



The Bulletin – Sundays, December 22, 29, & January 5

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Worship Services | 9:30am & 11:30am

December 22

We Dream in the Darkness

Honoring the Winter Solstice

December 24

Honoring Christmas Eve

Services at 4:30, 7:00pm, and 9:00pm

4:30pm *A holiday worship service for all ages. We will re-create the ancient Christian story of Jesus's birth with a "no-rehearsal" pageant! Participants will be chosen during the service and can be any age (no reading or acting abilities are necessary).*

PLEASE NOTE There are no classes for children, nursery and preschool will be closed. We will have plenty of family-friendly seating in the service.

7:00pm & 9:00pm *Carols and stories, old and new. Candles for hope. Warm gifts of companionship, of singing, of presence.*

Worship Services | 9:30am & 11:30am

December 29

Begin with Stillness

PLEASE NOTE There are no classes for children, nursery and preschool will be closed. All families are welcome to attend the sanctuary service.

Mindful Eating

Sunday, December 22, Mindful Eating Table

Mindful Eating Team will display ideas for locally sourced food-related gift baskets for the holidays. Baskets will feature Michigan fruits, breakfast goodies, homemade spaghetti sauce, pasta fagioli, and much more. We will have samples to taste. Questions? Email crockettmerrill@aol.com.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

Sunday, December 22, UUSC Table

Through partnerships with organizations working for justice and human rights around the world, we can reach out to help. Stop by the UUSC Table to learn more. Join us. Donate \$40 per year to embrace the world in your circle of concern. Questions? Email gnorthrup@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care Thank You Cookies

Sunday, December 22, Pastoral Care Table

Pastoral Care at UUAA has grown over the last year. We have a thriving network that supports all congregants in times of need and joy. We want to thank all those who have completed an act of care in these last few months. Come grab a volunteer thank-you cookie on Sunday December 22, 2019 at the Pastoral Care Table (along the courtyard windows) between services in the Social Hall. Questions? Email Quiana@uuaa.org.

QUUest Bookstore

Sundays, December 22 & 29, QUUest Table

Stop by the QUUest Bookstore in December. Check out our great gift selection or buy a gift certificate. We'll feature congregant Pauline Lowenhardt's memoir, *Almost Lost*, and a book of Washtenaw County poetry, *Love and Other Truths* highlighting a poem by Quiana Perkins. On January 5, join us during each Social Hour. Note: The bookstore will be closed for the remainder of January and reopen the first Sundays of February and March during each Social Hour. Questions? Contact Lucia Heinold at heinoldcia@aol.com.

Growing Hope

Sunday, January 5, Sharing the Collection Table

The January 5 collection will go to Growing Hope. Growing Hope fosters an equitable and sustainable local food system where all people are empowered to grow, sell, buy, prepare, and eat nourishing food. Stop by their table during Social Hour or visit them online at www.growinghope.net Questions? Email Jan at janetdunc@gmail.com.

Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, January 8, 3:00pm–4:30pm

Note: due to the holidays, we are meeting on January 8. This support group, sponsored by the UUAA Pastoral Care Team in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, meets the first Wednesday of each month (January second Wednesday) in the David Room. It is a drop-in group, open to both members of the congregation and the wider community. If you know a person giving care to someone with memory loss, let them know that they are welcome to join. Questions? Email Meredith at meredithl888@gmail.com.

Seniors Dinner Out

Wednesday, January 8, 6:00pm

Begin the new year with dinner with fellow seniors at Hot Pot Chen (2255 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor). No reservations are required. Come for good food and conversation. Questions? Contact Marie Duke at omaduke7@gmail.com.

All Women Welcome to Sign Up for an On-going Circle

A womyn's circle is a safe and sacred space for womyn to come together, use their voices, be heard, and be seen. A circle provides an opportunity to connect with other UUAA womyn by speaking from the heart, listening with respect and compassion, holding the stories that are shared in confidence, and being together in discovery through conversation. You if you are interested in joining a circle, email Pat Kuessner at pkuessner07@comcast.net.

Friday Fun Night

Friday, January 10, 6:00pm–9:00pm

All ages are welcome for soup and sandwiches and an evening of Transylvanian crafts, music, and movie clips about Transylvania. Dinner begins promptly at 6:00 with activities following. The children's movie is *Big Hero 6*. Childcare is available for infants and toddlers beginning at 6:30. Friday Fun always supplies a vegetarian option. If you have other dietary needs, email us a week in advance at FridayFunNight@uuaa.org. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own place settings in our effort to move toward zero waste.

Partner Church Transylvania

Friday, January 10, 6:30pm–9:00pm

The January Friday Fun Night will be co-sponsored by the Partner Church program. There will be Transylvanian music and crafts, videos for adults, and time for discussion about some current topics. We hope to see you there. For those who can't make it, check out our table during Social Hour on January 19.

Mothers and Others

Saturdays, January 11 & 25, 10:15am–noon

Join our group of caregivers of young children for fellowship, support, and friendship! Mothers, fathers, grandparents, foster parents, and others are all welcome to join! We typically meet for playgroup in the UUAU nursery on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Please note that there will be no play group on December 28. We will start 2020 with a January 11 meeting. For details, join our email list by emailing Charlene Mangi at Charlene.mangi@gmail.com.

Womyn's Potluck 'N Paint

Friday, January 17, 6:00pm–9:00pm

Join UU Womyn for a potluck dinner beginning at 6:00pm followed by a chalice painting workshop from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, taught by our own very talented Debra Golden. \$45 covers all art materials and instruction. Register in advance. If you're on the Womyn's Community email list, watch for details in your inbox. Or, find details at the Womyn's Community Table during Social Hours on Sundays. Questions? Contact Judi Lintott at 734-352-7285 or jlintott@comcast.net.

Community of Writers

Sunday, January 19, 1:15pm–2:45pm

Not just a new year; it's a new decade! For our January meeting, Bruce Lund asks us to discuss our goals concerning our writing and ways our group might help meet those goals, for example: Give a group writing assignment (theme or element)? Invite a professional writer to a meeting? Request more focused feedback on writings, and more? Following this discussion, we will read writings of personal choice, prepared for sharing at the meeting. Questions? Contact Mary Lund at mlund@mi.rr.com.

Wednesday Morning Readers

Wednesday, January 22, 10:00am–noon

We will be discussing Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize winning book, *Beloved*. Join us in the Fahs Chapel. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Liz Hartley at lizyt48176@gmail.com.

Introduction to Our Faith

Saturday, January 25, 10:00am–2:30pm

This class is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism for newcomers and a prerequisite for congregants ready to sign the membership book. Learn about UU history, how to get involved, finding your calling, and the responsibilities of membership. [Register online](#) or by filling out a form found on the Involvement Table or in the Newcomer Welcome Room during Social Hour. Registration deadline is Sunday, January 19. Questions? Email hannah@uuaa.org.

UUAU Humanist Study Groups

Humanism has a long history in our congregation, and a group of humanists has been meeting for over 20 years, gathering on the second and fourth Monday evenings and/or first and third Thursday afternoons to discuss topics relating to humanist philosophy, theology, morals, ethics, reasoning, and science. All are welcome. Our next meetings are Monday, January 13, 7:00pm - 8:30pm and Thursday, January 16, 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Contact Hal Breidenbach at hal@breidenbach.net about Monday meetings and Bruce Gibb at blgibb@aol.com about Thursday meetings. Note: There are no meetings Monday, December 23 or January 2.

Vision 20/50 — Online Session & More

Did you miss the in-person Visioning Sessions? Go to uuaa.org/vision and use the [Online Vision Form button](#). Give your input by January 10 on your own time! What is the next step? Attend the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 26 at 11:30am. In place of the second service, we will take part in action-planning exercises designed to help us move forward on our priorities and goals. More details to come. Visit uuaa.org/vision to read more about Vision 20/50 and to [take a look at some data!](#) Questions? Email vision@uuaa.org

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.

February Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 21, 9:00am

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

Holiday Building Hours

Closed Wednesday, December 25 through Saturday, December 28.

Open Sunday, December 29 (9:00am-1:00pm)

Closed Monday, December 30-January 4.

Resume regular schedule Sunday, January 5.