



# The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, November 10, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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**Worship November 10 | 9:30am & 11:30am**

## What's On First?

When 100 stories insist on every second of our heart's attention, where in this world do we start? Tools for discernment, priorities, and sustainability when every cause is worthy, no one can wait, and today's just begun.

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

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## 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](https://tinyurl.com/AH1019) or sign up/donate funds during Social Hour. Questions? Email [alphahouse@uuaa.org](mailto:alphahouse@uuaa.org).

## 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](mailto:chalicecircles@uuaa.org).

## Sponsor a Child/Family for the Holidays

### Today, Social Hour, Sponsor-a-Family Table

UUAA joins Community Action Network (CAN) to provide every child, regardless of family income, the magic of the holidays. Sponsor a child, children, or family. Each child is given four gifts (\$25 range each). Two of the gifts are needed while the others are wanted. A list of children will be available at our table during Social Hour. The list has the child's gender, age, sizes, and the gifts assigned for that child to receive. Don't wrap the gifts. Be sure to place them in a securely closed bag with the child's unique wish list ID. Gifts must be delivered to UUAA on or before December 8. Questions? Email [ilene.beninson@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://uuaa.org/vision) ([uuaa.org/vision](https://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](mailto:johnstonecommunications@gmail.com).

## UUAA Bridge Group

### Today, Kemnitz Room, 12:45pm–3:45pm

Come play bridge with the UUAA Bridge Group. We will start with a lesson. Questions? Email Karen at [kbourdon1@comcast.net](mailto:kbourdon1@comcast.net).

## New UUAA Queer Youth Group

### Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–2:00pm

All LGBTQIA+ youth are invited to join us in the Fahs Chapel for the launch of a brand new UUAA queer youth group. We will share food, get to know each other, choose a name for the group, and generate ideas for what we'd like to do together for the coming year. Bring a potluck offering to share if you are able. For more information or to become an adult volunteer, email [hollyferrise@gmail.com](mailto:hollyferrise@gmail.com).

## UUAA Humanist Study Groups

### Mondays, November 11 & 25, 7:00pm–8:30pm

### Thursday, November 21, 2:00pm–4:00pm

Gather with UU Humanists to discuss topics relating to humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science. All are welcome, regardless of theology or philosophy. At Monday's meetings, we will discuss chapters three and four of Tim Crane's *Meaning of Belief*. It is helpful but not essential to do the reading. Questions? Email [blgibb@aol.com](mailto:blgibb@aol.com) about the Thursday group or [hal@breidenbach.net](mailto:hal@breidenbach.net) about the Monday group.

## North AAUU

### Tuesday, November 12, 7:00pm

Join us for a discussion at Jim and Sandy Breck's home (2187 Georgetown Blvd., Ann Arbor). In the face of all that is being damaged and depleted in the natural world, how do we find ways to participate in bringing regeneration and healing? Questions? Email Al LaRose at [albertlarose@att.net](mailto:albertlarose@att.net).

## Can Regenerative and Biodynamic Agriculture Save the Planet?

### Friday, November 15, 6:30pm

Sponsored by UUAA Mindful Eating, this event will be held at the Ann Arbor District Library Westgate Branch (2503 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor). Farming is one of the largest producers of carbon and methane, contributing to climate change. But there are solutions. Expert Hajnal Minger, local food activist and promoter of permaculture and sustainability, will address Regenerative Agriculture. Aquillon Hetrick will discuss Biodynamic Agriculture. Aquillon is a farmer at the Community Farm of Ann Arbor. Questions? Email Cathy at [cathymuha@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathymuha@sbcglobal.net).

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**History of the Transylvanian Unitarians**  
**Sunday, November 17, Partner Church Table**

Partner Church will share information about our rich history and the vibrant Unitarian communities that are alive in Transylvania today. Gerry Moran, a history professor at UM Dearborn, will be at our table during Social Hour to provide information and answer questions. Mr. Moran was on the last congregational trip to visit the UUAA Partner Church in Kézdivásárhely and can speak well to the past and present of the Unitarians in Transylvania. Questions? Email [leeboekeburke@gmail.com](mailto:leeboekeburke@gmail.com).

**UUs for Justice in the Middle East Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 17, 10:45am–11:30am,**

Rev. Terasa Cooley, Interim Senior Minister, and 22 members the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington Virginia toured Israel, Jerusalem, and the occupied Palestinian territories. Join us to view a video of a sermon given by Rev. Cooley upon their return. The delegation was led by Mejdí Tours and organized by Northern Virginia UUJME and Churches for Middle East Peace. Questions? Email [mjagner@yahoo.com](mailto:mjagner@yahoo.com).

**UUAA Community of Writers****Sunday, November 17, 1:15pm–2:45pm**

Community of Writers will have something for all writers, beginners to publishing candidates! Pauline Loewenhardt, a published memoirist, will lead an open discussion on “finding a wider audience for your writings.” Bring your questions. You are also invited to bring a writing of your choice to read and invite comments as desired. Note: Our annual Winter Reading will be at 1:15pm, Sunday, December 8. Questions? Contact Mary Lund at [mlund@mi.rr.com](mailto:mlund@mi.rr.com).

**Michigan Poor People’s Campaign****Sunday, November 17, 1:00pm–3:00pm**

Learn about Michigan Poor People’s Campaign (PPC) and their work in Washtenaw County and beyond. Presented by Rev. Joe Summers, Eric Krawczak, and John Hollingworth. Co-sponsored by Challenging Racism and the Unity Group. Questions? Email [johnstonecommunications@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonecommunications@gmail.com).

**Alzheimer’s Workshop****Wednesday, November 20, 3:00pm–4:30pm**

All are welcome to the workshop Middle Stages of Alzheimer’s for Caregivers in the Fahs Chapel. Participants will learn the symptoms and care needs associated with the middle stage of Alzheimer’s. Register by calling 800-272-3900 or register online at [alz.org/CRF](http://alz.org/CRF). Questions? Contact Joan Burleigh at [joburleigh@aol.com](mailto:joburleigh@aol.com) or Meredith Ley at [meredithl888@gmail.com](mailto:meredithl888@gmail.com).

**Healing and Protecting the Great Lakes****November 21, 7:00pm–9:00pm**

How do we preserve 20% of the world’s fresh surface water? All are welcome to join UUAA Climate Crisis Action Group in the Sanctuary where Andy Buchsbaum, a long-time champion of the Great Lakes, will discuss current challenges and hopeful initiatives. As a leader with the National Wildlife Federation and Healing Our Waters Coalition, Andy helped win federal funding for Great Lakes restoration. He’ll share updates on this work and space for an open discussion. Bring your love for the lakes and questions! Questions? Email Jeannine LaPrad at [jlaprad@umich.edu](mailto:jlaprad@umich.edu).

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**Next Week’s Worship****Mending the Rending & New Member Recognition**

Spiritual approaches to manage, renew, and deepen the capacity to be present to love’s work in the 21st century. Spiritual guidance for justice seekers.

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**Wednesday Mornings Readers****Wednesday, November 20, 10am–noon**

All are welcome to come discuss *Dream Country* by Shannon Gibney. Questions? Email Liz Hartley, [lizzyt48176@gmail.com](mailto:lizzyt48176@gmail.com).

**Conflict Management: Talking Across the Divide****Sunday, November 24, 1:00pm–3:00pm**

Join us for part 2 of Conflict Management even if you did not attend part 1. Learn how to disagree and remain in covenant. Presented by Reese Havlatka, UM Office of Student Conflict Management. Sponsored by the Unity Group. Questions? Email [johnstonecommunications@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonecommunications@gmail.com).

**Arts and Aesthetics**

Enjoy the art of Sabine Krummel, sister of Sanne Krummel, lead nursery teacher for SGD. 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 Barbara Hall at [barbaraoliverhall@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraoliverhall@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:jdkamclean@comcast.net).

**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](mailto:bulletin@uuaa.org).

**December Newsletter Deadline****Tuesday, November 19, 9:00am**

Please note the early deadline due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Submissions of 300 words or fewer should be sent to [newsletter@uuaa.org](mailto:newsletter@uuaa.org). Questions? Email Hannah Hotchkiss at [Hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:Hannah@uuaa.org).



All are invited to Social Hour after each service. We ask that congregants refrain from bringing food or drink into the Sanctuary. Thank you.