



# The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, January 20, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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**Worship January 20 | 9:30am and 11:30am**

**Mission: Impossibility**

When events or circumstances feel insurmountable, how might we spiritually work with and move through feelings of impossibility?

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

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**Alpha House Host Week**

**Today, Social Hour, Alpha House Table**

The UUAA Alpha House host week is Monday-Sunday, February 4-10. Alpha House is a shelter for families experiencing homelessness, located on Jackson Road in Ann Arbor. UUAA needs 100 volunteers for our service week and up to \$400 to cover supplies. Sign up or donate money during Social Hour or online at [tinyurl.com/AHFeb19](http://tinyurl.com/AHFeb19). Questions? Contact UUAA Alpha House Coordinators at [alphahouse@uuaa.org](mailto:alphahouse@uuaa.org).

**Friday Fun Craft Activity**

**Today, Social Hour, Friday Fun Table**

We had supplies leftover from the January Friday Fun craft activity, making fleece hats. Today, you can make a hat to donate to House by the Side of the Road. House by the Side of the Road provides clothing and household essentials to those in need. Questions? Email [fridayfunnight@uuaa.org](mailto:fridayfunnight@uuaa.org).

**Grocery/Scrip**

**Today, Social Hour, Scrip Table**

Are you still looking to make a New Year's resolution that is easy to keep—use more scrip! Scrip acts like a gift card; you pay and receive the face value of the card, but UUAA receives a "rebate." We keep several types of cards in stock and can order close to 700 more. Stop by the Scrip Table for more information or to place an order. Questions? Contact Carolyn Barber at [cbarber@umich.edu](mailto:cbarber@umich.edu).

**Mindful Eating Team (MET)**

**Today, Social Hour, Mindful Eating Table**

MET is promoting the "joy of cooking" this month by sharing some of our favorite cookbooks and recipes at our table. Stop by to look through cookbooks that have proven to be reliable sources of inspiration and tasty dishes for us. We're also interested in learning about cookbooks that you recommend.

**Resolution Affirming Palestinian Human Rights**

**Today, Social Hour, Justice in the Middle East Table**

After decades of dispossession and military occupation, and inspired by the Anti-Apartheid Movement, Palestinian civil society is calling for boycotts, divestment, and sanctions to pressure Israel to comply with international law and universal human rights principles. Please sign a letter to call a congregational meeting so that members of UUAA have an opportunity to consider a resolution endorsing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (BDS) for Palestinian human rights. Questions? Contact Mark Jagner at [mjagner@yahoo.com](mailto:mjagner@yahoo.com).

**Challenging Racism Book Discussion**

**Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–3:00pm**

Challenging Racism invites you to discuss the last half of *Centering – Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry*. UU religious professionals of color are usually marginalized in the white congregations they serve, and this book "centers" their experience. It is an essential book for all of us at UUAA to ponder and is an invitation to majority UUs to stand in the shoes of non-majority religious leaders (NMRL). Books are available to borrow in the office. Questions? Contact Edie Croake at [ecroake@wccnet.edu](mailto:ecroake@wccnet.edu).

**Community of Writers Meeting**

**Today, Liuzzo Room 1:15pm–2:45pm**

To welcome the new year, write a reflection about the coming year, or write a new piece, or advance a work in progress! Bring a piece to read to the group and request comments as desired. Please keep readings to five minutes or fewer. To conclude the meeting, we will share suggestions for additional activities the group might consider. Questions? Contact Mary Lund at [mlund@mi.rr.com](mailto:mlund@mi.rr.com) or 248-344-4877.

**Black Lives of UU (BLUU) Online Worship Watch**

**Today, Sanctuary, 4:00pm**

BLUU's online worship service is Black sacred space in its entirety – by and for Black people, with the words and voices of Black folks across the diaspora. We invite Black UUs or those Black folks interested in UU to attend. For our siblings in faith who do not identify as Black, please share this invitation with Black folks in your life. Questions? Contact Quiana Perkins at [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

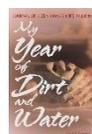
**Drop-in Men's Circle**

**Tuesday, January 22, 7:00pm–8:30pm**

Come join the January drop-in men's circle. We will follow a similar format to established men's circles including a brief check-in and discussion of a monthly theme. This is a great way to connect with new people. (Meeting room to be determined.) Questions? Contact Jim Schaefer at [jim@jvscontrols.com](mailto:jim@jvscontrols.com).

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**QUUest Bookstore** recommends *My Year of Dirt and*



*Water: Journal of a Zen Monk's Wife in Japan* by Tracy Franz. "Keenly observed and lyrically told, her journal takes us deep into the spirit of Zen, where every place you stand is the monastery." Karen Maeken Miller, author of *Lessons from a Zen Garden*

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### **Wednesday Morning Readers**

**Wednesday, January 23, 10:00am–noon**

Join us in the Jackson Chapel for a discussion of *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks. Questions? Contact Liz Hartley at [lizzyt48176@gmail.com](mailto:lizzyt48176@gmail.com). All are welcome.

### **UUA Climate Action Group Webinar Call**

**Thursday, January 24, 7:30pm–9:00pm**

The Climate Action Group invites all to *Water Unites Us*, part of the Environmental Justice Practitioners Network Online Webinar Series. UU ministers, Reverends Rose Edington and Mel Hoover, will build upon stories and lessons learned from their chapter "Water Unites Us" in the current UUA Common Read, *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and Environment*. Questions? Email Ruth Mohr at [rmohr@pasty.net](mailto:rmohr@pasty.net).

### **Poor People's Campaign Event**

**Saturday, January 26, 9:00am–5:00pm**

Join the fight against Systemic Poverty and Racism. The Washtenaw County Poor People's Campaign is holding a summit Saturday, January 26 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at Brown Chapel AME Church (1043 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti.) Listening sessions will be held with social justice activists and impacted people on a variety of intersecting topics. Participation is free. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/moral-fusion-summit-tickets-53885665476>. Questions? Email [ginnylpreuss@yahoo.com](mailto:ginnylpreuss@yahoo.com) or stop by the Social Justice Table during Social Hour.

### **The Better Men Dialogue**

**Saturday, January 26, 1:00pm–3:30pm**

What does it mean to be a "man" in today's world? What does the world need from those who identify as men? Join us for community drumming, a panel discussion, and dialogue exploring these thought-provoking questions. All genders are welcome. Bring an open mind, open heart, and constructive approach. Co-sponsored by the UUA Men's Fellowship, Intentional Living Collective, and Evenstar's Chalice. Register at [bettermendialogue.eventbrite.com](http://bettermendialogue.eventbrite.com). Questions? Email Bob Hospadaruk at [hospadaruk@gmail.com](mailto:hospadaruk@gmail.com).

### **Friday Fun Night**

**Friday, February 1, 6:00pm–9:00pm**

Gather for fun and community! Dinner will be served at 6:00pm (soup, sandwiches, salad, and fruit salad), followed by valentine crafts, the movie *Inside Out*, and the game room activities. As a special feature this month, we welcome John Buehrens, former UUA president, for stories and vignettes from Transcendentalism. Friday Fun provides childcare for infants and toddlers beginning at 6:30pm. If you need special dietary accommodations, email us one week in advance at [fridayfunnight@uuaa.org](mailto:fridayfunnight@uuaa.org).

### **Plant-Powered Family Potluck**

**Saturday, February 2, noon–2:00pm**

Join us for our Plant-Powered Family Potluck in the Fahs Chapel. Bring a plant-based vegan dish without meat, fish, eggs, dairy, honey, or other animal products. Enjoy the company of fellow mindful eaters, share information, and eat delicious food! Please bring your own table service and serving tools. Questions? Contact Sheila Sanders [sheilasanders@comcast.net](mailto:sheilasanders@comcast.net).

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### **Next Week's Worship**

**Yes, And...**

The world of improv is always full of possibility. What can we learn from this art form to enrich our experience as a spiritual community?

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### **The Relevance of Transcendentalism...**

**Sunday, February 3, 1:30pm–2:25pm**

Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens will present the forum "The Relevance of Transcendentalism to Unitarian Universalism Today" in Fahs Chapel. Rev. Buehrens is celebrated as a past president of UUA (1993 - 2001) and as a prolific UU author; he will publish a major history of 19th century Transcendentalism later this year. This forum offers an authoritative journey: Our Unitarian roots made relevant today. A Q&A and discussion will follow the talk. Questions? Contact Phil Tuchinsky at [phil@tuchinsky.org](mailto:phil@tuchinsky.org) or 734-717-6618.

### **Lay Leader & Aspiring Lay Leader Workshop**

**Saturday, February 9, 9:30am–11:30am**

The Leadership Development Team, Welcome Ministries, and Social Justice/ Pastoral Care Ministries invite you to a conversation about lay leadership, the sharing of valuable resources and tools, and examples of project successes. Anyone who is listed as a leader or self identifies as a current or future leader is welcome to attend. (This is the same workshop that was offered in the Fall.) Sign up by Monday, February 4 using this [link](#). Questions? Contact Quiana Perkins at [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

### **Ignite (20s & 30s)**

**Sunday, January 27, 1:00pm–2:00pm**

Please join us to "Re-Ignite" the 20s and 30s Group. We will get to know each other, discuss upcoming activities, and explain how you can get involved in the group. Come if you are already involved or want to be involved. Lunch will be provided in the Fahs Chapel. Questions? Email [bryan.t.hart@gmail.com](mailto:bryan.t.hart@gmail.com).

### **Sharing the Collection News**

Thank you for your generosity on January 6. We collectively contributed \$2731.29 toward the good work of Friends in Deed. To learn about ways to contribute, visit [friendsindeedmi.org](http://friendsindeedmi.org). Questions? Contact Jan Duncan at [janetdunc@gmail.com](mailto:janetdunc@gmail.com).

### **Weekly Bulletin Deadline**

**Wednesdays at 5:00pm**

All submissions of 90 words or fewer should be submitted in Word format and sent to [bulletin@uuaa.org](mailto:bulletin@uuaa.org). Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).

### **February Newsletter Deadline**

**Monday, January 21, 9:00am**

All submissions of 300 words or fewer should be submitted in Word format and sent to [newsletter@uuaa.org](mailto:newsletter@uuaa.org). Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).