



The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, November 24, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Worship November 24 | 9:30am & 11:30am

Practice What We Preached

Can we attend whole truths, even in the broken places? Can we resist oversimplification, refuse to cast off the inconvenient, move deeper than guilt? Can we remember the horrible truths, revive the gift of gratitude, and censor neither? Preparing today's Unitarian Universalist for another day of Thanksgiving.

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

Alpha House Thanksgiving Host Week Signup Today, Social Hour, Alpha House Table

UUAA Alpha House host week is November 25-December 1. Alpha House is a shelter for families experiencing homelessness. UUAA needs 100 volunteers and \$400 to cover supplies. Sign up at tinyurl.com/AH1019 or sign up/donate funds during Social Hour. Questions? Email alphahouse@uuaa.org.

Apple Dumplings for Sale

Today, Social Hour, Apple Dumpling Table

YRUU is selling apple dumplings! You can buy a pack of two frozen dumplings for \$5, or you can purchase a warm dumpling and a scoop of ice cream, also for \$5. Proceeds go to buying holiday gifts for families through Peace Neighborhood Center.

Grocery/Scrip

Today, Social Hour, Grocery Scrip Table

Are you prepared for Black Friday and Cyber Monday? If you have not yet created a shopwithscrip.com account, now is the perfect time. You can purchase electronic gift cards from many of your favorite retailers as scrip now and use them to make your purchases. An easy way is to use smile.amazon.com, fill your cart, go to shopwithscrip.com, buy scrip now, then go check out. Stop by the Scrip Table for more information. Questions? Contact Carolyn at cmbarber@umich.edu.

Mindful Eating

Today, Social Hour, Mindful Eating Table

Stop by the Mindful Eating Table today and learn some things about Regenerative and Biodynamic Agriculture. Two experts spoke on these topics at a presentation Mindful Eating hosted in conjunction with the Ann Arbor District library earlier in the month, entitled: "Agriculture and Climate Change: Can Regenerative and Biodynamic Agriculture Save the Planet?" For more information contact cathymuha@sbcglobal.net

One-Time Chalice Circle Signup

Today, Social Hour, Chalice Circle Table

Sign up for a one-time Chalice Circle offered on Sunday, November 24, 1:15pm–3:00pm. Chalice Circles are small discussion groups where participants practice deep listening and make connections through sharing experiences, thoughts, and feelings. Consistent with this month's worship theme, we will be exploring the topic of "attention." Visit our table to learn more and register or register via email at chalicecircles@uuaa.org.

Protect Palestinian Children

Today, Social Hour, Justice in the Middle East Table

According to UNICEF, 700 Palestinian children every year are subjected to coercive interrogations and physical and verbal abuse in a military detention system that lacks human rights protections. This week, UUA president, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, and 24 other faith community leaders wrote a [letter to Congress](#) supporting H.R. 2407, "Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act." Please sign a postcard asking your representative to co-sponsor the bill. Questions? Contact Mark Jagner at mjagner@yahoo.com

UUSC Coffee Project

Today, Equal Exchange Coffee Table, Social Hour

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? Contact Ilene Beninson at ilene.beninson@gmail.com.

Vision 20/50 Small Group Sessions | Sign Up Today

Today, Social Hour, Vision 20/50 Table

Bring your perspectives to the table as we clarify UUAA priorities through our Vision 20/50 process and answer, "How can we best use our energy, talents, time, money, classrooms, 46 acres ... over the next several years?" Join the 140 participants so far in this process by signing up at the Vision 20/50 Table during Social Hour or go [online](http://uuaa.org/vision) (uuaa.org/vision) to choose from sessions offered now through December 16. Volunteers to complete the process are needed. Volunteers can sign up in the Social Hall. Questions? Email johnstonecommunications@gmail.com.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Today, Sanctuary, 6:30pm–8:30pm

Join an interfaith celebration of Thanksgiving hosted by the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County. The theme is "Appreciating Joy in Our Lives." A wide array of spiritually oriented people will give thanks with inspirational music, carefully considered thoughts, and brief reports from a wide variety of faith traditions and community-building endeavors. Open house begins at 6:30pm; the service begins at 7:00pm with light refreshments to follow. Donations will be accepted for Interfaith Round Table, and non-perishable food will be collected to help those in need in our community.

UUAA Humanist Study Groups

Monday, November 25, 7:00pm–8:30pm

Thursday, December 5, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Gather with UU Humanists on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays (2:00pm–4:00pm) and/or 2nd and 4th Mondays (7:00pm–8:30pm) to discuss topics relating to humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science. All are welcome. At Monday's meeting, we will discuss chapter three of Tim Crane's *Meaning of Belief*. It is helpful but not essential to do the reading. Questions? Email blgibb@aol.com about Thursdays' group or hal@breidenbach.net about Mondays.

Conflict Management: Talking Across the Divide

Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–3:00pm

Join us for part 2 of Conflict Management even if you did not attend part 1. Explore roots of division and polarization, and how to disagree and remain in covenant. Presented by Reese Havlatka, UM Office of Student Conflict Management. Sponsored by the Unity Group. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Email johnstonecommunications@gmail.com.

Vision 20/50 Q & A

Sunday, December 1, 1:00pm–2:30pm

Do you have questions about Vision 20/50? The Vision 20/50 Leadership Team will be in Fahs Chapel to answer questions and discuss the project, process and timeline. If you'd like to look at a preliminary set of post-it notes gathered from a few early Visioning sessions, go to the Vision 20/50 webpage at www.uuaa.org/vision.

Friday Fun Night | Winter Fun

Friday, December 6, 6:00pm–9:00pm

A taco bar dinner begins promptly at 6:00pm followed by crafts of the season, a visit from Santa, karaoke, Tom's Game Room, decorating the Sanctuary tree, and the children's movie *Ice Age*. Immigration Action and Challenging Racism will be hosting a craft (butterfly tiles) and a viewing and discussion of *Who is Dayani Cristal?* Don't forget to bring your own place setting if you are able. Questions? Email FridayFunNight@uuaa.org.

Viewing & Discussion of *Who is Dayani Cristal?*

Friday, December 6, 7:00pm–9:00pm

Join UUAA Immigration Action and Challenging Racism for a screening of the award-winning documentary *Who is Dayani Cristal?* "This film tells the story of a migrant who found himself in the stretch of desert known as 'the corridor of death' and shows how one life becomes testimony to the tragic results of the U.S. war on immigration." Children and adults are invited to harness their creative talents to create ceramic tiles and drawings for Ann Arbor's #MigrationIsBeautiful Butterfly Project. Questions? Email Cheryl at cheryl.natzmervallentine@gmail.com.

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.

Arts and Aesthetics

Enjoy the art of Sabine Krummel. Sabine lives in a small town near South Haven. She has attended UUAA several times and says she feels a strong affinity with our values and spirit. Sabine's paintings will be with us for the month of a November. Some are available for purchase. Questions? Email barbaraoliverhall@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve Usher & Greeter Signup

On Christmas Eve, the UUAA halls and Sanctuary will be bursting with joy. Volunteers are needed to make the celebrations run smoothly and 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 during Social Hours on Sundays November 24, December 1, 8, 15. Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.

UUA(A) Common Read

Join this year's UU common read, *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Learn what we are not taught in school about our history with indigenous peoples. Copies are available for loan in the UUAA office. Look for discussion sessions facilitated by UUAA Challenging Racism starting in 2020. Questions? Contact Kathy at jdkamclean@comcast.net.

Sharing the Collection Benefiting Alpha House

Thank you for your generosity on February 3. We collectively contributed \$2,471.66 toward the good work of the IHN/Alpha House. To learn about ways to contribute visit them online at <https://www.alphahouse-ihn.org/>. Questions? Contact Glenn Kime glenn@thekimes.com at glenn@thekimes.com.

Registration for General Assembly Now Open

Wednesday-Sunday, June 24–28, 2020

General Assembly (GA) is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists for conducting business of the Association, exploring the theological underpinnings of our faith, and leaning fully into our mission and principles. Please join us in Providence, Rhode Island for this 5-day immersive experience themed *Rooted, Inspired & Ready!* For more information, [click here](#).

December 1 Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Monday, November 25, 5:00pm

Please note the early deadline due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Submissions of 90 words or fewer should be sent to bulletin@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.

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

Office: Monday-Thursday | 9:00am–5:00pm