

SKYLIGHTS Monthly



UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION
OF PRINCETON

Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Live in Channing and [Live-streamed](#)

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Upcoming Services

June 7 | Finding Our People, Rainbow Ministry

June is Pride Month, when the flowering of LGBTQ+ community is often at its most visible and vibrant. But year round, the work of finding one's "people" goes on in multiple quiet and profound ways. The concept of a "chosen family", so important to queer culture, can have a special resonance to us as UUs overall. We search, ever onwards and wider, outwards and over generations, for our covenantal beloved community. But just as importantly, how do we do the emotional and relational work to keep them by us when we've found them? Join the Rainbow Ministry as we explore these questions through prayer, reflection, story, and music.

June 14 | Flower Communion, Revs. Bill Neely and Jennifer Kelleher

Join in our annual celebration of Flower Communion, a uniquely Unitarian Universalist tradition that celebrates diversity, unity, and joy! Please bring a flower with you to the service that you'll randomly exchange with someone else as part of the ritual. And plan on staying after the service for the Annual Meeting of members of the congregation, after which is our Spring Picnic!

June 21 | What King Said to Us, Rev. Bill Neely

In 1966, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the lecture, "Don't Sleep Through the Revolution," to Unitarian Universalists gathered at our denomination's annual General Assembly. Sixty years later, his words remain important for us to consider. Let's learn anew from the message that King believed we needed to hear.

June 28 | Waiting for Pedestrians, Rev. Bill Neely

In the poem, "Beatific," Tracy K. Smith observes a man cross the street with style and spirit before concluding, "Wait for this man. Wait for Him." What can we learn from appreciating others who pass by us in our daily lives? How can waiting for and celebrating one another uplift our days?



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THE GOOD NEWS

The Genie and the Sun

A long time ago, the genie awoke from a long nap in a beautiful sunbeam of warmth and sparkles. It was peaceful and quiet and the genie was the happiest he had ever been. Butterflies fluttered in the air around his head. The green grass tickled his toes. The air smelled like play and sunshine.

The genie wanted it all for himself, so he captured the sun in a bottle of dark glass. The sun still glowed inside though. It tried to shine on all of the park like it had before, but so little light shone that it was always dusk outside now. The whole sun had the glow of a candle. Of a dim lamp. Few things grew. Kites were never flown. Picnics were only remembered. Birds still soared sometimes, but no one saw them.

The creatures asked the genie “why bottle the sun?” The genie knew there was no good answer, so he distracted them with wishes come true. Sometimes one. Often three. Once, a million. Houses and riches and the finest of clothes. Adoration. Veneration. Statues and stature. Degrees. Pretty people. Perfect faces. So many wishes they became unimpressive.

So the creatures made their wishes bigger. More money. More buildings. Crowns reaching the clouds. Gowns longer than cities. Cars larger than countries. The genie granted them all.

The creatures then began wishing each other small so that they could wish themselves even bigger. And then they began wishing everyone small. Everything small. They wished little for most and none for some so that their wishes would impress again.

The genie, sun-drenched and shining, popped from the bottle for wish after wish, before napping again in the inside sun. Soon the genie became only the wish-granter. The creatures stopped thinking of the sun. They got used to the dusk and made evermore desperate wishes.

Hoarded by the genie, the sun still peeked out now and again. In ray and glow, she found the eye of anyone she could. Something in them would sparkle. Their bodies would feel a little warmer. Their eyes would open, and lift.

Their feet would take them to the genie, where they would hold the bottle, and see through the glass darkly, and start to remember the light, until another wish.

But this is how the sun stays alive. By still shining. And this is why there is hope. Because there is memory.

And this is why the genie will one day have to share. Because one day the creatures will remember sparkles, everywhere.

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

609-924-1604 (ext. 111)

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Rev. Jennifer Kelleher

Assistant Minister

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JUNE'S SPIRITUAL THEME

Friendship

**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.

"What is so delicious as a just and firm encounter of two, in a thought, in a feeling? How beautiful, on their approach to this beating heart, the steps and forms of the gifted and the true! The moment we indulge our affections, the earth is metamorphosed; there is no winter, and no night; all tragedies, all ennui vanish; all duties even; nothing fills the proceeding eternity but the forms all radiant of beloved persons. Let the soul be assured that somewhere in the universe it should rejoin its friend, and it would be content and cheerful alone for a thousand years."

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

- When in your life has a friendship changed the "season" of your inner world? Do you believe that friendships have a kind of destiny or inevitability to them?

"Whoever sits with friends is in the midst of a garden, even if he sits in the fire. For the friend is shade in heat, water in thirst, and a lantern in the dark. Sit with those who make your soul blossom."

RUMI

- What qualities in a friend make your "soul blossom"?

"If love is sudden, friendship is steady. At the moment of meeting a friend for the first time, we might be aware of an immediate "click" or a sudden mutual interest. But we don't "fall in friendship." And where love is often at its most intense in the period before the lover is possessed, in the exquisite suspense of the chase, and the stomach-fluttering nervousness of the capture, friendship can only really be experienced when both friends are fully used to each other. For friendship is based on knowledge, and love can be based on mere hope... You can love someone more than you know him, and he can be perfectly loved without being perfectly known. But the more you know a friend, the more a friend he is."

ANDREW SULLIVAN

- How does truly knowing someone deepen or complicate a friendship? Are there limits to how much or what we should know about a friend?

"The other element of friendship is tenderness [the first is truth]. We are holden to men by every sort of tie, by blood, by pride, by fear, by hope, by lucre, by lust, by hate, by admiration, by every circumstance and badge and trifle, but we can scarce believe that so much character can subsist in another as to draw us by love. Can another be so blessed, and we so pure, that we can offer him tenderness? When a man becomes dear to me, I have touched the goal of fortune."

ARISTOTLE

- What makes tenderness between adults so difficult and so rare?

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? Explore More

Stay tuned for summer session dates in the order of service or the weekly digital newsletter

Curious about UU Princeton? Join Rev. Bill for an introduction to Unitarian Universalism. Whether you're a longtime member or just getting to know us, sessions highlight the heart of who we are, what we do, and how you can get involved in this dynamic, purpose-driven community.

Annual Meeting & Flower Communion



Sun., Jun. 14

After worship members are encouraged to attend UU Princeton's Annual Meeting, to vote on important congregational matters and reflect on the life and work of the church over the past year. Review the Annual Report in advance and participate in shaping the future of the congregation. That morning we will also celebrate our annual Flower Communion service. Members, friends and visitors are invited to bring a flower to share as part of this beloved UU tradition celebrating beauty, community, and the many unique gifts we each bring together.

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>

Fellowship Night!

Sat. Jun. 13

6-10pm Founders Room

It's all Fun & Games!- *literally!* (plus pizza). Play games, chat, and make new friends. The fun and food are 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).

Short Story Hour

Fri., Jun. 12

12pm, Zoom

Join Rev. Bill for our next Short Story Hour. A grandfather takes his grandkids out to explore the exhibits in a large series of greenhouses, only to lose track of the young ones. Will he find them? What does he experience as he searches? Author Bernard MacLaverty takes us on this relatable journey in his tender and tense short story, *Glasshouses*, published in his 2021 collection, *Blank Pages and Other Stories*. No prior reading necessary. Please keep an eye on your email for the Zoom link, and no sign-up needed. All are welcome. [Join the mailing list](#) for Short Story Hour Reminders! Please note, there will be no Short Story Hour in July, but we'll pick back up in August 14. That story TBD.

Create Socials

Thur., Jun. 18

2pm, Lower Lounge

If you have a creative hobby that can essentially fit on your lap, we welcome you to participate in Create Socials.

WHAT'S UUP?

2026-2027 Stewardship Goal Reached!

Many thanks to all of our congregants who have submitted their pledges - with most of you increasing your pledges over last year's amount and over half of you joining the 500 Club! Woohoo!

As of 5/18 members and friends have pledged a total of \$621,396 - surpassing our "realistic" goal of \$600,000, and getting more than halfway from that goal to our "visionary" goal of \$630,000. 161 households have pledged thus far, including 19 new households. We are still waiting for pledges from ten or so active households who have not yet submitted their pledges, so we expect our total to increase.

As we said in our thank-you note to those who have pledged, we are grateful to you for your role in helping to financially sustain our congregation.

Cindy Funka-Lea and Elizabeth Silverman
Stewardship Co-Chairs

Joys & Concerns

To share your joy or concern
in this newsletter email
Skylights@uuprinceton.org

March and Celebrate with Rainbow Ministry

Sat., Jun. 13

meet 9am

march 10-11am

after-party/Fair 11am – 2pm

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH!

Save the date! The 6th Annual Princeton PRIDE is almost here! Organized by the Bayard Rustin Center For Social Justice, this event brings together all of the area's beautifully diverse and intersectional LGBTQIA+ communities. Keep an eye out for email blast reminder from Rainbow Ministry for details on how to march and party!

What's in the Bible?

Sun. Jun. 14, 21, and 28

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 to explore the Hebrew scriptures together and expect to spend June exploring Proverbs and perhaps Ecclesiastes. All are welcome. Note, there will be no Bible discussions in July, but we'll be back on August 2. Our entire August schedule will be ready by then.

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.

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](#).

WHAT'S UUP?

Racial Justice Ministry Invites You NJ Reparations Discussion

June 7 (Sunday)

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.

Princeton Pride Parade Co-sponsored by the Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice

June 13 (Saturday)

9am-2pm (see details on page 5)

UU Princeton members are encouraged to march or participate via the Rainbow Ministry to support intersectionality. See website for more information. <https://www.rustincenter.org/>

Princeton Juneteenth Festival Morven Museum and Garden

June 19, (Friday)

5-7pm, 5 Stockton Street, Princeton NJ

For more info: <https://princeton-symphony.org/events/juneteenth-community-celebration-0>

Juneteenth at SSAAM (Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum)

June 20 (Saturday)

11am-2pm

Community event likely to feature music and vendors. Check website for more information <https://www.ssaamuseum.org/>

Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum Tour

Sat., Jun. 6

**10 am, Stoutsburg Sourland
African American Museum**

Join UU Princeton and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills for a private, guided tour of the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum and Heritage Garden. The tour lasts about two hours and costs \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (discounted rate). Space is limited to 30 participants per congregation—please sign up by May 30. After the tour, some attendees plan to gather for lunch at the Tiger's Tale—note "joining for lunch" in the Comments when signing up. A wonderful opportunity to learn, connect, and spend time with fellow UUs. [Visit the uuprinceton.org](https://uuprinceton.org) [Signup Genius to sign up.](#)

Raritan Native American Heritage Celebration & Pow Wow 2026

June 20 – June 21

Middlesex County Fair Grounds

Features Native American traditional dancing, arts/crafts, and food. Get tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/1232419971>

WHAT'S UUP?

Examining Our Relationship with the Congregation

During 2025–2026, the **Committee on Ministry** conducted a congregational assessment exploring what brings people to UU Princeton, what sustains involvement, and how relationships and community are built within the congregation. Nearly 100 participants from five ministry areas took part in small-group discussions centered in three questions: What brought you to UU Princeton? What prompts you to serve? What inspired you to join?

Across all groups, participants described UU Princeton as a welcoming spiritual home grounded in shared values, openness, service, friendship, and meaningful intergenerational community. Many spoke about the joy of working together, opportunities to live out their values, and the importance of relationships formed here.

The conversations also generated ideas for future growth and connection, including expanded newcomer activities, potlucks, parent programming, and the possible return of Dining Unitarian Style (DUNS) groups.

To view the full assessment, including detailed responses and summaries from participating groups and members, visit the Committee on Ministry webpage at

<https://www.uuprinceton.org/governance/govdocs/committee-on-ministry/>

The Committee on Ministry is grateful to all who participated and shared thoughtfully about the life of this congregation.

Committee on Ministry: Drake Baer, Vicki Campbell, Carol Ann Meier, Karen Nalbone, Frances Prestianni (Convener), Mary Tulloss, Rev. Bill Neely (ex officio)

Why Do We Come and Why Do We Stay?

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO UU PRINCETON?

- A welcoming diverse community with similar values; became a home.
- An open belief system without doctrine
- Importance of Religious Education with emphasis on an intergenerational approach
- Opportunity to work together on projects; put values into action
- Originally came for specific programs (e.g., choir, education for children, social justice); this led to a broader involvement and commitment to the congregation

WHAT PROMPTS YOU TO SERVE OUR CONGREGATION?

- Support an inclusive welcoming community; make friends while working together
- Giving to the larger community is basic to our belief system
- Recognize and support families; children are an important focus of the congregation
- Gives joy and support to our lives

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER, WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN?

- Wanted full membership and the ability to participate in official actions
- Wanted to deepen commitment to the congregation and recognize my spiritual home
- Wanted children to be part of UU Princeton



WHAT'S UUP?

News you can use from Earth Ministry: Get the lead out

Unitarian Universalists have long held that the inherent worth and dignity of every person includes the right to a safe and healthy environment, and that commitment extends to the air and water in our own homes. If your home was built before 1978—especially if you're planning any renovation or remodeling—be aware of potential lead hazards. Lead-based paint and aging service lines, plumbing, and fixtures are the most common sources of exposure.

To learn about protecting your drinking water, visit <https://dep.nj.gov/watersupply/drinking-water-systems/drinking-water-contaminants/lead/consumer-lead-in-drinking-water/>

The EPA has determined there is no safe level of lead exposure, making it especially dangerous for young children and pregnant women. And these risks don't fall equally—residents of lower-income communities face greater exposure due to older, less-maintained buildings and aging infrastructure, a reminder that environmental health is also an issue of justice.

For broader lead safety information, visit www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/lead, or call the NJ Department of Health's Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program at (609) 826-4950.

Conscious Consumer Challenge



As summer begins, UU Conscious Consumers challenges you to bring mindfulness outdoors. Consider reducing (or eliminating) single-use plastics during beach and park trips by bringing reusable water bottles, containers, bags and tableware. Then take a hike! Spend time in nature, and reconnect with the world we are trying to protect. Looking for inspiration this summer? Consider reading (or rereading) *Braiding Sweetgrass*, a beloved reflection on nature, gratitude, and our relationship with the Earth. Small habits, practiced together, can grow into meaningful change.

Help UU Grow Beyond Our Walls | Become a Chalice Lighter

What if a small gift from many people could help launch a new UU congregation, strengthen a struggling community, expand children's programming, or make a congregation more welcoming and accessible?

That's exactly what the Central East Region Chalice Lighter Program does. Chalice Lighters pledge to contribute modest donations a few times each year when special grant calls are issued.



Together, those small gifts become transformational support for UU congregations and ministries across our region.

UU Princeton is hoping to build stronger participation in this inspiring program. Our goal is to have 20% of our congregation become Chalice Lighters. This is one of the simplest ways to support the growth and future of Unitarian Universalism beyond our own congregation.

Learn more and sign up through the Central East Region Chalice Lighter Program:

<https://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/chalichelighter/cerc/signup>

CHILDREN & YOUTH

June 2026 Children and Youth Ministry

It is hard to believe our 2025 —2026 program year has come to a close. Our deepest gratitude to our children, youth, their families and our adult volunteers who guide our classes and activities. Our celebration service on Sunday, May 17, showcased the many moments of meaning, care and connection, as we “Learn in Love, Grow In Wisdom” together. We trust there are many more to come. Families, we adore your children and look forward to journeying with them and you and they grow.

Summer Sundays 2026

June-September -- dependent on volunteer support -- we will hold all ages activities two (2) Sundays each month.

Our summer program activities are play, experiential or craft centered.

We are seeking 3-4 adults/activity to help lead the following:

- the ever popular water slide on the lawn
- outdoor play on the playground
- tie-dye t-shirt making
- sing along
- a craft or activity of your choosing

Dates are flexible for all of the above. Anytime in July, August or September with the exception of September 13 - which is our annual Water Communion. Please reach out to jennifer@uuprinceton.org to volunteer.

June's Schedule

Sun. 6/7	PRIDE themed story & craft for Pre-K-8th grade. Youth Group's last meeting of the congregational year.
Sun. 6/14	Flower Communion all-ages worship service, including Honoring Our Bridging High School Graduates
Sun. 6/21	All welcome in worship. No activities.
Sun. 6/28	All-ages hike on Mountain Lakes trails after Wonder & Wisdom in Worship.

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

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

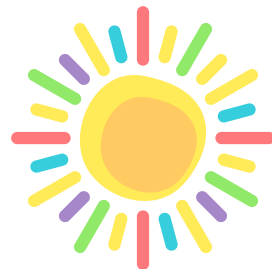
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Recent Stories Used in “Wonder & Wisdom”

April 26 : *Our Treasures Within*
by Pope Francis, Peter H. Reynolds
with Paul A. Reynolds

May 10: *Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots*
by Michael Rex



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? 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 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. Reporting ICE info on page 13

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 Klon at ushering@uuprinceton.org.

Coffee Hour Team

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

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.



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Communications & Membership

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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