



# The Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, April 14, 2019

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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**Worship April 14 | 9:30am and 11:30am**

**The World We Are Building**

**Wholeness and Interdependence**

The Zulu concept “ubuntu” speaks truth and paradox: “I am because we are.” Unitarian Universalism calls the individual mind and the community heart equally sacred, and necessary to each other. This week we explore the whole truths that arise when independence and interdependence are honored at once.

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

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**Alpha House Host Week**

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

Our next Alpha House Host Week is April 15-21. Alpha House is a shelter for families experiencing homelessness. We need 100 volunteers for our service week and up to \$400 for supplies. Sign up on line at <http://tinyurl.com/AHApr19> or sign up/donate money during Social Hour. If you are new to UUAA, feel free to email us at [alphaHouse@uuaa.org](mailto:alphaHouse@uuaa.org) to learn more.

**Friends of Restorative Justice Yarn Donations**

**Today, Social Hour, Social Justice Table**

The Charity and Justice Commission are collecting donations of yarn to take to a prison in Muskegon, where it will be crocheted by prisoners into hats. Faith in Action in Chelsea will distribute the hats to children in need next winter. There will be a yarn collection basket at the Social Justice Table through April 14. During the week, leave your donation at the Prison Book collection station outside the Sunderland Library. Questions? Email Carolyn Madden at [cgmadden@gmail.com](mailto:cgmadden@gmail.com).

**Grocery/Scrip**

**Today, Social Hour, Scrip Table**

Scrip is a way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards. UUAA purchases the cards at a reduced price, you pay and receive the face value. This is instant money for UUAA. With more than 700 retailers available, isn't there one or two you can use? Stop by the Scrip Table to make a purchase. Questions? Email Carolyn Barber at [cmbarber@umich.edu](mailto:cmbarber@umich.edu).

**One-Time Chalice Circle Signup**

**Today, Social Hour, Chalice Circle Table**

Sign up for a one-time Chalice Circle offered on Sunday, April 28 from 1:15pm–3:00pm. Chalice Circles are small discussion groups where participants practice deep listening and make connections through sharing experiences and thoughts. This month's theme is exploring the topic of “Wholeness.” Stop by during Social Hour to learn more and register or register via e-mail at [chalicecircles@uuaa.org](mailto:chalicecircles@uuaa.org).

**Join a Womyn's Circle**

**Today, Social Hall, 10:45am**

Women wishing to join a small women's circle please meet during Social Hour at 10:45am near the QUUest Bookstore in the Social Hall. Elaine, Elle, Jennifer, Liz, and Meg. Questions? Email Pat Kuessner at [pkuessner07@comcast.net](mailto:pkuessner07@comcast.net).

**UUAA Bridge Group**

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

You are invited to come play bridge with other UUAA players. Questions? Email Karen at [kbourdon1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kbourdon1@sbcglobal.net)

**Restorative Justice | “The Power of Healing”**

**Today, Fahs Chapel, 1:00pm–3:00pm**

“The Power of Healing,” is the last segment of the *Healing Justice* film series. We will experience a healing circle and discuss how we can work towards a future where a healing justice system is the norm. Register at the Social Justice Table or just come! Questions? Call Kathy McLean at 734-929-5331 or Kathy Friedrichs at 734-717-8039.

**Introduction to Financial & Estate Planning**

**Today, Jackson Chapel, 1:00pm–2:00pm**

UUAA Stewardship Committee invites you to a workshop intended for all ages and stages -- so whether you're single or a young family, whether you're beginning to consider retirement or considering your legacy, we invite you to come get your questions answered by a panel of three Financial & Estate Planning professionals. Questions? Contact Sam Lewis at [samjohnsonlewis@gmail.com](mailto:samjohnsonlewis@gmail.com).

**Outdoors Women BYO Lunch and Walk Sunday**

**Today, Brown Room, 1:30pm–2:30pm**

Come meet Outdoors Women and plan our spring/summer while enjoying lunch together. Bring your own lunch (BYOL). You are welcome to stay for a walk/hike on the UUAA “back 40” property after lunch. Questions? Email Sandy at [sandy.eyl@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.eyl@gmail.com).

**Community of Writers**

**Today, David Room, 1:15pm–2:45pm**

Kathy Edgren, published poet of *The Grain Beneath the Gloss*, will share her experience of publishing and conduct a Q & A about publishing creative writing. Bring your interest and questions. We also read “prompt writings” by those who missed this in March—a writing (any genre) on Spring, using “rain, mud, violets.” Questions? Contact Mary Lund at [mlund@mi.rr.com](mailto:mlund@mi.rr.com).

**QUUest Bookstore** now has *In Later Years: Finding Meaning and Spirit in Aging* by Bruce T. Marshall, a UU minister with Ann Arbor connections. “*In Later Years* is a primer for aging, helping us to navigate these difficult waters with grace and purpose,” Marilyn Sewell. “Unlike many books on the topic, this straightforward yet introspective volume focuses particularly on older seniors – those in their late seventies, eighties, and nineties.” Book Cover.

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**Annual Report Deadline****Monday, April 15, 5:00pm**

Share your congregational team's events and news in our 2018-2019 Annual Report. Reports will be published online as a link on the 2018-2019 Annual Report page. Each group will provide their own editing, so be sure to proof your group's text before submitting. Submissions beyond a word count of 300 will be returned for editing. Send each report as a Word file to [annualreport@uuaa.org](mailto:annualreport@uuaa.org).

**UUA Humanist Study Groups****Wednesday, April 17, 7:00pm–8:30pm or****Thursday, April 18, 2:00pm–4:00pm**

Humanism has a long history in our congregation, and a lively group of humanists has been meeting for about 20 years, gathering on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evenings and/or Thursday afternoons to discuss topics relating to humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, science, and more. Questions? Contact Hal Breidenbach at [hal@breidenbach.net](mailto:hal@breidenbach.net) about the Wednesday group or Bruce Gibb at [blgibb@aol.com](mailto:blgibb@aol.com) about the Thursday group.

**"Culture: It Is All in Your Head"****Sunday, April 21, 1:00pm–3:00pm**

Forums Advancement Ministry welcomes congregant and organizational psychologist Bruce Gibb and his forum "Culture: It Is All in Your Head." Bruce will define culture, develop a model of UUA's culture, and consider changes attendees believe can improve the congregation. A Q&A and discussion will follow. Questions? Contact Phil Tuchinsky at [phil@tuchinsky.org](mailto:phil@tuchinsky.org).

**Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU)****Online Worship Watch Event****Sunday, April 21, 3:45pm**

This worship service is explicitly Black. 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 UU and Black UU adjacent folks to attend. Please respect this event as a Black safe space. Questions? Contact Quiana at [quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:quiana@uuaa.org).

**2019 Annual Men's Dinner****Saturday, April 27, 6:00pm–9:00pm**

Join us for the Annual Men's Dinner catered by The Moveable Feast. John Preston will present "Becoming the Man My Dog Thinks I Am," a talk that combines wit and wisdom to give each of us new perspectives on how to become a person who likes himself, relates to others better, and has a firmer foundation for romantic relationships. The talk will be followed by small-group discussions. The \$30 tickets, covering full dinner and soft drinks, can be purchased in advance at the Men's Council Table during Social Hour. Questions? Email Pat Herbst at [pg Herbst@umich.edu](mailto:pg Herbst@umich.edu).

**Wednesday Morning Readers****Wednesday, April 24, 10:00am–noon**

Join us in the Fahs Chapel for a discussion of Katja Petrowskaja's book *Maybe Esther*. *Maybe Esther* is part memoir and a search for the author's ancestors. Questions? Contact Liz at [lizyt48176@gmail.com](mailto:lizyt48176@gmail.com).

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**Next Week's Worship****Easter and Earth | *Crafted in Conversation with UUA's Climate Action Group***

This year, the holy days of Easter and Earth Day are quite near. In the old story of new life, is there hope for the planet?

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**ACLU Talk by Michael Steinberg****Sunday, April 28, 4:00pm–6:00pm**

Michael Steinberg, Legal Director of ACLU of Michigan, will speak about the ACLU's recent work on civil liberties and social justice. Whether it is asylum, immigration, LGBTQ, reproduction, same sex adoption, or other rights that we UUs value so highly, the ACLU is in the forefront of the fight. This event is sponsored by the UUA Planned Giving Team. Furthering social justice is a central UU value. Share your values across generations. Remember UUA in your estate plan. Questions? Email [plannedgiving@uuaa.org](mailto:plannedgiving@uuaa.org).

**Babies and Bailouts | Watch Party & Donation Drive****Sunday, April 28, 7:00pm**

UUA and BLUU invite the congregation to Babies and Bailouts- End Money Bail Live Panel Watch Party and Donation Drive in the Fahs Chapel. The End Money Bail Panel will educate on the money bail system, including a post-panel discussion and a donation drive in support of families impacted by mass incarceration. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with this event; if you are able to volunteer or have questions, email [Quiana@uuaa.org](mailto:Quiana@uuaa.org).

**Climate Action Forum****Sunday, May 5, 1:00pm–2:30pm**

The Climate Action Group invites you to a forum about The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, now before Congress, and The Green New Deal. We will present the rationale for and the national impact of this legislation designed to drastically reduce the use of fossil fuels and to incentivize the use of renewable energy sources, minimizing the effects of runaway global warming. It will recommend specific congregant actions to advance the legislation. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Tom Bauld at [bauldt@comcast.net](mailto:bauldt@comcast.net).

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**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](mailto:bulletin@uuaa.org). Questions? Contact Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at [hannah@uuaa.org](mailto:hannah@uuaa.org).

**May Newsletter Deadline****Sunday, April 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).