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SKYLIGHTS Monthly

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PRINCETON

Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m.
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Upcoming Services

Oct. 4 | From Fear to Fullness | Rev. Bill Neely

Nelson Mandela famously said, "May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." He knew that hope offered more promise and possibility than fear, and yet we all can allow fear to guide our deliberations and decisions. This leaves life emptier than it might otherwise be. How can we move toward the growing fullness of a less fearful life?

Oct. 11 | Everybody Knows / Everybody Does | Rainbow Ministry

National Coming Out Day is close to 40 years old at this point, founded in 1988 by a psychologist and an activist. As the psychologist, Robert Eichberg, said: "Most people think they don't know anyone gay or lesbian, and, in fact, everybody does." He and Jean O'Leary, a longtime lesbian activist, intended this yearly observance as a beacon of positivity in the darkest days of the AIDS epidemic. And after nearly four decades, that beacon is more necessary than ever. Coming out is not a one-time process, but a repeated practice of living safely, honestly, and gloriously with each set of our beloved ones. Join Rainbow Ministry in exploring how UU values embrace all facets of this practice in our congregational life but also in all intersecting circles of our beloved community.

Oct. 18 | Take a Break
Rev. Bill Neely

Rest and relaxation can feel like indulgences, but they're really ancient religious imperatives. They're disciplines, commanded of those who wish to lead more generous, faithful, and joyful lives. Why is taking a break so important, especially in today's world?

Oct. 25 | Masks and Mischief
Revs. Jennifer Kelleher and Bill Neely

All ghouls and goblins are welcome at our annual All-Ages Halloween service! We'll explore sacred masks and holy mischief as we grow in multi-generational spirit together. Be sure to stay after the service for a "Trunk or Treat" in our parking lot and a delicious Taco Party! Bring your friends, too!

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Check for updates and view the CommUUnity Calendar on the UU Princeton homepage

www.uuprinceton.org



THE GOOD NEWS



A few years ago on Halloween, some trick-or-treaters came by the house when a small goblin in a ghoulish mask struck up a conversation with me. As she grabbed some candy from our bowl, she asked about my younger daughter, then my son, and then my cat, and then the family minivan that was not in our driveway. I realized that she knew our family more than the average trick-or-treater, so I said, “Wait—who are you?”

Smiling, she pulled up her mask to reveal someone I saw almost every morning at the bus stop. She lived right down the street. I knew her name, her parents, her brother, and which football team she liked. I even knew that she had worked very hard on a project for school earlier that week. She showed it to me at the bus stop one morning, and the next morning she let me know that the presentation went well and she got a good grade. We high-fived. I just didn’t know who that masked candy-grabber was until she revealed her face.

She was thrilled to have fooled me. I was too—that’s often the point of Halloween. We costume as who we’re not and try and surprise people. And yet, our true selves still shine through. Even as a ghoul, her curious and chatty nature was evident. Even dressed to disguise, her neighborliness was apparent to me. I’m sure it was apparent to many neighbors at many houses that night, too.

She showed me how the masks that we wear both conceal and reveal who are. Parts of us become unknown, while other parts shine through every disguise we adopt. Perhaps appearances can be made up and masked over, but our inner qualities still come out. Even outfitted to frighten, if one is a good neighbor, one is a good neighbor. And that will be revealed, on Halloween and every day. Ghouls can be good neighbors. I’m grateful for Halloween’s annual reminder of that.

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Nov. 1 | Always Pushing Buttons
Rev. Bill Neely

Freedom and democracy are elemental values in our faith, ones that we practice not only religiously but also civically. Hotly contested elections put this convergence on vivid display, as we faithfully vote, and vote faithfully. Whether our preferred candidates win or lose in an election, how does our faithful participation in democracy serve the common good? This service will also include our annual “Notes to the Dead” ritual led by our Evergreen Chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans.

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.



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OCTOBER'S SPIRITUAL THEME

Fear

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

"Fear can be good when you are walking past an alley at night or when you need to check the locks on your doors before you go to bed, but it's not good when you have a goal and you are fearful of obstacles. We often get trapped by our fears, but anyone who has had success has failed before."

QUEEN LATIFAH

- How has a past failure led to a future success in your life?

"I have not ceased being fearful, but I have ceased to let fear control me. I have accepted fear as a part of life, specifically the fear of change, the fear of the unknown, and I have gone ahead despite the pounding in the heart that says: turn back, turn back, you'll die if you venture too far."

ERICA JONG

- Have you been able to move forward despite the fear of change and the fear of the unknown?



"Fear keeps us focused on the past or worried about the future. If we can acknowledge our fear, we can realize that right now we are okay. Right now, today, we are still alive, and our bodies are working marvelously. Our eyes can still see the beautiful sky. Our ears can still hear the voices of our loved ones."

THICH NHAT HANH

- What do you focus on from the past or worry about the future? What would help you stay focused on the present?

"What is needed, rather than running away or controlling or suppressing or any other resistance, is understanding fear; that means, watch it, learn about it, come directly into contact with it. We are to learn about fear, not how to escape from it."

JIDDU KRISHNAMURTI

- What does fear look like, sound like, feel like to you?

WHAT'S UUP ?

New to UU? Explore More

Sessions below
12–1pm, Fahs Theatre
Curious about UU Princeton? Join Rev. Bill for an intro to Unitarian Universalism and the congregation.
Nov. 1: Come for a casual meet-and-greet after worship with a tour of the building.
Nov. 15: An introductory UU 101 program with a special discussion of humanism and atheism in our faith.
All are welcome to come to both or drop in as you're able, and current members as well as newcomers are welcome at each program. No sign-up needed!
Visit the Connect & Get Involved program on Oct.18 to learn more about some of UU Princeton's groups and ministries. See details on pg 6.

Fellowship Night!

Sat. Oct. 10
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.

Trunk or Treat & Tacos



Sun., Oct. 25
11:30–2pm, Parking Lot & Founders Room
A Spooktacular Sunday Awaits at UU Princeton! 🕷️🌮
The autumn chill is in the air, which means it's time to plan our favorite fall tradition. Pull up a chair—or rather, park your car—for our Trunk or Treat Gathering. Whether it's bright and sunny or a little spooky and rainy, we'll be in the parking lot in full costume, celebrating together. We invite you to decorate your trunk with your favorite festive theme and distribute allergy-friendly sweets (nut-free, gluten-free, and vegan options are highly encouraged!). After the kids have filled their bags, we'll gather for a taco buffet (GF/vegan choices provided). Don't forget to pack your signature homemade or favorite bakery dessert to share with the crowd! How to Participate:
Sign up your trunk and lend a hand with the event—RSVP on the UU Princeton Sign-up Genius Page. Please claim your slots today so we can guarantee enough taco supplies for everyone!



UU Princeton Sign Up Genius Link

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

Short Story Hour

Fri., Oct. 9
12pm, Zoom
An artist struggles to capture a mystical experience on canvass and then struggles with the widespread response to the piece. *The Passing of the Dragon* by Ken Liu tells this story of a transcendent moment interpreted, and misinterpreted, in the modern world. Join in our next Short Story Hour with Rev. Bill for a reading and discussion of Liu's sharp and compelling piece. No prior reading necessary. Please keep an eye on your email for the Zoom link, and no sign-up needed. All are welcome.

What's in the Bible?

Sun. Oct. 4, 18, and 25
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 October exploring the great prophets Ezekiel and Daniel. No prior reading necessary, and drop in as you're able. All are welcome!

WHAT'S UUP?

Women's Alliance Program

Thur., Oct. 15
12pm Lunch, 1pm Program
Bring a sandwich or salad to share and stay for the monthly Women's Alliance lunch and program titled ***Leaving a Legacy of Love***. Join our own Rev. Carol Haag and Beth Behrend to focus on who and what we love, what we are proud of, and our hopes for the future. We'll talk about how mindful planning is for everyone. All are welcome to join us for lunch, the program, or both.
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/

Faithful Democracy: Engaging Elections with Values

Sat., Oct. 10
9–10:30am, Founders Room
As we near the mid-term elections, our anxiety is certain to be fed by elected leaders, media personalities, and online influencers seeking to profit from our worry. This poisonous marketplace can make it difficult to stay centered in our values. In this workshop, we'll pause, find our center, and remember who we are and who we wish to be, democratically, as we hit the final stretch before the elections. Please register using the SignUp Genius tab at www.uuprinceton.org

Create Socials

Thur., Oct. 15
2pm, Lower Lounge
If you have a creative hobby that can essentially fit on your lap, we welcome you to participate in Create Socials.

Joys & Concerns

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

Screening of Documentary: *Little Singer*

Sun., Oct. 11
12–1:30pm, Fahs Theater
Racial Justice Ministry will host an event to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples Day (Oct. 12) with a screening of the award-winning documentary, "Little Singer," in Fahs Theater. Part of 13-part series, the film tells the story of the Dine (Navajo) people who live primarily in the Southwestern United States. The producers invite us to "witness the enduring scars of colonization on lands and peoples, and the healing pathways carried through ancestral wisdom."

Interested in Kingian Nonviolence Training ?

The Racial Justice Ministry is looking to possibly host Kingian Nonviolence Training later this year or early 2027 depending on level of interest. KNT is a comprehensive educational framework based on the philosophy and organizing strategies of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Please email racialjustice@uuprinceton.org

Racial Justice Ministry monthly meeting is October 20, 7 pm on Zoom. See p.12

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, 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., Oct. 12
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., Nov. 15
12pm, John Murray Room
Start reading so you can discuss *Caravaggio* by New York Times bestselling author Francine Prose. *Caravaggio* offers an enthralling account of the life and work of one of the greatest painters of all time. See a list of this year's reads on p.10.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING! Sign up TODAY



Wed., Oct. 14 | Thur., Oct. 15 | Tue., Nov. 3

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!
🎁 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?

Clean Sweep Day: Lend a Hand for a Cleaner Community

Sat., Oct. 3
9am–1pm, Reed/Bryan Farm on Federal City Rd
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. We've chosen a location that works well for younger volunteers. RSVP on the UU Princeton SignUp Genius.
Questions? Contact earthministry@uuprinceton.org.

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/cerclsignup

UU Princeton Goes to the NJ State Museum

Sat., Oct. 17
10am–12pm, Museum of NJ
Come join educator and current historian Megan Innes on a two-hour visit of the Museum of New Jersey. The program is designed for 6–11 year olds and children must be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian. In this visit you'll get an overview of the museum's offerings to help you plan for future enriching visits. The museum in the heart of Trenton boasts four collecting areas: art, culture, archaeology, and natural history and offers great interactive programs for kids, including the monthly "Small Explorers" class for toddlers. Your AT-WILL donation will go to benefit our Religious Education program. Open to the first 12 persons who RSVP. Make a Day of It! After the tour you can plan to have outdoor lunch on the museum picnic tables, attend the International Archaeology Day or take in a planetarium show. See: https://www.nj.gov/state/museum/index.shtml for details. Trip is organized by UUCP community member Rev. Carlos R. Martinez. Please RSVP to cmartinez@uuma.org

Stay tunded to the weekly newsletter for an Earth Ministry Kickoff Zoom meeting date in early October to discuss plans for 2026/2027.

Conscious Consumer Challenge



Being a conscious consumer is about pausing to ask: What am I consuming, and what kind of world does it help create? This month, two book recommendations invite us to ask that question about both the food we eat and the tech we use.
We Are Eating the Earth: The Race to Fix Our Food System and Save Our Climate by Michael Grunwald (2025) is an engaging look at how our food choices affect land, climate, and the future of the planet. In its spirit, try a new vegetarian or vegan recipe this month—a small way to explore how simply changing what's on our plates can help repair the Earth.

AI may not come in a shopping bag, but we consume it all the same—and our choices can help shape what kind of AI future we create. Robert Wright's *The God Test: Artificial Intelligence and Our Coming Cosmic Reckoning* (2026) considers AI's potential to reshape humanity—and the spiritual and moral questions that come with it. Here's an AI challenge: AI models and social media algorithms evolve by feeding on human conflict and emotional outrage. Consciously observe and tame your own tribal psychology by refusing to participate in the polarization that threatens to destabilize society.

WHAT'S UUP?

Why Not Have Your Group Host a Sunday Brunch?

Hosting a Sunday brunch is a great way to build camaraderie within your group while planning, preparing, decorating, and serving a meal together. It also helps create a welcoming Sunday morning community at UU Princeton:

- Welcome newcomers: Give newer members and visitors a chance to sit, chat, and connect with longtime members.
- Build connections: Catch up with friends and fellow congregants you may only see on Sunday mornings.
- Enjoy good food and company: Share a meal and enjoy time together in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

Your Brunch Can Make a Difference: Your group can donate the proceeds to a cause that is meaningful to you, or contribute them to the Founders Room Soundproofing Project, which will benefit the entire congregation.

Ready to Host?

The Brunch Committee has instructions and resources to make hosting easy and enjoyable. Choose a date through the Brunch Sign-Up Genius. Once you sign up, you'll receive everything you need to get started. Gather your group, share a meal, build community, and make a difference!

Program Council

Sat., Oct. 17
9–10:30am, Founders Room
Leaders from UU Princeton's ministries and groups are invited to this quarterly gathering to share plans, exchange ideas, and collaborate on ways to keep the congregation's mission alive and strong through our program initiatives. Next scheduled dates: Jan. 9, April 3



ArmInArm Food Pantry Help

Tuesdays 11am–1pm
Nassau Presbyterian Church
There is a new opportunity to expand how we contribute to ArmInArm. There is a growing need to provide food for our neighbors at the ArmInArm food pantry, located in the Nassau Presbyterian Church. Join your fellow congregants to help sort, package, shelve items, and perform other related activities. If you're interested contact the Caring for Our Neighbors Ministry to learn more by sending an email to Caring4neighbors@uuprinceton.org or reaching out to Louise Senior or Jody Maher.

Leaving a Legacy Workshop

Sun., Oct. 18
12–1:30pm
Please join the Legacy Giving Ministry after service for an educational workshop for all (adult) ages, for richer or poorer, to consider how best to put things in order for those you love right now and into the future. Estate planning attorney Rubeena Sehgal will speak, followed by Q&A.

Worship Associate Openings

Are you a member in good standing of the congregation and interested being a Sunday morning Worship Associate? There may be a spot for you! Worship Associates are lay members of UU Princeton who work alongside the ministers and other service leaders to help shape and lead Sunday worship. The most visible part of the role is offering a reading or a personal reflection near the beginning of the service—sharing a story, experience, or insight that connects personally to the day's worship theme or sermon topic. Contact Rev. Bill for more info on this ministry and how you can be a part of it. See the WA page at uuprinceton.org. Email bill@UUPrinceton.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children & Youth Ministry 2026–2027 Begins!

We are excited to welcome our children and youth to our 2026–2027 program year! Our sessions begin Sunday, October 4, and run through May. Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers, we are able to offer gatherings by age groups for PreK–6th grade (2) Sundays each month; 7th–9th Grade Coming of Age (3) Sundays each month; with a youth group meeting one Sunday morning/month. Program schedules will be included in the weekly email sent to all registered families.

Descriptions of our curriculum and program offerings are included with the registration information and on our website. Please contact Rev. Jennifer, Assistant Minister, for support choosing the best learning experience for your child(ren). jennifer@uuprinceton.org.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities in C&Y

We invite ministry teams and/or adult members to offer one fun activity for PreK–6th graders between October and May as well, please contact jennifer@uuprinceton.org for more information.

October's Schedule

Sun. 10/4	Welcome back! First day of our 2026–2027 program • Pre-K–6th grade: gatherings by age group. • 7th–9th grade Coming of Age meets at 10:45am • 9th–12th Grade YoUUth Groups meets at 10:30am
Sun. 10/11	• Pre-K–6th grade: gatherings by age group. • 7th–9th grade Coming of Age meets beginning at 10:45am
Sun. 10/18	• Pre-K–6th grade: *Volunteers invited to host an all-ages gathering** • 7th–9th grade Coming of Age meets beginning at 10:45am
Sun. 10/25	• All ages worship followed by Trunk or Treat. No gatherings.

Newcomers please register through the link or by scanning the QR Code: https://forms.gle/Pi5KmLaW3MypV9tN8

Registration is FREE and required for all children and youth.

WONDER BOX RIDDLE

I'm not a building, though I have a home.
I'm not a family, yet you're never alone.
I gather in joy, in sorrow, and strife,
To share questions, meaning, and pieces of life.
No matter who you are or where you've been,
There's a place for you here to come in.



WHAT AM I?

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Recent Stories Used in "Wonder & Wisdom"

The Most Beautiful Thing
by Kao Kalia Yang. Illustrated by Khoa Le.

Higgins: A Drop with a Dream
by Christopher Buice

COMMUUNITY 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
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.

COMMUUNITY CONNECTION

Grief Group



Grief Group meeting dates posted on uuprinceton.org ComUUnity Calendar & weekly digital email.
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/connect/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

COMMUUNITY 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:
3rd 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

ArmInArm
better together
Formerly the Crisis Ministry of Mercer County

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 ArmInArm or help out in other ways, contact Louise Senior or Jody Maher at Caring4Neighbors@uuprinceton.org

COMMUUNITY 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

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.



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.

Wonder Box Riddle Answer from p.9

I'm a caring community

Coexist

UUFaithActionNJ

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Sunday Services
10:30 am
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Welcome

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

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