

SKYLIGHTS

Monthly



UNITARIAN
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OF PRINCETON

Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m.

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Upcoming Services

April 5 | How to Be a Good Shepherd, Rev. Bill Neely

In a brief parable, Jesus tells a story about a single sheep becoming separated from the flock. A shepherd then leaves the flock to find the lost sheep and carry her back, wherein there is great rejoicing. The teaching? Be like that shepherd. On Easter Sunday, let's explore this timeless parable and what it means in our lives.

Spring Egg Hunt after service

April 12 | A Sweet Simplicity, Rev. Bill Neely

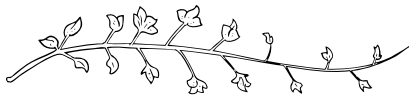
These days, we can be tempted to fill our plates, or have them filled for us, with the bitter news of the world. For there is much of it. And yet, sweetness too abounds, and brings simplicity and balance to our lives. How can this sweetness steel us for the trials of these days?

April 19 | The Joy-full Earth, Rev. Bill Neely

Earth Day (April 22) is often urgently observed with worrisome predictions. This is understandable, as environmental degradation worsens and there are many things that many must do to reverse the destruction. And yet, any progressive faith movement must be rooted in joy, beauty, and a sense of hope. Let us find those qualities in and of the earth, that they might deepen and make more sustainable our activism.

April 26 | The Law of Love, Wylencia Monroe

We welcome Wylencia Monroe, our Minsiterial Intern, to the pulpit for her closing sermon.



“Spring—an experience in immortality.”

—Henry D. Thoreau



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www.uuprinceton.org



THE GOOD NEWS

Sometimes candles don't make any sense. I mean the candles that we light most weeks during worship. They all come from the same place. They arrive in the same boxes. They're kept in the same location. And they're lit at the same time, in the same space, one-after-another during the same services.

And yet candle-by-candle, they often light so differently. Many flame up quickly and easily, but some take two or three tries. And each week, a few are very, very stubborn. They take many attempts and lots of patience to light. And it's not the people lighting the candles. Two candles lit in the same way at the same time will sometimes alight quite differently. Something in that enflaming moment is always unique and will never be repeated. And it really can't be predicted very well.

This reflects how we live with the reasons that we light the candles themselves. Our joys, sorrows, celebrations, and lamentations are both the same and unique. We hold them ourselves, and share them with others. We know our joys and sorrows, and we know that everyone has some as well. They are ours, and they are all of ours.

And we all hold them differently not only throughout life, but sometimes from moment-to-moment. A sadness easily carried in the morning may become overwhelming by lunch. We may celebrate with tears at lunch to hold that same joy more quietly in the evening. We live our joys and sorrows, and we are lived by them too. Sometimes they alight in us easily and we move on. And sometimes, they insist on our sustained, patient attention.

When you light a candle on Sunday mornings, don't worry if it takes a few tries. Don't worry if it's a little feisty for some reason. We have all the time we need, and sometimes our grief and joy are like that: manageable and agreeable, and unruly and stubborn. We'll light all those candles of love and prayer. And that they light differently only reflects the diverse ways we hold and express our grief and joy.

And best of all, if your candle goes out after you leave the altar, someone else will relight it. We do that for one another all the time. We light our candles. We witness others doing the same. And we share the light and warmth of our lives with one another.

Welcome Newcomers!

**Our mission is to have all who enter
UU Princeton feel welcome,
known, and supported.**

Contact the office, Rev. Bill, or Rev. Jennifer with questions about the congregation, its programs, or membership. The ministers are always happy to meet with you individually at church, for lunch, over coffee, etc.



Rev. Bill Neely

Minister

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Assistant Minister

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APRIL'S SPIRITUAL THEME

The Unknowable

connect with others and deepen your spiritual journey...

Monthly Spiritual Themes guide Chalice Circles, small groups that gather monthly to explore meaningful spiritual themes through personal sharing. For more information on Chalice Circles, please email chalicecircles@uuprinceton.org.

"Mystery creates wonder, and wonder is the basis of man's desire to understand."

NEIL GAIMAN

- What are some of the mysteries in your life that have sparked your sense of wonder?
- How have they influenced your journey?

"What is not known is more important than what is known."

DAVID BOHM

- Can you identify an aspect of your life where the unknown has been more influential than the known?
- How did that shape your decisions?



"The more I know,
the more I realize I know nothing."

SOCRATES

- Reflect on a situation where you felt your understanding deepened after realizing you still had much to learn. How did that affect your perspective?

The unknowable is the essence of art.

PABLO PICASSO

- How do you think the unknowable aspects of your creativity or artistic expression manifest in your work or hobbies?

Joys & Concerns

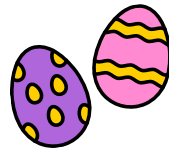


It is with heavy hearts we share Jill Stein passed away on February 27, 2026 with her husband Ken Griggs and her children at her side. We hold them, and all those mourning Jill's passing, in love. A memorial service is being planned for August 29, 2026.

To share your joy or concern in this newsletter email

Skylights@uuprinceton.org

WHAT'S UUP ?



[UU Princeton Sign Up Genius Link](#)

**Need to RSVP or sign up?
Go to the UU Sign Up Genius**

All About UU Princeton

**Sun. Apr. 19
12 – 2pm
Fahs Theater**

Curious about what makes the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton (UUCP) such a vibrant and inclusive community? Join us for an engaging presentation that offers an inside look at UUCP's history, leadership, worship life, social justice work, and the many programs that bring our congregation together. Whether you're a longtime member or just getting to know us, this overview will highlight the heart of who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved in this dynamic, purpose-driven community.

We will lead you through a brief overview of the history of UU Princeton, then dive into the workings of the church, its programs, administration, and how it all fits into the larger religious structure.

All are welcome: long-time members, newcomers, and everyone in between. (This event rescheduled from previous weather postponement)

Spring Egg Hunt!

**Sun., Apr. 5
After the All-Ages Worship Service, Church Grounds**
Join us for our joyful Spring Egg Hunt tradition immediately after the All-Ages Service. Children are invited to gather their baskets and search the church grounds for colorful eggs in this beloved community celebration. Bring friends and family to share in the fun — it's one of our sweetest spring traditions! Visit UUPrinceton.org/SignupGenius to RSVP and/or volunteer to donate candy, stuff and hide eggs,

Brunch for a Hearable Brunch

**Sun. Apr. 12
11:30am-1pm Founders Room**
Join us after the service for a joyful and delicious brunch! Proceeds will help fund special sound-absorbing ceiling panels in the Founders Room, making conversations easier and more pleasant for everyone during brunches, meetings, and other gatherings. Can you help make it happen? Visit the [SignUpGenius at UUPrinceton.org](http://SignUpGenius.at/UUPrinceton.org) to volunteer or contribute food.

Intergenerational Seder

**Fri., Apr. 10
6–8:30 pm, Founders Room**
Save the Date! The Celebrations Ministry invites you to our treasured UU Princeton Intergenerational Seder. All are welcome, regardless of religious background. The evening will include a shared Passover meal, a reading of the UU Haggadah, singing, and children's activities, including the search for the afikomen. Cost is \$5 per person (children free). Please bring a dish to share; Seder plate items and beverages will be provided (bring your own wine if desired). Volunteers are appreciated for setup, serving, and cleanup. [RSVP at UU Princeton SignUpGenius](http://RSVP.at.UUPrinceton.SignUpGenius)

What's in the Bible?

**Sun. Apr. 5, 12, 19
9-9:45am Lower Lounge**
Ever wondered what the Bible really says (and what it doesn't)? Join us for open, thoughtful exploration—no beliefs or prep required, and no need to BYOB(bible)—text is provided. we continue exploring the Hebrew Scriptures together and expect to spend April considering Job and the Psalms. All are welcome.

WHAT'S UUP?

Stewardship Begins with Gratitude

Our 2026 stewardship drive officially began on the March 15th service. This year's theme, "Stewardship Begins with Gratitude," reminds us that generosity grows most naturally from appreciation, for this congregation, for the connections we share, and for the many ways UUPrinceton enriches our lives.

During the service, we heard from more than 30 representatives of our committees and ministries, each sharing a few words about what their work here means to them. Their reflections were a powerful reminder that UUPrinceton is sustained not only by financial support, but also by the time, energy, and care that so many of you give throughout the year.

Our goal for this year is \$600,000, which will allow us to continue supporting worship, music, faith development, social justice work, and the many programs that make this congregation such an important part of our lives. As we did last year, we invite those who are able to consider joining the 500 Club by increasing their pledge to the next \$500 level.

If you have already pledged, thank you. If you have not yet had a chance, we invite you to do so before March 31st. Every pledge makes a difference, and every gift helps sustain the community we cherish.

With gratitude,

Cindy Funka-Lea &
Elizabeth Silverman

Stewardship Co-Chairs

Changing the Conversation Together Info Session

Sun., Apr. 12
11:45am–12:45pm

Lower Lounge

Looking for a meaningful way to respond to today's political climate? Join Carol Haag and Meg Cox after the service to learn about Changing the Conversation Together (CTC), a deep-canvassing organization that trains volunteers to engage voters through values-based, one-on-one conversations. Carol and Meg will share their experiences canvassing in Harrisburg, demonstrate how these conversations work, and explain upcoming opportunities to get involved ahead of the 2026 midterms. Trainings and canvassing typically run from 10am–4pm on select weekends, and Harrisburg is accessible by a direct Amtrak train or carpool. Meg will also speak about how powerful and meaningful she has found this work—connecting with real people and living into values of compassion and courage. Feel free to grab brunch or coffee beforehand and bring your curiosity.

Short Story Hour

Fri., Apr. 10
12pm, Zoom

What happens when a massive, sudden snow storm threatens to engulf a bus full of schoolchildren? How will the driver navigate rural roads in white-out conditions? Louise Erdich imagines such a tense scenario in her 2022 short story, "The Hollow Children," originally published in *The New Yorker* but recently included in her collection, *Python's Kiss*. In our next short story hour, we'll engage the snowy, scary world she's created! Find the zoom link in the weekly digital newsletter. No sign-up needed. All are welcome. [Join the mailing list](#) for Short Story Hour Reminders!

Earth Day All Month

Roadside Cleanup | Sat., April 11

Earth Day Film Festival | Wed., April 22

Spring Sale | Sun., April 26 - Sat. May 2

See full activity details on page 7

WHAT'S UUP?

Women's Alliance Monthly Program

Thur., Mar. 19

12-2pm Founders Room

Join the Women's Alliance at noon for lunch, followed by a 1pm program featuring **environmental leader Fran Price**. In the spirit of our congregation's Earth Month celebration, Fran will speak about global forest conservation and the environmental work she has participated in over the past 25+ years with organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund and The Nature Conservancy. In 2024 she received the National Audubon Society's Rachel Carson Award for her contributions to forest conservation. Fran grew up in Princeton and traces her love of the natural world to childhood days along Stony Brook and time spent exploring local woods. No reservation needed and all are welcome for lunch, the program, or both. Please bring a salad or sandwich to share; dessert and beverages provided. Contact Betty Ashwood, President, bjashwood@gmail.com
Learn more about Women's Alliance in the Community Connection section.

**No Princeton Eats
Plants Potluck in April.
See you again in May!**

Embodied Boundaries: Being Present for This Time

Sun., Apr. 19

After service, Channing Hall

Nathalie Edmond, author of *Mindful Race Talk*, returns to UU Princeton for a 90-minute experiential workshop exploring how boundaries live not only in our thoughts, but in our bodies. Through simple somatic practices—including breath, posture, and mindful awareness—participants will learn to listen more deeply to their bodies and communicate limits with greater clarity, courage, and care. Together, we will reflect on how culture, race, and systems of oppression shape our relationship to boundaries and belonging, and practice ways to stay grounded while expressing a clear yes, no, or not now. Rooted in trauma-informed and liberation-centered approaches, this workshop offers tools for building more just, compassionate, and sustainable relationships. No prior experience is needed. Our Princeton UU Racial Justice Ministry will have its regular Zoom meeting on April 21, 7 pm. We meet on the Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The Zoom link is the same for each meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved in Racial Justice is welcome to attend!

Fellowship Night!

Sat. Apr. 11

6-10pm Founders Room

It's all Fun & Games!- *literally!* (plus pizza). Play games, chat, and make new friends. The fun and food is free and you're welcome to bring your favorite games along to share. Just show up, (or RSVP on the [UU Princeton.org Signup Genius](https://uu.princeton.org/signup-genius) so we know how much pizza to get).

Book Discussion Group: *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding

Sun., May 31 (Note New Date)

12pm–1pm John Murray Room

Love to discuss a good book? Start reading for the next Book Discussion Group meeting in May. *This Other Eden* was inspired by the true story of Malaga Island, following the descendants of a formerly enslaved man and his Irish wife on a remote Maine island.

UU Princeton Summer Night at the Ballpark

Sat., July 25

6pm, Trenton Thunder Ballpark

Join us for a thrilling summer evening at the baseball game — Tickets are \$8. Reserve a spot and pay for tickets on the [Signup Genius page](#).

April Is Earth Month

At UU Princeton, we don't just celebrate Earth Day—we celebrate Earth Month. April offers many opportunities to reflect on our relationship with the planet and to take meaningful action together. Some of the activities featured here are described in greater detail elsewhere in this issue or will appear in upcoming editions of the weekly digital newsletter. You can subscribe to the weekly newsletter at UUPrinceton.org

Passover and Environmental Reflection Friday, April 10

The Passover story reminds us of the suffering endured by enslaved people in ancient Egypt—and of the environmental plagues that ultimately forced a powerful ruler to change course. UU Princeton will remember this history through our Intergenerational Passover Seder, a community gathering that blends tradition, reflection, and shared meal.

Roadside Cleanup | Saturday, April 11

Roll up your sleeves for the planet and join the Earth Ministry for a local roadside cleanup in Hopewell Township. It's a simple, hands-on way to care for our shared environment—and the township provides a small stipend that supports our Earth Ministry work. To sign up or learn more, visit the [Signup Genius](#), or contact EarthMinistry@uuprinceton.org.

Women's Alliance Environmental Program | Thursday, April 16

The Women's Alliance will host a special program on Thursday, April 16 featuring a speaker addressing environmental issues as part of the congregation's Earth Month focus.

Earth Day Film Festival | Wednesday, April 22

Join us for a powerful evening of short films—documentary, animation, drama, and humor—exploring the human side of the climate crisis. Introduced by climate leader Bill McKibben, with Edward Norton as honorary judge, this festival is known for sparking meaningful conversation and leaving audiences informed, connected, and hopeful. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Conscious Consumer Challenge



This April, we invite you to make everyday choices that tread more lightly on the Earth. Try planning a garden with native plants, starting a compost system, or exploring the idea of a rain garden. Just as important, spend time outdoors—take a walk, visit a park, or explore local trails—and reconnect with what you're working to protect. Let these experiences guide small shifts toward less consumption and more intentional living. Together, our individual choices can add up to meaningful change.

Arbor Day - Friday, April 24

Offers a moment to appreciate the quiet heroes of our ecosystem: trees. They shelter wildlife, cool our neighborhoods, clean our air, and enrich our spirits. Take a walk in the woods with family or friends—or consider planting a tree at home or on the UU Princeton grounds. If you'd like to help plant a tree at UU Princeton, contact Ray Nichols, Elaine Nigam, or Vickie Campbell to explore possibilities.

UU Princeton Spring Sale: Reduce & Recycle Sun. April 26 - Sat. May 2

Earth Month concludes with Reduce and Recycle Week, beginning Sunday, April 26, as we prepare for UU Princeton's Annual Spring Sale. Start now by looking around your home for items you no longer need that could be useful to someone else. Donations can be brought to UU Princeton between April 26 and April 29. You can also support our recycling efforts by volunteering to help organize items for the sale.

SPRING SALE 2026

SALE DAYS

May 1, 4-7pm (\$10 cover)
May 2, 9am-2pm (free entry)

SET UP DAYS

April 26
April 30

Donations Wanted

Donation Drop-Off Times:

Sun. 4/26: 12:30 - 6:00 pm

Mon. 4/27: 4:00 - 7:00pm

Tue. 4/28: 4:00 - 7:00pm

Wed. 4/29: 9am - 12pm & 4pm - 7pm

Set aside your unneeded clothing & household items to donate. Visit the sale webpage to see acceptable items and guidelines. Take photos of special items and send us key info ASAP so we can research up front and send all the info to

Springsale@uuprinceton.org



Plant Pre-Orders

Don't delay—LAST CALL FOR PRE-ORDERS IS FRI. APRIL 3

Payment deadline April 4

11:30am–12:15pm Robinson Lounge

Did you know we offer a 10% discount for pre-orders? You get what you really want, and we get a better handle on how much to order. Take advantage of this discount while also helping the Spring Sale Plant Team contribute to our social justice grant programs. Payments can be made after service via check or your phone.

[Fill out & print the order form](#)

Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy working with others, light organizing and friendly leadership? Please join us to help make our major fundraising event for local charities a success. All training and support provided!

Sign up to volunteer on the Signup Genius:

[Booth Volunteer signup](#)

[Activity Volunteer signup](#)

Spread the Word

Visit the [Spring Sale website](#) to print fliers and post in your neighborhood. Tell your friends and family to come shop for a good cause.

Team Leader Meeting (booth Chairs)

Sun. April 12,
12–1:30pm Fahs Theater

All volunteers—new and returning—are welcome to join sale coordinators and booth leaders in attending this "Game Plan" meeting to learn more about how the sale comes together.



50:50 Raffle Tickets!

Sun., Apr. 12, 19, and 26

11:30pm, Robinson Lounge

Try your luck and support UU Princeton through the 2nd ever Spring Sale Raffle! Half of the proceeds support UU Princeton, with three chances to win—1st prize (25%), 2nd (15%), and 3rd (10%) of the pot. Tickets will be sold in bundles of 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Sat., May 2 at 1pm (no need to be present to win). Grab some for yourself—and for friends and family too!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Lots of Activity in April & May!



Join us on **Sun. April 5** after service for our joyful Spring Egg Hunt tradition immediately after the All-Ages Service. Children are invited to gather their baskets and search the church grounds for colorful eggs in this beloved community celebration. Bring friends and family to share in the fun — it's one of our sweetest spring traditions! Visit [Egg Hunt Signup Genius](#) to RSVP and/or volunteer to donate candy, stuff and hide eggs,



Join us for our all ages Passover Seder on **Fri. April 10** at 6:00pm. Please see the announcement further in this newsletter for more information. All welcome, including those not of Jewish background. Please RSVP on the [Seder Signup Genius page](#) so we are sure we have enough for our Seder plates



May 3 - Maypole ritual in service

Save the Date for our Children & Youth Ministry Celebration Sunday Service on **May 17**. All of our children have the opportunity to take part in the service: some lighting the chalice, others helping to lead our Wonder & Wisdom, and still others sharing reflections on what they've been experiencing together this past year. This service also recognizes our dedicated program volunteers.



April's Schedule

Sun. 4/5	Easter all ages worship service. No gatherings. Spring Egg Hunt after worship.
Sun. 4/12	Pre-K-5th grade gatherings by age group. 6th-8th grade Crossing Paths visit, see email for details 9th-12th Grade YouUth Group social event, see email for details
Sun. 4/19	Pre-K-8th grade: gatherings by age group. 6th-8th grade Crossing Paths meets 10:30am-12:00pm
Sun. 3/26	Pre-K-8th grade: gatherings by age group 6th-8th grade Crossing Paths does not meet today

Registration is **FREE** and **required** for all children and youth.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

or scan the QR Code



Recent Stories Used in "Wonder & Wisdom"

February 22:

Maybe You Might

by Imogen Foxell and illustrated by Anna Cunha

March 8:

Not All Princesses Dress in Pink

by Heidi E. Y. Stemple & Jane Yolen, illustrated by Anne-Sophie Lanquetin

March 15:

Thankful Dogs by Naftali King, adapted.

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/story/151529.shtml>

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Check with groups for scheduling changes (especially around holidays)

Short Story Hour

Monthly Zoom Gatherings

Join Rev. Bill for the reading and discussion of a contemporary short story. Please keep an eye on your email for the next meeting dates. No sign-up needed. Stay tuned for upcoming dates in the weekly email newsletter.

Men's Group

2nd and 4th Sundays

9:30am-10:30am

John Murray Room

Gather for connection and conversation. Stop by to build community and make friends! Email Marc Rubenstein at marcruby@gmail.com for more information or to be added to the e-list.

Young Adult Group

Interested in meeting other young adults within the UU Princeton community? Come to Young Adult Sundays, at least once a month! Develop connections for fellowship, activism, and fun! Email Office@uuprinceton.org to join the email list for meeting dates and to connect for other events.

Buddhist Meditation Group

Sundays 9:15-10:25am

Fahs Theater

Whether you're a beginning or experienced meditator, all are welcome! Contact Michele Ochsner for weekly email reminders and Zoom link.

michele.ochsner@gmail.com

[Visit our webpage here](#)

CUUPS Covenant of UU Pagans Evergreen Chapter

Meets monthly & quarterly

CUUPS practice and share Earth-centered traditions and build bridges between 21st-century pagans and other religious traditions.

For more information about CUUPS events email Kate

Foster subligaria@yahoo.com

[Visit our webpage here](#)

Earth Ministry

We care for the earth; learning to be careful stewards of its resources not just for ourselves, but for those to come. Join us!

Earthministry@uuprinceton.org

[Visit our webpage here](#)



UU Book Discussion Group

Listed Sundays (below) 12pm

John Murray Room

All are invited to join our final, one-hour book discussion of the year. See the title below.

Happy Reading! Contact

peggy.matthews@gmail.com

[Visit our webpage here](#)



May 31 (Fiction)

This Other Eden by Paul Harding

Please note date change:

MAY 31.

Playtime

Fourth Sundays

Playground or in Robinson Lounge, depending on the weather.

Catch up with others, bring your own snacks or lunch and plan to stick around with your kiddos after worship for unstructured playtime and fellowship. No need to register or commit — just show up!

Playtime@uuprinceton.org to join the mailing list for reminders and other possible playtime events.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Grief Group



**Third Tuesdays
7pm-8:30 p.m.**

John Murray Room

A monthly gathering for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, providing a supportive, confidential space to share experiences, and find comfort by connecting with others facing similar losses. For more information about this group please email jennifer@uuprinceton.org

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Associates is a group of trained and caring members of the congregation that offers support and assistance to congregants facing difficulties, crises, or life transitions. Rev. Jennifer is the primary support for Pastoral Associates and our Prayer Circle. You are always welcome to reach out directly to the ministry team for pastoral care and support in times of difficulty and times of celebration.

Music Ministry



Adult Choir

**Wednesdays 7:30pm-9pm
Channing Hall**

Love to sing in the shower, the car, or with friends? Come join our choir! We welcome all voices - whether you read music or just sing from the heart. Rehearsals are less about perfection and more about coming together and making music as a community. Add your voice and discover how much fun singing together can be!

Bell Choir

**Thursdays 6pm-8:30pm
Founders Room**

Want to make a joyful noise? If you can count and enjoy making music with others, you'll fit right in to Bell Choir. Ringing bells is part rhythm, part teamwork, and all fun. It's a great way to connect and create beautiful music together. Come give it a try — we'll save you a bell! handbells@uuprinceton.org

Contact office@uuprinceton.org if you have any questions or are interested in joining the music ministry.

Garden Keepers

Connect to find out when

Come grow beauty, community, and connection in our church gardens! No green thumb required and no need to sign up — just show up on gardening days. gardenkeepers@uuprinceton.org

Women's Alliance

**Third Thursdays 12:00-2:00pm
Founders' Room**

The Women's Alliance serves the congregation and greater community. To accomplish our mission we organize monthly lunches with timely programs of general interest, assist bereaved families with receptions following memorial services, and raise funds to support local, national and international organizations that serve women and children. Check UUCP newsletters for monthly luncheon topics and visit the WA webpage for membership info: <https://www.uuprinceton.org/connection/groups/womens-alliance/>



Fellowship Nights

**Second Saturdays
6pm-10pm Founders Room**

Come play a board game, eat some free pizza and snacks, and get to know your fellow congregants better! Games provided, or bring your favorites along! Just show up, or RSVP on the [Sign-up Genius page \(Fellowship Dinners\)](#) to help us know how much pizza to order. Questions or food restrictions? Email John Burton johnmburton@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Social Justice Ministries List

Caring for Our Neighbors – organizes projects that provide hands-on help to address immediate, local, concrete needs.

Contact Louise Senior

caring4neighbors@uuprinceton.org

Immigration Task Force – assists immigrants, refugees and sanctuary seekers. Michele Ochsner

sanctuary@uuprinceton.org,

Ministry for the Earth – acts to preserve earth's resources at UU Princeton and among individuals.

Ray Nichols:

earthministry@uuprinceton.org

Public Action Issues – UU Faith Action and Public Issues. Promotes advocacy and collaboration around statewide legislative issues.

Contact Suzanne Apel at

faithaction@uuprinceton.org

Racial Justice Ministry – conducts anti-racism work inside and outside of UU Princeton. Ted Fetter and Kevin Trayner,

racialjustice@uuprinceton.org

Rainbow Ministry – welcomes LGBTQIA persons at UU Princeton and advocates outside of UU Princeton. Suzanne Apel

lgbtq@uuprinceton.org



Affiliated Justice Work

Annual Spring Sale

Proceeds from our annual, congregation-wide rummage sales fund our annual Social Justice Outreach Grants (Sale Coordinators: Kirsten Shearer, Emma Moore, Amanda Gillum & Cathy Bauer-Koggan)

Social Justice Outreach Grants

Financial grants to local nonprofits sponsored by UU Princeton congregants, determined by committee review of applications. Funded by annual Spring Sale proceeds

Review Committee Chair:

Gareth Funka-Lea,

Coalition for Peace Action Liaison:

Carol Allen

Not in Our Town Liaison:

Jeanne DeVoe

Princeton Community Housing Liaison:

Valerie Haynes

Represent US NJ Liaison:

Debra Lambo

Citizens' Climate Lobby Liaison:

Dunbar Birnie

Racial Justice Ministry

Fourth Tuesdays

Do you have a passion for equity, anti-racism, and social justice? The focus of our Racial Justice Ministry includes race-related issues in local governments, working with Indigenous peoples, education and school policies, faith development opportunities and looking at our own internal policies, practices and history.

racialjustice@uuprinceton.org

for more info or to join the mailing list. Co-chairs Kevin Trayner and Ted Fetter.

See Reporting ICE info on page 13

Princeton Eats Plants

NO PEP in April. See you in May!

First Wednesdays

6:00pm Founder's Room

PEP is a vibrant UU and local Princeton community that promotes plant-based living through the sharing of delicious food, plant-powered recipes, and great conversation. We create a welcoming space for all, both seasoned plant-based eaters and plant-curious. We do it for our health, for the climate, and for the animals.

pep@uuprinceton.org

[Join the PEP Facebook group](#)

Caring for Our Neighbors Ministry

Want to help organize hands-on projects that help hunger and homelessness prevention in Mercer County? You can always bring shelf-stable, in-date, unopened food to our Giving Table in Robinson Lounge.

If you'd like to help deliver food to ArmlnArm or help out in other ways.

Contact Louise Senior or Jody Maher at Caring4Neighbors@uuprinceton.org



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

UU Faith Action

Looking for simple ways to make a difference for everyone in New Jersey by advocating for public policy consistent with our UU values?

Join UU FaithAction NJ Action Hours 1st & 3rd Fridays 12pm on Zoom. Not available to meet then?

No worries-



[Visit the Action Hour Doc](#) or scan the code for a list of actions to take in your own time.

Sign up for email and/or text alerts from UU FaithAction NJ to hear about news, action hours, webinars, rallies, and other opportunities to contact your legislators to pass the People's Agenda during this lame duck legislative session. Sign up at <https://www.ufaithaction.org/join-our-movement/>

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or visit:

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Rainbow Ministry

LGBTQ+

Third Mondays 7pm on Zoom

As UUs we celebrate and support all members of the LGBTQIA+ community, who embody the diverse and intersectional nature of sexual orientation and gender identity. We bring these values to life within UU Princeton's worship and community through Sunday services, vigils, fellowship gatherings, and more. Beyond our congregation, we proudly represent UU Princeton in the wider community by participating in Princeton Pride and collaborating with LGBTQIA+ organizations across New Jersey. Bring your ideas and energy to Rainbow Ministry justice work. rainbowministry@uuprinceton.org



Building & Grounds

Handy? We need your hands! Not so handy? Learn valuable life skills! This place doesn't fix itself- We Do! Contact

Bill Gillum: wgillum@verizon.net.

Ushering Ministry

The Ushering Ministry is looking for help with ushering. Can you greet and count? Then please contact Judy Vee or Jennifer Klonek at ushering@uuprinceton.org.

To Report ICE Activity

Call 1-888-347-3767

This is the number for DIRE – Deportation & Immigration Response Equipo

<https://diresupport.org/>

DIRE supports undocumented individuals and their families facing immigration and detention crises.

Coffee Hour Team

Every few weeks come help make everyone's Sunday morning even more delightful! Inquire in the kitchen or contact the office.



UU FaithAction NJ



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 Sunday Services
 10:30 am

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Welcome




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While our congregation hosts many public activities (worship services, meetings, community events, etc.), several spaces are officially designated "private" spaces. Access to these private spaces is limited to those engaging in the religious work of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, as well as all other law enforcement officials, must produce a judicial warrant to enter these private spaces. These private spaces are the Main Office, the Minister's Office, the Assistant Minister's Office, the Music Ministry Office, and the Sexton's Office.

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