Outside Church Clean-Up

Saturday, April 29 from 10-noon

Now that spring is here, we are planning a clean-up of the outside of our building! We'll pick up sticks, rake, weed, edge sidewalks, and wash windows, so please bring rakes, gloves, weeding tools, and clippers; we'll provide the other materials and snacks! Please text, call, or email any one of the Building Team members — Norma Bailey, Jerry Cavalieri, Daniel Davis, or Jen Prout and let us know you're coming to help beautify our church grounds!

Welcome to UU Orientation - April 30

This orientation is geared to newcomers, visitors, and those seeking to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this UU fellowship. It is offered every month both in person in the fellowship hall and via Zoom, typically on the last Sunday at 12:30 pm. Sessions run approximately an hour and a half. For more info or to register for *Welcome to UU*, contact: Laura McBride: 989.772.5512 Lmcbride010@gmail.com

Please let Laura know whether you will be attending via Zoom or in person by the Friday prior to the orientation.

CUUPs Beltane Ritual - April 30

Beltane is a time to celebrate fertility and the greening of the earth, to honor the arrival of spring and new life.

We invite those of you who are interested in participating. We will hold the ritual promptly at 6pm, in hybrid format (in-person/Zoom) and there will be no potluck.

Save for This Year's Garage Sale

Every two years in the spring, we hold an all-Fellowship garage sale with profits dedicated to a variety of projects, the last sale paying for our new front doors. As you are doing any spring housecleaning and come across items you could donate, please hold on to them for the mid-June sale. If you have questions, please contact Norma Bailey (989.560.3952; baile1nj@cmich.edu).

Scrap Metal Drive - May 12

We are planning a metal drive on May 12 to earn money for some good cause at the UUFCM, such as Leadership Development. As you begin to unthaw from winter and muck about in your garage, basement, shed, or barn, please set aside any metal that you would like to donate. We can take appliances, but check with Laura McBride to see if anything is prohibited or needs to be drained. You may call/text/email her at 989.772.5512 or Lmcbride010@gmail.com. Details for drop off and pick up will be shared soon.



The Week Ahead at the UUFCM...

Mon	4/24	7:30 p.m.	Communications Coord. Team Meeting
Tue	4/25	6:45 p.m.	Central Michigan Sangha
Wed	4/26		UU Discussion Group at UUFCM Choir Rehearsal
Fri	4/28	6:30 p.m.	The 1619 Project Docu-Series
Sat	4/29	10:00 a.m.	Outside Church Clean-Up
Sun	4/30	12:30 p.m.	Worship Service Welcome to UU Orientation CUUPs Beltane Ritual

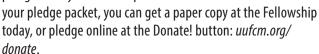
For complete information, see our calendar at *uufcm.org/calendar*

Stewardship Campaign Update

We are in the last official week of our Deepening Connections pledge campaign. As of Sunday, April 16, we have received pledges from 56 members representing 76% of our

membership. Thank you to all of you who have turned in your pledge so far!

Since our goal is that 100% of our members make a pledge for the 2023-2024 year, we need the rest of you to complete a pledge form, hopefully today. If you haven't yet pledged and you have misplaced



If you have questions, contact anyone on the Stewardship Committee — Mary Alsager, Norma Bailey, Drew Frantz, Gisela Moffit, Darlene Ritchie, and Amy Voege.

The 1619 Project Docu-Series Concludes

Friday, April 28 from 6:30-9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to attend The 1619 Project Docu-Series, a three-week series of videos and discussions! This week we will watch and discuss the last two episodes: *Fear* and *Justice*.

Sponsored by Adult RE, the Social Justice Coordinating Team, and the Anti-Racist Task Force, the Hulu video series examines how the legacy of slavery shaped different aspects of contemporary American life. Each evening features two 60-minute videos and a guided discussion of the ideas.