

SKYLIGHTS

Monthly



UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION
OF PRINCETON

Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m.

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Upcoming Services

May 3 | **And There Was Dancing, Rev. Bill Neely**

Join in our annual intergenerational Maypole ritual, and enjoy a visit from the Millstone River Morris dance team as we create a joyful service that celebrates life, spring, and one another. No dancing required, but all dancing welcome!

May 10 | **A is not I, Rev. Bill Neely**

Religion usually adopts a critical approach toward technological innovations, often raising up important ethical and spiritual questions about how various changes will impact us individually and collectively. Such is occurring right now in the rapidly advancing world of Artificial Intelligence (AI). What guidance does our faith and theology offer us for living in these new times? And ... Happy Mother's Day! This service will include an honoring of the moms and mothering presences in our lives.

May 17 | **Learn in Love, Grow in Wisdom, Children & Youth Ministry Sunday, Our Children & Youth, their Adult Leaders & Rev. Jennifer Kelleher**

This service is co-created by our children, youth and the adult leaders who guide them in their Sunday morning gatherings. Our young people will light our chalice, share the Wonder & Wisdom story, and reflect on their experiences this past year. Join us as we celebrate their (and our) growing wisdom, centered in love.

May 24 | **Our New and Former Faiths, Rev. Bill Neely**

What does it mean to leave one religion and join another? For many Unitarian Universalists, sometimes referred to as "Come Outers," experiences in earlier faiths shape engagement in and perception of the newer one. This shifting dynamic, explored gently, can lead to greater understanding.

May 31 | **Holding Together, Rev. Bill Neely**

The great Gwendolyn Brooks wrote, "We are each other's harvest; We are each other's business; We are each other's magnitude and bond." In this, she urges us to resist the lure of hyper-individualism and its resulting loneliness and isolation and instead build our sense of self in ever-connected, interrelated ways. Well-aligned with our faith, this sentiment leads to a fuller life that is lived for the common good.



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THE GOOD NEWS

I once saw a guy having a wrestling match with some shopping carts. They were stuck together and he couldn't get one to separate from the rest. We've all been in this situation. Perhaps you, like me, would have tried to see what was catching. Perhaps we would have tried to finesse them apart. And perhaps we would have tried for a little while but if it didn't work, we would have moved on to a different set of carts and hoped that someone else would have better luck.

This shopper tried brute force, however. Not only that, it was kind of frantic force—an angry force. It seemed like he was having a bad day. He shook the carts emphatically, pushing them back and forth and even lifting the first one up before slamming it on the ground to try and get it to separate. Nothing worked, however, until a bagger stepped up to help. He reached into the first cart, lifted up a bit on the swinging part that was hooked to the second cart, and then easily pulled the carts apart. The shopper went on his way without even a thank you, while I made a note to try and stay out of his way in the store.

A former yoga teacher of mine would have encouraged him to take a deep breath. That's what she said when we became overwhelmed in class—when we couldn't get into a posture, or fell out of one, or got too hot and sweaty (it was hot yoga). Sometimes we would become disoriented, and she would teach us to just breathe. She would tell us that breath is always our posture, but especially in those moments. Breathing is always the practice, especially when we might find ourselves holding our breath out of anger, frustration, or fear.

I'm thinking of the guy and the shopping cart because I've been trying to come up with a list of spiritual practices to go with each of the guiding Values of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Each Value (Generosity, Interdependence, Pluralism, Justice, Transformation, and Equity, with Love being at the center) includes a brief promise of action and a slightly longer covenantal commitment. But none are rooted in spiritual practices. Each Value is to be understood and articulated, but there's no devotional practice in which they might deepen within us.

I'm working on that, but I know that breathing will be one of those practices—maybe the practice. It'll be a touchstone in which I find the Love that is always at our center, especially when we need that centering the most. Maybe we haven't all slammed around shopping carts during a bad day, but we've all had bad days when we've been careless with our words and actions. We've had plenty of fearful and frustrated moments when we forgot to breathe. None of our most important values are expressed in those states, but a deep breath might bring us closer to bringing those values to life.

My yoga teacher was right, in class and beyond it. Just breathe. It'll return us to who we wish to be in the world. It'll bring our values to life. It'll balance us in the love that is always at our center. t 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

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Rev. Jennifer Kelleher

Assistant Minister

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MAY'S SPIRITUAL THEME

Life

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.

"The mystery of human existence lies not in just staying alive, but in finding something to live for."

FYODOR DOSTOYEVSKY

- Have you found something(s) to live for?

"The question is why one should be so inwardly preoccupied at all. Why not reach out to others in love and solidarity or peer into the natural world for some glimmer of understanding? Why retreat into anxious introspection when, as Emerson might have said, there is a vast world outside to explore? Why spend so much time working on oneself when there is so much real work to be done?"

BARBARA EHRENREICH

- Do you have any answers to Barbara Ehrenreich's questions?

"The new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light if only we're
brave enough to see it, if only we're
brave enough to be it."

AMANDA GORMAN

- What do you think Amanda Gorman means being "brave enough" to "be" the light?

"The most important scientific revolutions all include, as their only common feature, the dethronement of human arrogance from one pedestal after another of previous convictions about our centrality in the cosmos."

STEPHEN J. GOULD

- Do you agree with Stephen J. Gould?

Joys & Concerns



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

New to UU : A Social Justice Introduction

Sun. May. 23

12 ~ 1pm

Channing Hall

Curious about UU Princeton? Join Rev. Bill and Membership Coordinator Kirsten Shearer for an introduction to Unitarian Universalism, with an emphasis this month on our social justice ministries. We'll explore our denomination's history of social justice engagement as well as our congregation's current programs in this area. Newcomers and current members are welcome! 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.

Fellowship Night!

Sat. May 9

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](#) so we know how much pizza to get).

What's in the Bible?

Sun. May. 3, 10, 24, 31

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 May considering the Psalms and beginning Proverbs. All are welcome.

Short Story Hour

Fri., May 8

12pm, Zoom

A scientific research team isolated on a small island in the Artic. An orphaned polar bear cub. A daring act of civil disobedience. How do these threads combine to weave together a story about love? Author Juhea Kim shows us in her piece, *A Love Story from the End of the World*, published in her 2025 short story collection of the same name. Join Rev. Bill for our next Short Story Hour. No prior reading or sign up necessary. Keep an eye on your email for the Zoom link. All are welcome. [Join the mailing list](#) for Short Story Hour Reminders!

Music Ministry Brunch

Sun. May 17

11:30am-1pm Founders Room

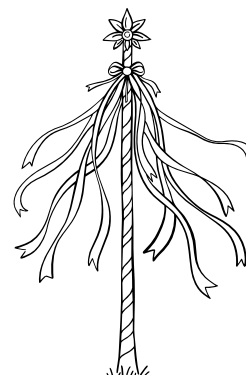
Join us after the service for a harmonious and delicious brunch! Proceeds will help fund the music ministry so that beautiful and inspirational music can keep flowing through our halls.

Create Socials

Kickoff Thur., May 21

2pm, Lower Lounge

If you have a creative hobby that can essentially fit on your lap, we welcome you to participate in Create Socials on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 2pm downstairs in the UU book nook.



**Maypole ritual in worship
Sunday, May 3rd**

WHAT'S UUP?

Stewardship Coming to a Close

We're working to bring this year's stewardship campaign to a close and finalize pledge commitments. This past month, we heard four powerful stewardship testimonials during Sunday services from Robert Eaton & Beth Behrend, Carol Haag, Mai Himedan, and Peter Macholdt, each a meaningful reminder of why this community matters and why we support it. If you missed them (or just want to be inspired again), they're all available on the UU Princeton YouTube channel.

If you've already pledged, thank you once again. If not, please take a moment to do so as soon as possible so the Executive Team and Board can finalize a thoughtful and balanced budget.

So far 120 households have pledged, including 15 new households, and nearly 80% have joined the 500 Club, increasing their pledge to the next \$500 level! Those increases are helping us build a strong foundation for the year ahead.

We are still waiting for 48 households to submit pledges (as of 4/20), and if all do at the same level as last year, we will exceed our \$600,000 goal.

It is incredibly uplifting for all of us to see what a supportive, committed and generous community we share and build together. Thank you again!

With gratitude,
Cindy Funka-Lea and Elizabeth Silverman
Stewardship Co-Chairs

Singing the Resistance Central Jersey

**Mondays, (Resuming May 4)
6:30–7:30pm, Fahs Theater**

Lift your voice for justice. Singing Resistance Central NJ is a new, local group inspired by a growing nationwide movement using collective song to support social action, build solidarity, and sustain courage in challenging times. Led by Rachel Lee Holstein and Michele Ochsner, the group gathers weekly to build a joyful, connected community through simple, powerful songs that can be sung at gatherings, vigils, and actions. No auditions, no singing experience needed, no performance pressure. While weekly attendance is not required, coming to a few rehearsals will help you feel part of the group. A Signal group shares rehearsal details, songs, and future opportunities to sing in public. Contact Rachel Lee Holstein rlholstein@gmail.com to learn more.

2026 Women's Retreat at Murray Grove

What do golden t-shirts, good conversation, and a whole lot of heart have in common? The 2026 Women's Retreat at Murray Grove! This year's gathering was meaningful, joyful, and deeply restorative. We dove into rich conversations about life transitions and explored our roles in social change ecosystems, thinking together about how each of us contributes to a more just and loving world. Then we rested really rested with restorative yoga and a transcendent sound bath led by our own Jocelyn Dorgan, whose gifts left us glowing for the rest of the weekend. Murray Grove is a Universalist historic site with deep roots and a warm, welcoming spirit all its own and the perfect place for sisterhood to flourish. Feeling inspired? Start dreaming about joining us for **the 2027 Women's Retreat April 2-4!**



Murray Grove Women's Retreat 2026

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 titled **Rethinking Home: Alternative Community Living for the Future**. What might it mean to live differently—more intentionally, collaboratively, and connected to land and neighbor? Explore alternative living models and what they offer for our shared future. Emma King reflects on growing up in a remote “back to the land” community in Canada, sharing its rhythms, rewards, and realities. Julia Tell and Rev. Brenna Kelley, minister at The Unitarian Society in East Brunswick, will speak about their work launching a cohousing community in New Jersey. Together, we'll explore possibilities, challenges, and the evolving meaning of home. 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.

Rank the Desserts: Ranked Choice Voting Demo

Sun., May 31

After service, Founders Room

Join Voter Choice New Jersey and UU Princeton for a fun and engaging event that pairs dessert with learning. In this non-partisan, interactive session, you'll sample sweet treats while exploring how Ranked Choice Voting works and how it can impact elections by expanding voter choice and participation. Ranked Choice Voting allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference, helping ensure that winners have broader support and reducing the impact of vote-splitting. It can also encourage more positive campaigns and give voters more meaningful options. Come for the desserts, stay for the conversation! RSVP at vcnj.org/events and if you can help contribute desserts, stay tuned for the Sign Up genius link in the weekly newsletter.



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? 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. Come join us to share your thoughts!

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](#).

"Community is the spirit that draws people together"
— Merrymaker Sisters

2026 SPRING SALE



SALE DAYS

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



50:50 Raffle Tickets!

Try your luck and support UU Princeton through the 2nd ever Spring Sale Raffle! **Half of the proceeds support UU Princeton directly**, 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. Drawing: Sat., May 2 at 1pm (no need to be present to win). Grab some for yourself—and for friends and family too!

Spring Sale Supports Local Nonprofits

The UU Princeton Outreach Grant Committee awards money to local charities using the revenue from the Spring Sale. Last year saw another very successful Sale that was able to distribute \$31,438 to 20 local charities. The results are listed below. Committee members: Gareth Funka-Lea, Corky Reslier, Louise Senior, Lisa Trayner, David Avasthi. Consider sponsoring an organization in the fall of 2026 for next year's grant awards.

2026 Outreach Grant Awards

- Arm In Arm: \$2,500 Driver's license access/restoration
- Bayard Rustin Center: \$1,000 PRIDE accessibility
- Chubby's Project: \$1,000 Volunteer training (food access)
- Friends of Abbott Marshlands: \$1,918 Trenton-area summer intern
- Good Grief: \$1,250 Family grief support
- HomeFront: \$1,000 Emergency food & diapers
- Interfaith-Rise: \$1,000 Refugee financial support
- Jewish Center Refugee Resettlement: \$2,750 Refugee self-sufficiency
- Millhill Child & Family Dev.: \$1,250 (new) STEM summer program
- NAMI Mercer: \$1,500 Mental health programs
- Peace Action Ed Fund: \$1,000 Peace conference & service
- Princeton Community Housing: \$1,500 Senior transportation
- Princeton Mobile Food Pantry: \$1,000 Grocery delivery
- Resistencia en Acción NJ: \$2,000 (new) ICE rapid response
- Solidaridad: \$2,770 Asylum seeker legal support
- South Brunswick Social Services: \$1,500 Outdoor food donation bin
- SPLASH Delaware River: \$1,500 Floating classroom (Mercer Lake)
- Sustainable Princeton: \$1,000 Immigrant workforce training
- Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK): \$1,500 Food support

View the Grant Gallery

This year, around Spring Sale time, take a moment to check out our new Spring Sale Grant Gallery (left of the nametag rack) for info about some of this year's sale beneficiaries. You can also view grant information for this year and last year on our website: <https://www.uuprinceton.org/about-justice/sj-action/outreach-grants/>



WHAT'S UUP?



SAVE THE DATE

Kick-off to Summer Picnic

Sun., Jun. 14

12-1:30pm, UU Garden weather permitting

Join your UU Family and Friends for our Kick-off to Summer Picnic & BBQ- wear your brightest and festive colors and, if you want, a fancy hat.

The picnic follows the Annual Meeting, so come vote and then eat! Please RSVP to let us know how many people will join you so that we can provide enough burgers (meat and veggie), hot dogs, drinks and paper goods. We ask that every household share a salad/side or dessert for 10 people. If you are able, please also sign up to help with the critical roles of set-up, clean-up and grilling. RSVP & Signup Here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945A8A629A46-63625881-kickoff>

Looking forward to seeing you on June 14th!

NJ Reparations Discussion

Sun., Jun. 7

After service, Channing Hall

Join the Racial Justice Ministry for an NJ Reparations Discussion exploring the state's history as the "slave state of the North" and the lasting impacts of systemic racism. We'll review key findings from the NJ Institute for Social Justice's reparations report and consider how "reparative systems" can address inequities such as the racial wealth gap, housing segregation, and incarceration disparities. The session will include a presentation followed by small-group discussion. Copies of the report will be available.

Our Princeton UU Racial Justice Ministry will have its regular Zoom meeting on **May 19, 7pm**. [The Zoom link](#) is the same for each meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved in Racial Justice is welcome to attend! In June, we will move to meeting on the Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

Conscious Consumer Challenge



Spring is a season of renewal—an invitation to rethink how we consume and care for the earth. This month, knowing that food in the U.S. travels an average of 1,500 miles to reach your plate, challenge yourself to buy from a local farm and connect with the people who grow at least some of your food. Also, knowing that U.S. waste generation has increased by about 93% since 1980, reaching nearly 300 million tons annually. Take the chance to promote secondhand consumption by supporting the UU Princeton Spring Sale on May 1st & 2nd either by donating, shopping, or volunteering.

By the way, May 1st is a Day of Economic Action. Find out more here:

<https://indivisible.org/campaigns/may-day-participation-guide/>

But you can take action everyday by always considering the power of where you spend your money. Every purchase you make sends a message to corporations and policymakers about the kind of world you want to support.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wrapping Up a Great Year

We give thanks for the wonderful programming we've experienced together this past year!

This month, on **Sunday, May 17**, we will celebrate the connections and wisdom we have gained through a Children & Youth Ministry Celebration Worship Service. 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 experienced together this past year. This service also recognizes our dedicated program volunteers. We encourage all of our young people to take part and thank our leaders for supporting their participation.

On May 10, we end our annual programming in different gatherings by age-range. June-September — dependent on volunteer support — we will hold all ages activities two (2) Sundays each month. Our summer program activities are usually play, experiential or craft centered. We will begin on Sunday, June 7 with a PRIDE themed craft. Over the course of the summer, we'll look to bring back activities like short hikes on the Mountain Lakes Trails adjacent to our grounds and the ever popular "water slide" on the lawn.

Please reach out to me, jennifer@uuprinceton.org if you are able to lead a summer activity. We plan to publish a schedule in next month's Skylights and share it by email.


In the meantime, do come and be a part of our service of celebration on Sunday, May 17.

With abiding love, Rev. Jennifer

Recent Stories Used in "Wonder & Wisdom"

- March 1:** *Stretchy McHandsome* by Judy Schrachner
- March 15:** *Thankful Dogs* by Naftali King
- April 12:** *The Moon Jumpers* by Janice May Udry
illustrated by Maurice Sendak

May's Schedule

 Sun. 5/3	<p>Maypole Ritual in Service Pre-K-5th grade: gatherings by age group. 6th-8th grade Crossing Paths attends worship at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Washington Crossing. Meet 9:45am for 10:00 am worship service. 9th-12th Grade YoUuth Groups meets beginning at 10:30am</p>
Sun. 5/10	<p>Last gatherings of the program year. Pre-K-5th grade: gatherings by age group. 6th-8th grade Crossing Paths meets 10:30am-12:00pm Room 1</p>
Sun. 5/17	<p>Celebrating Children & Youth Ministry Worship Service. Each age-group has a part in the service.</p>
Sun. 5/23	<p>No gatherings</p>
Sun. 5/31	<p>TBD</p>

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

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)
or scan the QR Code



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

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/>



Pastoral Care

Pastoral Associates are trained volunteers who extend the love and care of our congregation into the lives of people enduring great difficulties or enjoying wonderful news. PA's care for people who've lost loved ones, connect with people who are sick or are experiencing difficult circumstances, and celebrate new births and additions within UU Princeton families. This is in addition to the ministers' pastoral care. If you feel you or someone in the congregation may be in need of support, please reach us at pa@uuprinceton.org.



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.

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

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

[Monthly Zoom @ 7pm:](#)

Next Meeting May 19th.

June resume meeting 4th Tuesdays of each month

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.

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Princeton Eats Plants

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.uufaithaction.org/join-our-movement/>

for more info contact faithaction@uuprinceton.org

or visit: <https://www.uuprinceton.org/about-justice/uufaithactionnj/>



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



@UU PRINCETON
 Sunday Services
 10:30 am

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Welcome!



Working Together
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Public and Private Spaces

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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