

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

Jan. 4, Hope for the Future, Rev. Bill Neely

A writer once imagined the poet Robert Frost being asked if he had hope for the future. His answer, "Yes, and even for the past, that it will turn out to have been all right for what it was." As we begin 2026, let us look at the past for signs of hope that can lead us with strength and courage into our new year.

Jan. 11, You Belong, Rev. Bill Neely

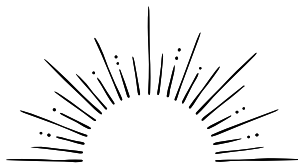
Despite ever-increasing options for connection and communication, loneliness still dominates many of our lives. How do we meet our longing for belonging in today's hyper-connected, but often superficially connected, world?

Jan. 18, Love and Anger, Rev. Bill Neely

We celebrate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. weekend by exploring a tension that he often addressed in his leadership: that between love and anger. We're angry at injustice but believe that love is the only lasting cure for it. How can we live, faithfully and with optimism, in this tension?

Jan. 25, It's Not Sink or Swim, Wylencia Monroe Ministerial Intern

We're pleased to welcome our 2025–2026 Ministerial Intern, Wylencia Monroe, to the pulpit this Sunday! Keep an eye on our newsletters for more information on the service.



A new year opens before us, full of questions and possibility. In this UU community, we step into the unknown together, trusting in connection, care, and the strength we find in one another.



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THE GOOD NEWS

A little while ago, in the 5th century BCE, the Persian King Xerxes instructed his army to build a bridge over the Dardanelles Strait that separates Europe and Asia off the Turkish coast. They did so, but a big storm soon came and washed the bridge away. Mad at the ocean for this affront to his power, the King instructed his army to lash the sea with whips 300 times for destroying his construction. They also branded the sea with red hot irons to punish it more. Lastly, they threw handcuffs in the waters to remind the sea of its duty to submit to the great King.

That worked. The ocean allowed another pontoon bridge to be built and stood calm while the King moved his army across it and into battle. However, when Xerxes got routed in that battle and he tried to retreat, he found that the sea had again reclaimed the bridge. They were kind of stuck. The sea destroyed again, just as it had before. All that whipping and branding and polluting the waters was for nothing.

It's almost like the ocean is stronger than we are. And always will be. As is the rest of nature.

Religion has made much over the millennia of humans being granted a divine sense of "dominion" over nature. That concept has been used to promote environmental stewardship (good) and to allow environmental exploitation (bad). It has led to some view caretaking of the earth as a spiritual and ethical imperative (good), and some to view the wasteful misuse of the earth as the God-given right of we the people (bad). Like many things religious, a virtue in one set of hands is a vice in another. It all depends on how it's used. What we do is who we are. Deeds, not creeds.

For me, though I appreciate the ethical ways that one can teach a healthy theology of dominion, I'm more interested in dependence. And not the earth's dependence on me, but my dependence on her. Mine, yours, and everyone's. We are here because of the sea, land, and winds. We bring the sky into our bodies with every breath, and every step we take is upon the center of the earth. We are of nature, not apart from it, and not above it. We are that which we treat well or mistreat. And from this sense of (inter)dependence, perhaps we can live into a sense of gratitude for the earth, instead of foolishly claiming a sense of dominion over her.

It won't be perfect. Though I won't lash the sea anytime soon, I will lash out at the bitter temperatures of these winter months more than a few times. And the upcoming heat of July will likely have me wishing that I could brand something in return for that discomfort. And storms will impact things all year long, but there'll be nothing to handcuff in response.

There can be, however, a greater sense of gratitude for all the ways in which we are grounded and growing in nature's bounty. There can be the practice of awe and the cultivation of reverence before her power. There can be humility, not hubris. There can be no lashes, no curses, and instead deep breaths of praise before the endless sea. There, at the edge of the water, with our toes getting wet, we can praise her true, sacred strength. And our human place within it. And we can know our fortune at being held by her, under a timeless sky, taking our ancient and always-new breaths of life.

Rev. Bill Neely, Dec. 2025

JANUARY'S SPIRITUAL THEME

Letting Go

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.

“Letting go gives us freedom, and freedom is the only condition for happiness. If, in our heart, we still cling to anything - anger, anxiety, or possessions - we cannot be free.”

THICH NHAT HANH

- What's something you struggled to let go of?
- Were you ultimately able to successfully let go, or is there still lingering attachment or emotion?
- Why do you think there is/was difficulty in letting go?

“Some people believe holding on and hanging in there are signs of great strength. However, there are times when it takes much more strength to know when to let go and then do it.”

-ANN LANDERS

- If your future self could speak to you now, what would they ask you to release?
- What are you currently holding onto that isn't aligned with who you are becoming?

“What's the greater risk? Letting go of what people think – or letting go of how I feel, what I believe, and who I am?”`

BRENE BROWN

- What small thing could you try to let go of this week as an experiment?
- What story about yourself are you still holding onto – and what would shift if you were able to release it?

“Imagine holding on to a hot burning coal. You would not fear letting go of it. In fact, once you noticed that you were holding on, you would probably drop it quickly. But we often do not recognize how we hold on to suffering. It seems to hold on to us.”

JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN

- Think back to a time you struggled to let go of something.
- What fears held you back? Fear of loss, identity, uncertainty, or something else?
- If you were able to conquer the fear, did the negative consequences you imagined come true?

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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WHAT'S UUP ?

New to UU? Learn More About Us!

Sun. Jan. 4
11:45am – 1pm John Murray Room

Whether you're brand new to Unitarian Universalism or just curious about UU Princeton, this welcoming session offers a short and friendly introduction to who we are, what we believe, and how our congregation lives its values. We'll cover the basics of Unitarian Universalism, share a bit about UU Princeton's mission and community life, and wrap up with a guided tour of our building. Come with your curiosity and questions. All are welcome!

New Year Writing Group

Tuesdays Jan.6- Feb.10
7:30-8:30pm on Zoom

Interested in a chance to celebrate and reflect on the past year and identify intentions and possibilities for the New Year? Rachel Lee Holstein would like to invite other interested members to join her in a six-week, guided writing series. We ask that participants attend at least 4 out of the 6 sessions. Please RSVP your interest or questions to Rachel Lee at rlholstein@gmail.com



Sun. Jan 25
11:30am-1:30pm Founders Room Help raise funds and awareness as we begin preparing for our annual Spring Sale! Proceeds will help feed our hungry 2026 volunteers and fund sale operations. Former booth and activity chairs and sale volunteers, can you help with this effort? We need food, servers and a tidy-up crew. Visit the [SignUpGenius](#) to volunteer.



What's in the Bible?

Sun. Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25
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)-- verses are provided. All are welcome.



[UU Princeton Sign Up Genius Link](#)

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

Short Story Hour

Jan. 9
12pm Zoom Join Rev. Bill for the reading and discussion of a contemporary short story. No prep or sign-up needed. Find the zoom link in the weekly digital newsletter. [Join the mailing list](#) for Short Story Hour Reminders!

Racial Justice Ministry Meeting

Sun. Jan 25
12pm Murray Room The UU Racial Justice Ministry will not meet in December. Join us in January as we plan for the coming year, discuss upcoming projects and where we will focus our energies (immigration, prison reform, election reform, education, etc.). Newcomers WELCOME! (We plan to provide a Zoom link as well, but we'd love to see you in person.)

Fellowship Night!

Sat. Jan. 10
6-10pm Founders Room It's all Fun & Games!- *literally!* See details in CommUUnity Connection Section

WHAT'S UUP?

Women's Alliance Monthly Lunch & Program

**Thursday Jan. 15
12-2pm Founders Room**

Join us for lunch, followed by a program at 1:00 This month Rev. Jennifer will bring her creative pastoral presence to the Alliance gathering. In the spirit of this affirmation:

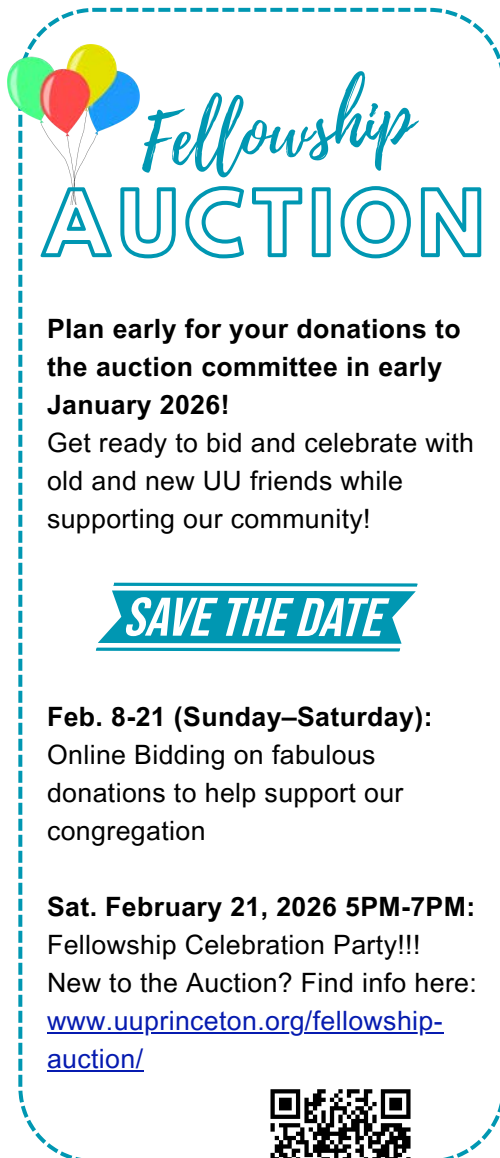
Love is the doctrine of this church / The quest of truth is its sacrament / And service is its prayer. She will guide us in prayer practices, including

hands on activities, such as prayer beads, a prayer book, identifying sacred objects and creating a home altar.

"Whatever your relationship to prayer, whether it comes naturally, you have a complicated history with it, or you have never prayed before, this gathering provides resources to explore or deepen a spiritual practice of reflection or prayer." Copies of

"Conversations with the Sacred," the book Jennifer co-edited, available for purchase/signing.

No reservation needed and all are welcome for lunch, the program, or both. Please bring a salad 🥗 or sandwich 🥪 to share; dessert and beverages provided. Contact Betty Ashwood, President, bjashwood@gmail.com Learn more about Women's Alliance in the Community Connection section.




Fellowship
AUCTION

Plan early for your donations to the auction committee in early January 2026!
Get ready to bid and celebrate with old and new UU friends while supporting our community!

SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 8-21 (Sunday–Saturday):
Online Bidding on fabulous donations to help support our congregation

Sat. February 21, 2026 5PM-7PM:
Fellowship Celebration Party!!!
New to the Auction? Find info here: www.uuprinceton.org/fellowship-auction/



Wanted: White Elephants for Spring Sale 2026

Save your holiday "leftovers" for May 1st & 2nd!

Got holiday gifts that would already appreciate a new home? Save the sale dates now for your donations and volunteer hours.

Conscious Consumer Challenge Earth Ministry



January

Conscious Choices, One Month at a Time

As Unitarian Universalists, we believe that everything is connected and that even small choices can send ripples far beyond us. The challenge is turning that awareness into everyday action.

The UU Princeton Conscious Consumers is here for the 2nd year to help. Through simple monthly challenges and calls to action, we'll explore how everyday decisions can make a real difference for the climate, conservation, human and animal welfare, and our own health.

This is about starting small, building momentum, and keeping it practical—and fun.

January Resolution:

I will check Skylights each month in 2026 to read the UU Conscious Consumer challenge—and I'll try at least a few.

Mending & Movies

Sat. Jan. 10

6-8pm Room 1 (Downstairs)

Tackle your procrastinated pile of ironing, mending, and patching up with good company and a movie in the background. Maybe learn some new life-skills.

WHAT'S UUP?

2nd "Music for Food" Benefit Concert

Sat., Jan. 31, 2026

Channing Hall, 7:30 to 9 pm

100% of proceeds will support

Arm in Arm's hunger-prevention work in Mercer County. Presented by UU

Princeton's Caring for Our Neighbors Ministry and local violinist Sunghae Anna Lim, this special evening features live chamber music inspired by [Music for Food](#) and performed by Anna and fellow professional musicians. A longtime Princeton resident, Anna is a violinist with the Manhattan String Quartet and serves on the faculties of Princeton University and the Maine Chamber Music Seminar. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$40 (\$15 for students), and 100% of proceeds will support Arm in Arm's hunger-prevention work in Mercer County.

Interested in helping with publicity or hosting a simple intermission reception? Contact Louise Senior DrLSenior@gmail.com or Jody Maher jodym1025@gmail.com

Start Your New Year with Rainbows!

It may be too cold right now to think of warm June and Pride festivities -- but our LGBTQ+ community needs support all year round!

January 11th: Rainbow Brunch: bring you, your potluck food, and your financial contributions to the ministry's work.

February 15th: Congregational Book Read- hosted jointly with the UU Princeton Racial Justice Ministry, we'll discuss Lanya H's journey across borders, languages, and the gender binary. In between the above dates pick up a copy of the memoir *Hijab Butch Blues* from Suzanne and Audrey.

Do you have more ideas? You can always join Rainbow Ministry at our monthly meetings, every third Monday of the month on Zoom.

Photos: Coming of Age Program visited the Jewish Center of Princeton and the Islamic Society of Central New Jersey

DONATIONS NEEDED: 2026 Calendars & Recent Magazines

Now through Jan 18 (MLK Sunday)

We're again collecting colorful calendars and recent, high-quality magazines. Colorful calendars are a lovely, much appreciated way to brighten a room and magazines are fun, informative, and used in ESL classes and other tutoring at TASK. **Collection Boxes are located in Robinson Lounge** under coat racks. Note: Please clip off any magazine address labels. We'll deliver our donations to Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) during December and January. Many thanks! -The TASK Team

Joys & Concerns

Courtney Orlando and her husband, Donnacha, were recently nominated for three Grammy awards in the classical music category. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, February 1, so fingers crossed that they come out winners! Regardless, nominations are a big honor, so they are overjoyed either way!

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



CHILDREN & YOUTH

A New Year Ahead

As we transition into the New Year, we'll begin to share some of the activities our children, middle school and high school youth and their adult guides are experiencing together this congregational year. We've been making new friends, learning about our Shared UU values, thinking about how our beliefs inform ethical choices, getting to know UU and other "holy troublemakers" who have worked for justice, and engaging play as a spiritual practice. Since August we have welcomed 32 families to/back to UU Princeton. The energy on Sunday mornings is palpable. What a joy it is to be together!

Spotlight: Crossing Paths program for 6th-8th Graders

In the Crossing Paths curriculum, our youth learn about world faith traditions and visit local houses of worship, while continuing to build a greater understanding of Unitarian Universalism. Crossing Paths is rooted in religious pluralism. Put simply, this view treats every religion as a unique system. Crossing Paths celebrates each faith's unique aims and ends. Every world faith tradition was born in response to a distinct human struggle. We believe we honor religions best when we work to understand the particular challenge and aspiration to which each religion has devoted itself. Crossing Paths invites us to see the religious landscape as "Many Mountains, Many Paths."

Thus far our youth and their leaders/guides (Regine Clement, Trevor Daly, Robert Eaton, Rev. Jennifer Kelleher, Andy Maskell, Ministerial Intern Wylencia Monroe, Michele Ochsner, Molly Sharlach & Michael Weeks) have visited the Jewish Center of Princeton and the Islamic Society of Central New Jersey (photos on page 6). We are grateful for our class leaders and UUCP members who have been guest speakers and have shared about the religious traditions they grew up in including: Molly Sharlach, Farooq Zama, Vijay Manghnani and those scheduled to join us in the coming months (thus far) Lydia Rieck and Carol Watchler.

By year's end we will visit the Durga Mandir (Hindu Temple), BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Hindu Temple), First Baptist Church of Princeton, the Sikh Sabha Gurdwara, St. Paul Parish (Roman Catholic Church) a Buddhist Sangha and one of our sibling UU Congregations. Plus we are excited that UUCP's Evergreen Chapter of UU Pagans will join us in March and we will celebrate Spring Equinox with them!

January's Schedule

Sun. 1/4	Pre-K-5th grade: gatherings by age group. 6th-8th grade Crossing Paths Visits BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, 112 N Main Street, Robbinsville. Arrival time: 10:45am. We'll depart by 1:00pm 9th-12th Grade YoUUth Groups meets beginning at 10:30am
Sun. 1/11	Pre-K-8th grade: gatherings by age group. 6th-8th grade Crossing Paths meets 10:30am-12:00pm
Sun. 1/18	Pre-K-8th grade: gatherings by age group. 6th-8th grade Crossing Paths meets 10:30am-12:00pm
Sun. 1/25	Pre-K-8th grade: No gatherings 6th-8th grade Crossing Paths meets 10:30am-12:00pm

Registration is FREE and required for all children and youth.

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



Recent Stories Used in "Wonder & Wisdom"

November 30:

Drizzle - the snail who saw everything.
A Children's Book About Slowing Down,
Self-Confidence & Appreciating Life's
Little Wonders by Arthur Onion

December 7

Our Best Friend Karma: Teaching kids
about the power of positive words,
thoughts and actions by Kimberly Hirsch. Illustrated by Sharon Ilg

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Check with groups for scheduling changes (especially around holidays)

Short Story Hour

Monthly Zoom Gatherings

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

Men's Group

2nd and 4th Sundays

9:30am-10:30am

John Murray Room

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

Young Adult Group

Interested in meeting other young adults within the UU Princeton community? Come to Young Adult Sundays, at least once a month! Develop connections for fellowship, activism, and fun! Email Office@uuprinceton.org or Irene Donne irene.donne@gmail.com 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](#)

Zen Meditation Group

Fourth Sundays

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Fahs Theater

The practice consists of chanting the heart sutra and 25 minutes of seated meditation followed by a Dharma talk and discussion. For more info. Contact Steve Valerio sgvalerio312@gmail.com

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](#)



UU Book Discussion Group

Listed Sundays (below) 12pm

John Murray Room

All are invited to join our one-hour book discussions in 2026.

Happy Reading! Contact

peggy.matthews@gmail.com

[Visit our webpage here](#)

★ January 11 (Fiction)

Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

March 8 (Nonfiction)

On Freedom by Timothy Snyder

May 17 (Fiction)

This Other Eden by Paul Harding

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.
Robinson Lounge



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

Pastoral Care

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

Earth Ministry

Second Sundays
12-1:30pm Fahs Theater
Nurturing respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. We help the UU community and beyond be better stewards of the earth. Join us! Earthministry@uuprinceton.org
[Visit our webpage here](#)

Women's Alliance

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

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



Fellowship Nights

Second Saturdays
6pm-10pm Founders Room
Come play a board game, eat some free pizza and snacks, and get to know your fellow congregants better! Games provided, or bring your favorites along! Just show up, or RSVP on the [Sign-up Genius page \(Fellowship Dinners\)](#), to help us know how much pizza to order. Questions or food restrictions? Email John Burton johnmburton@gmail.com.

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

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.

Contact Jody Maher JodyM1025@gmail.com if you'd like to help deliver food to Arm in Arm. Contact Louise Senior at Caring4Neighbors@uuprinceton.org if you'd like to pitch in in other ways!



Affiliated Justice Work

Annual Spring Sale

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

Social Justice Outreach Grants

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

Review Committee Chair:

Gareth Funka-Lea,

Coalition for Peace Action Liaison:

Carol Allen

Not in Our Town Liaison:

Jeanne DeVoe

Princeton Community Housing Liaison:

Valerie Haynes

Represent US NJ Liaison:

Debra Lambo

Citizens' Climate Lobby Liaison:

Dunbar Birnie

Racial Justice Ministry

Fourth Tuesdays

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

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

Princeton Eats Plants

First Wednesdays

6:00pm Founder's Room

Join a vibrant UU Princeton community promoting plant-based living through monthly potluck gatherings. Discover delicious, plant-powered dishes and connect with others passionate about sustainable eating and cruelty-free living. Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or curious about plant-based diets, all are welcome! Speak to Vicky Campbell, JoEllen, or John Burton for details. Email pep@uuprinceton.org
[Join the PEP Facebook group](#)



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/>



Act Before Jan 9th!

More than 30 New Jersey advocacy organizations are leading a collective effort to pass 7 key social justice bills during the New Jersey Legislature's lame duck session. You can take easy steps today to help them get passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Murphy. Faith Action Doc above and completing the actions at a time that is convenient for you. You can also share these actions with others in your congregation or community.

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.

Fellowship Auction

Attn. party planners and fun-makers! Can you help with UU Princeton's annual stewardship and community-building event that takes place in Feb/March? Some of our main organizers will be absent this year, so if you can step up to learn some of the ropes of this critical event please contact Louise Senior via office@uuprinceton.org



Murray Grove Is Hiring

Murray Grove is searching for a Development Associate. This nonprofit and historic Unitarian Universalist retreat center, rooted in radical hospitality and inclusivity, is located on the beautiful Jersey Shore. The Development Associate will work closely with the Executive Director and Development Committee to support fundraising efforts and donor engagement. To inquire further email

MurrayGrove@MurrayGrove.org

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.



UU FaithAction NJ



@UU PRINCETON
 Sunday Services
 10:30 am

uuprinceton.org

Welcome!



Working Together
DISMANTLE RACISM

Office Hours vary. Please call or email

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