



The Weekly Bulletin | February 16, 2020

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

February 16, 2020

Worship Services | 9:30am & 11:30

"...Everything You Got..."¹

Resiliency in love.

¹ Gary Portnoy, *Where everybody knows your name*

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

Auction Tickets and Donations

Today, Social Hour, Auction Table

Bonjour, mes amis! Today is the day we start selling tickets and accepting donations for our "An Evening in Paris" themed auction that will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at UUAA. It will be magnifique! Bob and Beth Hospadaruk are staffing the Auction Table today so stop by, s'il vous plait.

Questions? Email auction@uuaa.org.

Grocery/Scrip

Today, Social Hour, Grocery/Scrip Table

Have you tried eGift cards or reloads from one of the 400+ retailers available from shopwithscrip.com? If you've set up an online account, you can purchase eGift cards on your phone at the checkout. You can reload a gas card right at the pump before gassing up. Need a quick gift? Print right from home or send it as an email gift! Stop by the Scrip Table for more information.

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.

Partner Church | Transylvania Travel Survey

Today, Social Hour, Partner Church Table

Visit our table during Social Hour and fill out a general travel questionnaire about traveling to Transylvania. We are looking at travel in a new way and need your input. Whether you've already traveled with us or are just thinking about it, we want to hear from you. If you can't stop by the table today, email partnerchurch@uuaa.org to receive a copy of the survey.

Letters for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Holders

Today, Social Hour, Social Justice Table

Individuals with Temporary Protected Status typically have lived in the United States for decades with authorization. This administration wants to eliminate their authorization and deport them. The SECURE Act is being considered in the Senate to provide permanent residence to TPS holders. Join a letter writing campaign to encourage our Senators to support the bill. Stop by the Social Justice Table or email iac@uuaa.org.

Vision 20/50: Focusing UUAA's Work Priorities

Ranking Poll Deadline, Today, February 16

What issues should UUAA work on? Visioning sessions produced several possible areas of engagement, and

the next step is for our community to weigh in and help sharpen our focus. If you have not submitted your priorities yet, or if you used the online poll at the January 26th meeting and aren't sure your responses were recorded, [use this link](#) to access the ranking form online version or printable PDF version. Questions? Visit the 20/50 Vision Table during Social Hour or email vision@uuaa.org.

Restorative Justice & Jackson Social Welfare Fund

Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–2:15pm

Restorative Justice advocates for alternatives to incarceration and helps those incarcerated. Jackson Social Welfare Fund has supported community programs that promote restorative justice practices including the [American Friends Service Committee Michigan Criminal Justice Program](#). Join us 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 at cgmadden@gmail.com.

Community of Writers

Today, Kemnitz Room, 1:00pm–2:30pm

You are invited to bring a writing to read. We will share our personal writing goals. 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? Email Mary at mlund@mi.rr.com.

UUAA Humanist Study Groups

Thursday, February 20, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Monday, February 24, 7:00pm–8:30pm

A lively group of humanists has been meeting for over 20 years at UUAA, 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.

Womyn's Sisterhood Social

Friday, February 21, 6:00pm–9:00pm

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 UUAA. Please bring food to share for a 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) Movie Night
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. Questions? Email hollyferrise@gmail.com.

Mothers and Others

Saturday, February 22, 10:15am—11:30am

Caregivers of young children are invited to join for fellowship, support, and friendship! We are looking to change our group's name to something more inclusive and need your ideas. We meet for playgroups in the UUAA nursery on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Join our email list by emailing Charlene.mangi@gmail.com.

One-Time Chalice Circle Signup

Sunday, February 23, 1:00pm-3:00pm

There is one remaining spot in the One-Time February Chalice Circle. Chalice Circles are small discussion groups where participants practice deep listening and make connections through sharing experiences, thoughts, and feelings. To register, email at chalicecircles@uuaa.org.

Lessons from the Border

Sunday, February 23, 1:00pm—2:30pm

Unity Group's Curiosity, Conversation, and Covenant Series offers "Lessons from the Border" presented by UUAA South West Border delegation teams. They will share stories and conversation inspired by personal experiences in southern Arizona and Nogales, Sonora (Mexico). A fabulous slideshow will hopefully encourage congregants to participate in the November 2020 trip that will be led by Senior Minister Manish Mishra-Marzetti. Questions? Email unitygroup@uuaa.org.

Viewing & Discussion of *Healing Justice*

Sunday, February 23, 1:00pm—3:30pm

Join us! The Challenging Racism and Restorative Justice groups are showing 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 UUAA 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.

Next Week's Worship

When you do it again and they say no...¹

How resilience and resistance relate and cross-fertilize in the wider world, across the generations.

¹ Marge Piercy, *The Low Road*

Board Q&A on Resolutions Guidelines

Sunday, March 8, 1:00pm—3:00pm

A Q&A session on the proposed procedures for bringing resolutions to a vote by the congregation will be held in the Fahs Chapel. The current draft of the procedures has been reviewed by the Social Justice Council, the UUAA staff, and the Board of Trustees. We are now soliciting feedback from anyone in the congregation who would like to comment. You can [download or view the draft Guidance document by following this link](#). Comments can be sent to governance@uuaa.org or brought to the March 8 meeting.

Diaper Drive

February & March

Contribute to the Diaper Drive to benefit families in need in Washtenaw County. This drive is sponsored by UUAA Challenging Racism Group for Washtenaw County Health Dept./Children's Special Health Services & Maternal Infant Health Program. Drop off donations to the inside main entrance to UUAA. Questions? Contact Kathy at jdkamclean@comcast.net.

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 UUAA website or by contacting co-chairs Kyla Boyse and Chris Pellar-Kosbar at JSWF@uuaa.org. Proposals are due by 5:00pm, March 23. We expect to award \$30,500 in grants, and will notify recipients of award decisions by the end of May.

Prison Books Volunteer Opportunities

Prison Books Program needs volunteers for Sunday, February 23, 3:30pm for a book pickup at Ann Arbor Library Main Branch. During the week (day and time to be arranged) there is an opportunity to do a children's book delivery to the Washtenaw County Jail waiting room. The Prison Books Program needs medium-sized boxes. Please drop boxes off at UUAA. Contact prisonbooks@uuaa.org to let us know if you can help.

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.

March Newsletter Deadline

Friday, February 21, 9:00am

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.

February Building Closure

Monday, February 17

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