

After my husband died several years ago, working in the Memorial Garden anchored my days of grieving. Now it's a place where I can gather with other UUCP members for a common purpose and comradery. -Vicky Campbell

The Memorial Garden is a hidden treasure. For quiet contemplation or a place to explore natural beauty with a young child, the paths of the Memorial Garden offer a retreat from the busy world. -Beth Behrend

Land and People Acknowledgement:

"This is the ancestral land of the Lenni-Lenape Nation. May we learn to live in harmony, caring for this sacred land." To learn more about our congregation's work with the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation in New Jersey, please contact racialjustice@uuprinceton.org.

## Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton

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Sunday Mornings: 10:30 a.m. Worship Services, including Children and Youth programs. *All are welcome*.

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One stroll around the lovely, well-tended grounds of UU Princeton may have you wondering just who does all that tending. How does the congregation maintain the many trees, shrubs, and flower beds that we enjoy on site?

## The Garden Keepers

Our gardens were created and continue to be nurtured by volunteers from the congregation who enjoy gardening and spending time outdoors. Known as the Garden Keepers, they tend to the Memorial Garden as well as the beds in the courtyard and around the church building. They also care for the indoor plants.

During the growing season, the Garden Keepers meet one morning approximately every two weeks to weed, water, mulch, plant new offerings, and otherwise maintain the gardens and beds. Sometimes they bring lunch and gather for a visit after gardening.

Anyone can be a Garden Keeper. No need for prior experience. This friendly group of plant-lovers welcomes newcomers, and the more experienced members generously share their gardening knowledge. For more information, or to join, please contact GardenKeepers@uuprinceton.org.



Tucked away near the woods at the far end of the parking lot at UU Princeton is a special place known as the Memorial Garden. It is a place of beauty and peace. A setting for reflection throughout the seasons. Originally designed in the 1960s, it is a haven to remember loved ones who have passed on, and a venue to hold services and gatherings. It is also a wonderful spot to gather with friends for a picnic lunch on a warm day.

You'll know you've arrived when you see the "Remembering Friends" sign. There are benches upon which to rest, a few sculptures to admire, and a stone wall with the names of congregants who have died over the years. Some congregants and their families have planted trees in their loved one's honor and scattered their ashes throughout the garden.

Based on our Unitarian Universalist tradition, we aspire to support friends, members, and families in their time of grieving for loved ones. We are present and open to uplifting and sharing in the traditions of all ethnicities and cultures surrounding life and death.

A history of UU Princeton's grounds and Memorial Garden can be found on our website.

If you would like to order a nameplate for a member who has passed, arrange for a memorial gathering or the scattering of ashes, or donate to the Memorial Garden Planting Fund, please contact the church office.

