. RSVP to hostess Lorrie Carbone at 734-883-0072 or lorrie.carbone@gmail.com.

TrUU Hope (LGBTQIA+ Youth) at UUA in February
Friday, February 21, 6:00pm–9:00pm

Join us for Movie Night! We will be viewing *But I'm A Cheerleader*. Siblings, friends, and allies are welcome to the movie. Questions? Email hollyferrise@gmail.com.

Viewing & Discussion of *Healing Justice*
Sunday, February 23, 1:00pm–3:30pm

Join us! The Challenging Racism and Restorative Justice groups are showing all three segments of the documentary *Healing Justice*. This film introduces the Restorative Justice approach and how it impacts people in the criminal justice system: reducing recidivism, addressing life-long trauma, and moving toward "justice for all." Note: this is scheduled for 2.5 hours to allow viewing and discussion of all segments together. Questions? Contact Kathy Friedrichs at kamf@umich.edu.

Wednesday Morning Readers
Wednesday, February 26, 10:00am–noon

Political Tribes by Amy Chua is Wednesday Morning Readers' next book selection. Join us for a discussion in the Fahs Chapel. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Liz Hartley at lizzyt48176@gmail.com.

2020 Womyn's Retreat—Workshop Proposal Deadline
Saturday, March 7, 2020

The UUA Womyn's Retreat (taking place October 2-4) is a collaborative effort of wonderful volunteers. The committee is now calling for the next wave of volunteers – potential workshop presenters – to submit proposals for 90-minute workshops that fit within the theme "Self Compassion: Discovering Joy." All proposals will be reviewed by the full committee. Submitting a proposal does not guarantee that your session will be selected. Send your proposal(s) of approximately 300 words by March 7 to Retreat Co-Chair Michele Zmich at zmich@umich.edu.

Jackson Social Welfare Fund

The Jackson Social Welfare Fund (JSWF) Committee awards grants yearly to projects advancing the First Amendment to the Constitution and promoting reason and understanding to peacefully solve conflicts. The 2020 Request for Proposals is available on the UUA website or by contacting co-chairs Kyla Boyse and Chris Pellar-Kosbar at JSWF@uuaa.org. If you have questions, please email JSWF@uuaa.org. Proposals are due by 5:00pm, Monday, March 23, 2020. We expect to award \$30,500 in grants this year, and will notify recipients of award decisions by the end of May.

Sharing the Collection | February 2020

Thank you for your generosity on February 2. We collectively contributed \$2,576.86 toward the good work of Peace Neighborhood Center. To learn about other ways to contribute to Peace Neighborhood Center, visit them online at <https://peaceneighborhoodcenter.org>. Questions? Contact Jan Duncan at janetdunc@gmail.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.

February Building Closure
Monday, February 17

In observance of Presidents' Day, UUA will be closed.