

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

Sept. 6 | Good Work

Rev. Bill Neely

Observances of Labor Day can lift up similarities and differences between the roles of work and vocation in life. The former is usually about meeting needs. The latter is usually about answering a calling. Together, they occupy much of our time, attention, and spirit. Let's explore the relationship between labor and vocation.

Sept. 13 | Turning the Tide: A Water Communion Service

Revs. Bill Neely and Jennifer Kelleher

Join the UU Princeton community for our annual Water Communion service! On this homecoming Sunday, we'll each add a little water that we've brought from our homes or travels into our common bowl to symbolize our community coming together at the ceremonial start of our church year. This is an all-ages service, and a great one to invite friends and family to attend. All are welcome!

Sept. 20 | Sealed / To Be Revealed: A High Holy Day Service, Rev. Jennifer Kelleher

The Days of Awe in the Jewish Tradition are ones of deep reflection, prayer, atonement, and the promise of forgiveness. They are an opportunity for intentional connection to the divine and transformation. In this season, we might consider the most intimate and ultimate of questions: who am I, to what or whom am I accountable, how shall I live so at the end of my days I leave knowing I lived well?

Sept. 27 | Practical Mysticism

Rev. Bill Neely

Broadly speaking, Mysticism seeks to cultivate experiences and practices that lead to transforming encounters with the Holy. This pursuit is often portrayed as very spiritual and kind of solo, but sometimes it's much more practical and highly relational. Aside from the peak experience of great transformation, what does a daily mystic mindset offer?



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THE GOOD NEWS

In the 1930s short story, “The Deluge at Norderney,” by Isak Dinesen (the pen name of Karen Blixen), the son of a ship captain tells his father that he is unhappy and wishes for a cure. His father replies, “I know of a cure for everything: salt water.” “Salt water?” the son asks. “Yes,” the father replies, “in one way or the other. Sweat, or tears, or the salt sea.”

Work it out, cry it out, or breathe it out is the wisdom that I glean from this passage. Create movement, feel your emotions, and center yourself in something endless and eternal is wise advice. Especially as we head into what I expect to be (another) stressful and high-stakes political season, it’s a good idea to regularly do something physical, and to touch base with our feelings, and to find some beauty and peace in life. Ruminating endlessly and anxiously on the ramifications of the elections will serve attention industries, but it’ll make life for us, like the son in the story, quite unhappy.

Perhaps as we head into this season, we can remember the father’s advice to seek the healing salt of sweat, tears, and the ocean. The happiness found therein may not be permanent; it may dissipate as soon as the world as usual returns. In fact, it certainly will, but it can also be found again. It can be returned to. The salt of sweat and tears is always within us, always available to bring us balance. And the ocean, if not in person, then in memory or image is always there to bring perspective.

And while the ship captain prescribed the salt in the water, for me, it’s more about the water, with or without salt. The rain, the lake, the river, the marsh—all the endless water that is also within us can bring a sense of place and peace. Sitting before it, swimming in it, playing underneath it as it falls from the sky unites its presence in our bodies with its presence everywhere and reminds us of how deeply interconnected with all of life we are. For all life shares in this grace and gift. All life is of water

and needs it to live. The water of our bodies and the water of all bodies are the same. And in that great commonality, we may be lifted, even for a moment, above the divisiveness and partiality of the days to come.

And speaking of water, our annual Water Communion service, a uniquely Unitarian Universalist tradition, will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, September 13. Please bring a little water from your home or travels with you to the service, where we’ll merge it with everyone else’s to celebrate our coming together for the ceremonial start of our church. And it’s a great service for friends and family too, so bring them along!

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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Rev. Jennifer Kelleher
Assistant Minister

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SEPTEMBER'S SPIRITUAL THEME

Joy

**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.

2026–2027 Chalice Circles Recruiting New Members

Sign up today!

Join a Chalice Circle this year to deepen your spiritual journey and build meaningful connections.

These small groups of 8–13 people meet monthly to explore spiritual themes in a mindful and respectful space. A cornerstone of the experience is our commitment to listening without interruption, ensuring every voice is truly heard. We also offer a dedicated Teen Circle for ages 14–19.

We warmly invite you to register for the upcoming church year! Sign up online via the links or QR codes below, or in person after Sunday services on September 13, 20, or 27. For questions, contact ChaliceCircles@uuprinceton.org.

Learn more at the UUCP Chalice Circle page <https://www.uuprinceton.org/connect/groups/chalice/>



[Adult Circle sign-up](#)



[Teen Circle sign-up](#)

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

ALBERT EINSTEIN

- Tell of a teacher in your life who sparked joy in creative expression for you. What has that expression looked like?

“The walls we build around us to keep sadness out also keep out the joy.”

JIM ROHN

- What walls have you built around you and what has been the result?

“The game of basketball has been everything to me. My place of refuge, place I’ve always gone where I needed comfort and peace. It’s been the site of intense pain and the most intense feelings of joy and satisfaction. It’s a relationship that has evolved over time, given me the greatest respect and love for the game.”

MICHAEL JORDAN

- What is your place of refuge? Has that changed over time?

“Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.”

HELEN KELLER

- Consider a time when your perspective shaped your experience. How might your mindset form a barrier against difficulties?

WHAT'S UUP ?

New to UU? Explore More

All sessions below

11:45am–12:45pm, Fahs Theatre

Curious about UU Princeton? Join Rev. Bill for an intro to Unitarian Universalism and the congregation.

Sept. 6 Explore Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist History.

Sept. 13 We'll focus on Unitarian Universalism, and especially UU Princeton today.

Sept. 27 What membership in UU Princeton means and how one goes about joining. Please note, there is no program on Sept. 20. All are welcome to come to all three or drop in as you're able, and current members as well as newcomers are welcome at each program. No sign-up needed!

Water Communion Homecoming Sunday



Sun., Sep. 13

10:30am, Channing Hall

Don't miss a beloved UU tradition that marks the beginning of our church year. Bring a small amount of water from home or your travels to add to our common bowl—a simple ritual celebrating the many experiences and journeys that come together to make our community. All ages and visitors are warmly welcome!

Fall Dinner & Dance



Sat., Sept. 26

5:30–8pm, Channing Hall

Kick off the church year with an evening of good food, dancing, and plenty of fun for all ages! Bring a meal to share, eat, dance, catch up with friends, and celebrate the start of a new year together. Western flair is encouraged for our short-and-sweet line dance lineup! Admission is \$10 per adult (children enter for free). Please bring extra cash for the bar if you plan to purchase drinks. All proceeds will support this event and future congregation celebrations. We also need enthusiastic volunteers to help make the evening happen. Whether you can lend a hand with setup, food, or cleanup, we can't do it without you! Find more details, RSVP and sign up to volunteer on the [SignUpGenius](#) on the UU Princeton homepage.



[UU Princeton
Sign Up Genius
Link](#)

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

Short Story Hour

Fri., Sept. 11

12pm, Zoom

In *One Sun Only* by Camille Bordas, a family copes with the death of an impactful grandfather in very different ways that explore the shifting natures of grief and memory in life. The story also lifts up aspects of marriage, divorce, parenting, and sibling relationships. Join Rev. Bill in our next Short Story Hour for a reading a discussion of this 2026 piece, found in the author's collection of the same name. No prior reading necessary. Please keep an eye on your email for the Zoom link, and no sign-up needed. All are welcome.

Admin Office Moved

The Administrator's Office has switched places with the Music Director's Office. Our offices may look a little different, but you can still drop off and pick up paperwork in the plexiglass folder outside the Main Office. Reach the administrator, Susan Langkafel, at office@uuprinceton.org

Backpack Blessing

Sun., Sept. 13

10:30am, Channing Hall

Students and Educators bring your backpacks on Sept. 14 for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Anyone going back to school is invited to bring backpacks and work bags to receive a blessing and special gift.

WHAT'S UUP?

Women's Alliance Program

Thur. Sept. 17

12pm Lunch, 1pm Program

Bring a sandwich or salad to share and stay for the monthly Women's Alliance lunch and program titled ***Serenity, Now: Maintaining Your Peace During Political Strife***. As we careen into another stressful and high-stakes political season, join Rev. Bill for some tips and practices aimed at helping us find moments of peace and stretches of joy. We won't be able to take the toxicity out of politics, but we will leave a little more inoculated against it. The Women's Alliance promotes friendship and kindness, inspires learning, and serves the congregation and greater community. Our activities include

- Monthly lunches with timely programs of general interest that are open to all UU Princeton members and friends.
- Assistance to families with receptions following memorial services.
- Raising funds to support organizations that serve women and children.
- Sponsoring an annual congregational-wide social action project.

Learn more about the Women's Alliance and how to become a member on the webpage:

<https://www.uuprinceton.org/connect/groups/womens-alliance/>

Fellowship Night!

Sat. Sept. 12

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](https://uuprinceton.org/signup-genius) so we know how much pizza to get.

Create Socials

Thur., Sept. 17

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 in the Bible?

Sun. Sept. 6, 13, and 27

9–9:45am Lower Lounge

What does the Bible actually say? This group explores the Bible as literature, history, and human expression. Together we'll examine its stories and themes. No preaching, no assumptions—just thoughtful reading and discussion. We expect to spend September exploring the great prophet Jeremiah and The Book of Lamentations. No prior reading necessary, and drop in as you're able. All are welcome!

Deep Dive into the Archives of Bayard Rustin

Sun., Sept. 27

12–1pm, Fahs Theater

Join us after service for a special program exploring an outstanding legacy of global nonviolent resistance, honoring the pioneer Bayard Rustin—a brilliant, visionary, Black, and openly gay man—was the primary organizer and logistical genius behind the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Shaquana Darden, developer of the digital Rustin Archive at the Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice will share vital words and visual documents by and about Rustin. She will take us behind the scenes of discovering, cataloging, and preserving the long-invisible, magnificent richness of his heritage, detailing the inspiring ways his work impacts our modern world today. Come and hear the undeniable power of the legacy of this persistent, courageous, and historic champion.

Joys & Concerns

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

WHAT'S UUP?

Connect & Get Involved

We all have gifts, skills, talents, interests, or strengths that we enjoy sharing with others. Do you have something to offer the UU Princeton community but aren't sure how to make that connection? Now's your chance to explore the many opportunities!

The Leadership Development and Nominating Committee is once again hosting "Connect & Get Involved at UU Princeton." This event brings together folks from many of our committees, programs, and interest groups who'll be happy to tell you about what they do and how you can join in. Your participation can be one-time, weekly, monthly, or even semi-annually—you decide where and how your gifts will best be shared.

Join us in **Robinson Lounge** on:

Sunday, September 13, 2026, 11:30am–12:30pm

featuring Community Building, Worship and Faith Development, and Pastoral Care Ministries

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 11:30am–12:30pm

featuring Outreach Fundraising, Social Justice & Community Partnerships, Elected Leaders, and Buildings, Grounds & Technology

Contact the Leadership Development and Nominating Committee (LDNC) with any questions: ldnc@uuprinceton.org

Central NJ Singing Resistance

Mon., Sept. 14

6–7pm, Fahs Theater

Lift your voice for justice! Central NJ Singing Resistance now meets on the second Monday of each month. Join us to learn simple, powerful songs that build courage, foster community, and support peaceful public witness. No auditions or musical experience needed—just a willingness to sing together.

Book Discussion Group

Sun., Sept. 20

12pm, John Murray Room

UU Princeton Book Discussion Group is back. Our first read is: *Clear* by Carys Davies (Fiction) A beautifully written short novel about the price of isolation and the desire for community and connection. See a list of this year's reads on p.10.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING! Sign up TODAY

Wed., Oct. 14

2-8:30pm, Founders Room

Let's put some faces to the UU Princeton community!

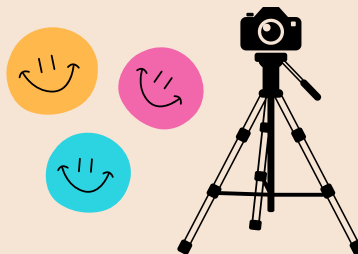
It's been a long time since our last photo directory—and this is our chance to create a fresh snapshot of the people who make UU Princeton what it is.

📷 Participating households receive a FREE professional portrait to take home!

📅 Additional photos will be available for purchase—just in time for the holidays.

💛 And our new directory will help us recognize names, welcome newcomers, and stay connected.

Save the date and sign-up for a slot today!



How to sign up

1. Go to ucdir.com and click the red Photography Session Sign-up button
2. Enter church code: **nj192**
3. Enter church password: **princeton1**

Note: these are case sensitive

1. Click View Timeslots and then Reserve a Time

Groups with 6 or more participants please select 2 back-to-back slots

Find more info on the www.uuprinceton.org/homepage

WHAT'S UUP?



Environmental Ministry offers a Community Read Addressing the Climate Change Crisis

Are you frustrated and angry about the Climate Change Crisis growing around us, amid polarization about several other crises? Then come join a nationwide group of UUs, including others from UU Princeton, in the 2026–2027 Community Read of a book entitled: *Radically Reframing Climate Change: A Guide to Saving Ourselves* by Will Hackman. The author, a Millennial, argues that the problem isn't scientific or fact-based but rather political, emotional, and ideological. Framing the climate crisis as a humanity crisis, he encourages readers to convert their anxiety and anger into action. Regardless of your age, you are

encouraged to join the virtual community that will read and discuss this book. Through a multigenerational lens, we'll dive into a deeper study of the material in both generational cohorts and as a full group. Starting before the end of September, with leadership from the UU Ministry for the Earth, an affiliate of UUA, the online community will meet once a month to discuss successive chapters of this book. To learn more about the UU Ministry for the Earth (UUMFE) and this Community Read, go to <https://www.uumfe.org/introducing-the-next-community-read/> Ray Nichols has already registered to participate in this Community Read and will have additional information as it becomes available.

Conscious Consumer Challenge

As summer winds down, UU Conscious Consumers challenges you to pay closer attention to something we often take for granted: water. Rivers and reservoirs across the U.S. and Europe are at record low levels, reminding us that clean, accessible water is quickly becoming a precious commodity—and one we need to treat that way. This month, challenge yourself to start paying closer attention to your household water use. Look at your water bills over time and notice how much you're using. Awareness matters. When it's time to replace an appliance, resolve to choose a water-saving model. If you're a gardener, put a rain barrel on your Christmas list and use collected rainwater for watering. Small changes can add up—and treating water as the precious resource it is is a good place to start.

Help UU Grow Beyond Our Walls

Small gifts. Big impact. The **Central East Region Chalice Lighter Program** turns modest donations from many UUs into transformational support for congregations and ministries across our region. UU Princeton hopes to build stronger participation—learn more and sign up here: <https://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/chalicelighter/center/signup>

Clean Sweep Day: Lend a Hand for a Cleaner Community

Sat., Oct. 3

9am–1pm, Location in Hopewell Twsp. TBD

Join UU Princeton Earth Ministry for Hopewell Township's annual Clean Communities "Clean Sweep" Day! We'll spend the morning outdoors picking up litter in designated areas around the township—a simple, satisfying way to care for the place we call home. Families and kids are welcome to participate, and we'll help identify locations that work well for younger volunteers. Sign-up information will be coming soon on the UU Princeton website and in the weekly newsletter. Questions? Contact earthministry@uuprinceton.org.

Register by
Sept. 11th!



— SAVE THE DATE! —
MURRAY GROVE
Homecoming 2026

“We the People: A Loving Response”

At this time when our country is celebrating its **250th** anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, many people are hurting and there are deep divisions, we want to offer a day of **inclusive, creative and positive** responses.



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**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

Join us for a day of community, inspiration,
reflection, and connection.

Details & Registration

www.Murraygrove.org



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(609) 286-8108

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Summer Gratitudes

It has been a delight to welcome our children to our summer events and activities. Our summer gatherings help create a welcoming and consistent experience for children, families, and summer visitors alike. Thank you to our volunteers for creating these experiences of connection for our young people. We are grateful to Chris and Jim Sturm, Carol Haag, Dave Avasthi, Tony and Max Klon, Allison Lansky, and Beth Behrend for leading children's gatherings over the summer. Our activities have included learning about PRIDE and making "pride flair," nature walks on the Mountain Lakes Trails adjacent to our grounds, the popular annual outdoor "slip and slide," and a drum circle. We are also grateful to Jo Ellen Burton, Kari Dalane, Olivia Forte-Gardner, Tony Klon, Betsy Marshall, Andy Maskell, Courtney Orlando, and Jordan Smith for supervising outdoor play in July.

Annual Children & Youth Ministry Open House

Sun. Sept. 20

After worship, Fahs Theatre

Our fall-spring program for children and youth begins on Sunday, October 4. Our open house provides a detailed description of our 2026–2027 program. Share with your neighbors and bring a friend! Childcare provided.

Registration for Children & Youth

Stay tuned to emails and newsletters for an overview of the year's program options and registration forms.



**Backpack Blessing
on Sept.13!
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September's Schedule

Sun. 9/6	All welcome in worship. No gatherings
Sun. 9/13	Back to School "Backpack Blessing" at our annual Water Communion service
Sun. 9/20	Nature Walk on Mountain Lakes Trails adjacent to UU Princeton grounds
Sun. 9/27	TBA

Registration is FREE and required for all children and youth.

Newcomers please register through the link or by scanning the QR Code:

<https://forms.gle/Pi5KmLaW3MypV9tN8>



Recent Stories Used in "Wonder & Wisdom"

Senorita Mariposa

by Ben Gundersheimer & Illustrated by Marcos Almada Rivero

Amelia and Her Super Magical Powers
by Gail Sphar

A Little Jar Labeled 'Freedom'
by Cynthia B. Johnson (*What If Nobody Forgave & Other Stories of Principle*, Colleen M. McDonald, Ed.)

The Day the Books Disappeared,
by Joanna Ho, Caroline Kusin Pritchard.
Art by Dan Santat

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 one-hour book discussions. See the titles below.

Happy Reading! Contact

peggy.matthews@gmail.com

[Visit our webpage here](#)

Sept. 20 (Fiction) *Clear* by Carys Davies

Nov. 15 (Nonfiction) *Caravaggio* by Francine Prose

Jan. 24 (Fiction) *Kin* by Tayari Jones

March 21 (Nonfiction) *Sociopath* by Patric Gogne

May 16 (Fiction) *John of John* by Douglas Stuart Change

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



Grief Group meeting dates for the upcoming congregational year are TBA—stay tuned!

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. PAs 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 the 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: faithaction@uuprinceton.org

Racial Justice Ministry—

conducts antiracism work inside and outside 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 sale 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:

4th Tuesday of each month

Do you have a passion for equity, antiracism, 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. Email racialjustice@uuprinceton.org for more info or to join the mailing list. Co-chairs Kevin Trayner and Ted Fetter. Reporting ICE info on p. 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

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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 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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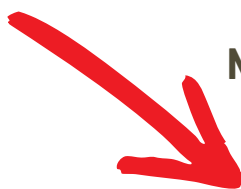
Communications & Membership

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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