

# 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

### Feb. 1, Forethought of Grief, Rev. Bill Neely

In words collected in our hymnal, Wendell Berry wrote, "I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief." He writes this because he knows that we humans do. With forethought, hindsight, and in the present moment, we grow with grief in life. How might we find some of this wild peace amidst our human grief?

### Feb. 8, All Kinds of Courage, Rev. Bill Neely

In *The Wizard of Oz*, the cowardly lion desperately sought a kind of courage that, as it turned out, he had long possessed. The gift was already there, waiting to be noticed. What do we imagine when we think of courage? And what kinds of courage do we already possess?

### Feb. 15, All Kinds of Caring, Rev. Jennifer Kelleher

In our technical age, it only takes a few moments to become aware of the enormity of the world's needs. How is it we care for such a world? What type of care are we already providing? Join us for an all-ages service where we will tell a tender story and through songs, reflections, and ritual remind one another about the joy of caring.

### Feb. 22, Work and Its Rewards, Rev. Bill Neely

There are many types of work: volunteer, compensated, seen, and invisible, among others. Some work is part of one's vocation, while sometimes work is more of what must be done. Regardless, engaging in some sort of work is how we spend much of our lives and energy. This Sunday, we'll dive into our February spiritual theme of "Work" by exploring how the topic shapes us.

This service will include a Celebration of our New Members! If you're interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please contact Rev. Bill.



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



[www.uuprinceton.org](http://www.uuprinceton.org)



## THE GOOD NEWS

Once on a highway somewhere in Indiana, I drove into one of the strongest downpours I had ever been in. It was like someone had turned on a giant, cosmic spigot, and we were driving beneath it. The windshield wipers were useless. Even with them going at the fastest speed, you still couldn't see where you were driving. No one knew where the lanes were. The only thing to do was slow down, pull over, and hope that the storm eased up before anyone ran into anyone else.

As I was pulling over, I caught a glimpse of an overpass ahead. I decided to creep forward as slowly as I could toward that overpass, where I might be able to see a little more of what was going on. Once I got there, I could see that several other cars had the same idea. I joined them, and we sheltered ourselves on the side of the road, under the overpass, next to the guardrail and the huge concrete pillars that held it up. We parked very close to each other, angled in almost door-to-door to make room for as many other drivers as possible. We created as much space as we could by being as close to each other as we could. This was the kind of storm that no one wanted anyone to have to drive in.

## 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.

I think about the courtesy of that moment, of how the storm made us kind to each other. It made us look out for one another. We sheltered ourselves, and one another. We knew ourselves to be each other's concern. We couldn't make everyone safe, but we could do some good, and without even exchanging a word, we made all the room that we could make.

People are often like that; thoughtful and neighborly. We may not show it all the time. And sometimes, especially on the road, our insensitive, impatient sides can flash like lightning in the sky. But so too can kindness. So too can moments of common care. We can sometimes be so everyday decent that when the storm eases up, and through breath-fogged windows we look at each other, knowing that we're about to hit the road again, we almost miss the storm.

Rev. Bill Neely  
February 2026



Rev. Bill Neely  
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## FEBRUARY'S SPIRITUAL THEME

# Work

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](mailto:chalicecircles@uuprinceton.org).

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do."

STEVE JOBS

- What work do you love to do?
- Do you feel like your work is valued by society?

"For me, every day is a new thing. I approach each project with a new insecurity, almost like the first project I ever did. And I get the sweats. I go in and start working, I'm not sure where I'm going. If I knew where I was going I wouldn't do it."

FRANK GEHRY

- Did you ever start a project and not know how it was going to turn out?
- How did it turn out if it is completed?
- If it is not completed, can you see how it is going to turn out now?



"I put my heart and my soul into my work, and have lost my mind in the process."

VINCENT VAN GOGH

- What work can you get lost in?
- Is this a good, bad or indifferent thing?

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."

VINCE LOMBARDI

- In what ways do you find success and work related?
- Can you think of a time when they would not be related?

## Joys & Concerns

We hold Rev. Bill and his family in love over the recent death of his Mom Linda who died early Christmas morning after a long illness and short time on hospice. We especially pray for his father, John, who was married to her for over 50 years.

We learned late last year of the death of Tom Hopkins. We hold his wife Dartha and the whole Hopkins family in love. To read more about Tom, please [see his obituary here](#)

Louise Senior and Dunbar Birnie welcomed their first grandchildren on Jan 8, twin baby girls named Skylar Potter (7lbs10oz!) and Ellis Potter (6 lbs11oz!). April Birnie and Daniel Potter, their parents, are recovering well at their home nearby in Lawrenceville.

To share your joy or concern in this newsletter email

[Skylights@uuprinceton.org](mailto:Skylights@uuprinceton.org)

# WHAT'S UUP ?



[UU Princeton Sign Up Genius Link](#)

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

## New to UU? Learn More About Us!

Sun. Feb. 22

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 and share a bit about UU Princeton's mission and community life. In addition to learning a little about our congregation and faith, we'll have a special presentation on "The Meanings of Our Chalice." We hope you can make it!

## "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. Contact Louise Senior

[DrLSenior@gmail.com](mailto:DrLSenior@gmail.com) or Jody Maher [jodym1025@gmail.com](mailto:jodym1025@gmail.com)

## Share Your Thoughts

Sun., Feb. 1

12-1:15pm Channing Hall

The Committee on Ministry is inviting members of our Social Justice Ministry to share their experiences and perspectives as part of an ongoing effort to better understand congregational life at UU Princeton. If you're involved in racial justice, immigration, helping our neighbors, UU Faith Action, the Spring Fair, or other social justice work, please join us for a conversation.

## What's in the Bible?

Sun. Feb. 1, 8, & 22

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.

## Souper Bowl Brunch



Sun. Feb. 8

11:30am-1pm Founders Room

Funds go to the Children & Youth Ministry to cover things we may not have room for in our annual budget like OWL training, COA trips and other events we've yet to imagine. It also would be nice to have enough additional funds to support a local organization that the children & youth vote on (and perhaps also volunteer at too). We need food, servers and a tidy-up crew. Visit the [SignUpGenius](#) to volunteer.

## Racial Justice Ministry Kickoff

Sun. Feb 1

12pm Founders 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.)

## Souperbowl Sunday Canned Soup Drive



Sun. Feb. 8

In-worship collection

Bring a can or two of canned soup to the service on Super Bowl Sunday to donate to the communities food pantries of Arm in Arm. We'll collect them during the service and send them on to people who need them!

## Rainbow Ministry Movie: *Drive Away Dolls*

**Fri. Feb. 6**

The first movie of Ethan Coen and Tricia Cooke's "lesbian B-movie trilogy," this movie follows two best friends (Margaret Qualley and Geraldine Viswanathan) whose Philly-Florida road trip turns out to be way more than they bargained for! Flash back to queer America at the turn of the Millennium, as planned crimes go wrong and antics ensue. Bring your curiosity and questions. (Such as "how is 1999 now the setting for a period film?") Rainbow Ministry provides the popcorn and leads the discussion after. Rating: R  
Parent's Guide:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/drive-away-dolls>

Preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oy0RYiQRWUk>

## *Hijab Butch Blues:* Book Read

**Sun. Feb. 15**

**11:30-2pm Fahs Theater**

Join Rainbow Ministry to discuss Lanya H's journey across borders, languages, and the gender binary. The book is an intimate memoir exploring the author's journey as a queer, nonbinary Muslim immigrant, weaving personal anecdotes with stories from the Quran to navigate the intersections of faith, sexuality, race, and culture while challenging traditional ideas of "coming out" and finding authentic community.

# WHAT'S UUP?

## SuperFOAM Sunday Styrofoam Collection

**Sun. Feb. 8**

**11:30 Robinson Lounge**

The Earth Ministry will collect your styrofoam for upcycling in the lobby after service. Please follow the strict guidelines for acceptable foam in Skylights, the weekly digital newsletter and on flyers in the lobby. This is a members-only collection but you are welcome to bring in foam from friends, family and neighbors.

## Fellowship Night!

**Sat. Feb. 14**

**6-10pm Founders Room**

It's all Fun & Games!- *literally!* (plus pizza) See details in CommUUnity Connection Section. Couples and singles welcome this Valentine's eve!

## Short Story Hour

**Feb. 13**

**12pm Zoom**

The February Short Story Hour selection is, "I Won't Let You Go," by Hiromi Kawakami, which uses a captured mermaid in a bathtub to ask us what we should let go of, before it won't let go of us. The story is rich with themes of obsession, possession, and agency. Find the zoom link in the weekly digital newsletter. [Join the mailing list](#) for Short Story Hour Reminders!

## Spice Packing for Arm In Arm

**Sun. Feb 8**

**11:30am -1pm Channing Hall**

Imagine eating only bland pantry staples, day after day. Many families who rely on local food pantries live in food deserts and must limit sodium for health reasons. Spices and salt-free seasonings can make their food healthier and more satisfying. The Caring for Our Neighbors Ministry invites all ages to help bag spices and seasonings. The prepared packets will be donated to the Arm In Arm Food Pantries. All supplies will be provided—just show up and lend a hand. If you'd like to help organize or prefer to work from home, please contact Louise Senior at [caring4neighbors@uuprinceton.org](mailto:caring4neighbors@uuprinceton.org). **Thank you** for putting your helping hands and loving hearts to work!



Spice Packing 2025

# WHAT'S UUP?

## Meeting the Moment: Nonviolent Resistance for Times Like These

Fri. Feb 27

7-9pm Fahs Theater

### Racial Justice Ministry Film & Program

Many of us are feeling anxious, angry, and unsure how to respond as injustices and abuses of power escalate in our country. This gathering offers a grounded path forward for those caught between outrage and paralysis who are asking, "What can I do?" Together we will learn how to respond thoughtfully and courageously when the moment demands more than reaction.

Centered on a screening of the first 2 parts of the documentary *A Force More Powerful*, the gathering will explore the spiritual roots of historic nonviolent movements; the practical framework of Gandhi's innovative, nonviolent strategy; and the legacy of nonviolent civil resistance as a real, trained, and effective response to injustice—not a relic of the past.

#### You'll leave with:

- Inspiration rooted in real movements that successfully challenged power
- Concrete ideas for nonviolent dissent beyond protest alone
- A clearer sense of how to respond with courage, intention, and agency—right now

## Fellowship Auction Feb.13-21 Auction Party Sat Feb. 21, 5-7pm

See details on pg. 8

## Women's Alliance Monthly Program

Thursday Feb. 19

12-2pm Founders Room

Join us for lunch, followed by a program at 1:00. This month:

### Kyra March from the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum (SSAAM)

will present the history of this early Black settlement area in New Jersey. SSAAM offers a truthful and more inclusive sharing of the history and contributions of the founding African American families of the Sourland region of Central New Jersey since the time of New Jersey's participation in the transatlantic slave trade. Ms. March will share the background and history of the museum, tell personal stories and family histories, and share original items from the museum's collections.

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](mailto:bjashwood@gmail.com)

Learn more about Women's Alliance in the Community Connection section.

## Conscious Consumer Challenge Earth Ministry



February

### Fast for Earth 40-day Challenge

The Fast for Earth Challenge is a growing UU Princeton tradition that invites us to begin the new year by turning reflection into action. Rooted in Unitarian Universalist values of interdependence and care for all life, this 40-day, planet-friendly fast invites each of us to choose one intentional practice—and live into it together.

#### February 18 through April 2:

Participants select an environmental fast—such as reducing plastic waste by opting for non-plastic packaging, cutting back on consumption of red meat, pausing online shopping, cooking more meals at home, or creating a practice of their own—and commit to it for the season, not perfectly, but intentionally.

**To join** just make a commitment in your heart and try to follow through— but you can also sign the Fast for Earth book in the lobby after Sunday services and pick up a participation sticker or string as a reminder of your commitment.

**Learn more** about the Fast for Earth Challenge on the [uuprinceton.org](http://uuprinceton.org) homepage and join others this season in discovering how small, shared commitments can lead to meaningful change.

## Legacy Giving Ministry – Where Values and the Future Meet

Legacy giving is one way we care for the future of UU Princeton. A legacy gift is a commitment made today—often through a will, trust, or beneficiary designation—that supports the congregation beyond our own lifetimes. Because of the foresight of past UU Princeton members, our endowment has helped sustain our buildings, weather economic uncertainty, and fund major projects such as accessibility renovations and recent infrastructure improvements. We benefit every day from their generosity. A reenergized Legacy Giving Ministry is now working to ensure that future generations receive the same gift. In 2026, the team will focus on building a culture of legacy giving through education about estate planning, defining one’s legacy, and how legacy gifts work. Legacy gifts are acts of hope—expressions of faith that this community matters, now and always. Questions or interested in helping? Contact Beth Behrend or Tom Prusa.

## Transit Equity: Justice & Environment

Transit Equity Day is celebrated annually on February 4th (Rosa Parks' birthday), to honor the legacy of her struggle for just and equitable treatment on her local buses. It highlights the Civil Rights Movement's connection to public transit, and serves as a reminder that public transit is crucial infrastructure for social and economic justice. Furthermore, better transit for all communities will provide a just transition to cleaner transport systems by reducing personal automobile use. To learn more, listen to Eco-Logic Radio on Wednesday, February 4, at 10 a.m. on WBAI, 99.5FM & <https://wbai.org/listen-live/> or [www.ecoradio.org](http://www.ecoradio.org) programs

# WHAT'S UUP?

## 2026 Spring Sale

Thanks to our early TEAM SPRING SALE volunteers!

**We're still seeking key team leaders in Receiving, Appliances/Electronics, and Kitchenware.**

Do you enjoy working with others, light organizing and friendly leadership? Please join us to help make our major fundraising event for local charities a success. All training and support provided!

**Sale Dates 2026: May 1 & 2**

Set aside your unneeded clothing & household items to donate.

Take photos of special items and send us key info ASAP. We plan to begin "Market Research" activities early this year to price items appropriately, advertise, etc.

Contact us:

[springsale@uuprinceton.org](mailto:springsale@uuprinceton.org)

**Booth leader kickoff meeting:**

Sunday, April 12, Noon in Fahs theater.



## Stewardship Begins with Gratitude

As we look toward the year ahead, the Stewardship Committee is reflecting on the many ways UUPrinceton enriches our lives and strengthens our wider community.

Our upcoming stewardship season will center on gratitude — for the connections we share, the care we offer one another, and the impact we make together. In uncertain times, this congregation continues to be a source of grounding, hope, and shared purpose.

The stewardship season will kick off on March 15, and we look forward to continuing this conversation together, rooted in thankfulness for all that UUPrinceton makes possible.

## Puzzle Shelf

There is a now a Jig-Saw Exchange Shelf as part of the Heald Memorial Library, downstairs lounge. To assure the "no missing pieces" standard, please place all the pieces in a zip-lock bag inside the original box, together with your name and phone number on a slip of paper, then seal the box with two small pieces of tape for additional security



**Great Bids.  
Great People.  
Great Party.**

The Fellowship Auction is about much more than fundraising. It's about:

- Strengthening relationships within our community
- Sharing our gifts, talents, and hospitality
- Supporting the ongoing life and work of UU Princeton
- Creating joyful memories together

By donating and bidding, you help sustain our congregation while participating in one of its most beloved traditions.

# *Fellowship* **AUCTION**

**Bid online Feb. 13 - 21**

**Party & bid in-person  
Feb 21, 5pm -7pm**

Visit [uuprinceton.org](http://uuprinceton.org)  
for details or scan code



## **New to the Auction?**

Learn how to submit auction items and how to bid online:

[www.uuprinceton.org/fellowship-auction/](http://www.uuprinceton.org/fellowship-auction/)

Join the Fellowship Auction and come celebrate with us on February 21.  
Fun, generosity, and community—all in one place.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## Spotlight: 4th-5th grade *Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints*

Our lessons focus on justice and equity and are based on the book of the same name. *Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints* shares original portraits and profiles of people of diverse faiths who have worked for love, compassion, and justice in their corner of the world, even if that meant rocking the religious boat. Some of the people we learned about so far include Bayard Rustin, Florence Nightengale, Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg and Gustavo Gutiérrez. In addition to the profiles included in the book, our program includes biographies of Unitarians, Universalists and Unitarian Universalists.

The UUs we have learned about so far include 19th century author, public speaker, abolitionist and suffragette Frances Ellen Watkins Harper; actor, director and medical research advocate and activist Christopher Reeve; and Martha and Waitstill Sharp, who helped hundreds escape Nazi occupied Europe in their work with the Unitarian Service Committee. After learning about Christopher Reeve the kids reflected if they had a superpower that could help people, what would it be? Then they made symbols for those powers and created superhero capes and masks. In the lesson about the Sharps, the group also learned that our UU chalice was first created during WWII and created “stained glass” chalices with tissue paper (photos included).

Thank you to our thoughtful and engaging children who make each gathering a joy. We are so grateful for our class leaders Beth Behrend, Binnie Thom, Hannah Thompson and assistants Amnah Ali, Alice Deanin and Sofia Strauss who make HolyTroublemaking meaningful and fun!



## February's Schedule

Sun. 2/1	<p><b>Pre-K-5th grade:</b> gatherings by age group.</p> <p><b>6th-8th grade Crossing Paths</b> visit First Baptist Church of Princeton arrive 10:20am for 10:30am worship service</p> <p><b>9th-12th Grade YoUUth Groups</b> meets beginning at 10:30am</p>
Sun. 2/8	<p><b>Pre-K-8th grade:</b> gatherings by age group.</p> <p><b>6th-8th grade Crossing Paths</b> meets 10:30am-12:00pm</p> <p><b>***“Souper Bowl” Brunch to benefit Children &amp; Youth after service.</b></p>
Sun. 2/15	<p><b>Pre-K-8th grade:</b> gatherings by age group.</p> <p><b>6th-8th grade Crossing Paths</b> meets 10:30am-12:00pm</p>
Sun. 2/22	<p><b>Pre-K-8th grade:</b> No gatherings</p> <p><b>6th-8th grade Crossing Paths</b> Visit New Jersey Buddhist Vihara, arrivals at 4:45pm</p>

Registration is FREE and required for all children and youth.

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



### Recent Stories Used in “Wonder & Wisdom”

**January 4:**

*Two Frogs* by Christopher Buice

**January 11**

*The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig.  
Illustrated by Patrice Barton

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 in 2026.

Happy Reading! Contact

[peggy.matthews@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.matthews@gmail.com)

[Visit our webpage here](#)

★ **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](mailto: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](mailto:jennifer@uuprinceton.org)

## Women's Alliance

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

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

*joy*

## 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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:handbells@uuprinceton.org)

Contact [office@uuprinceton.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:caring4neighbors@uuprinceton.org)

**Immigration Task Force** – assists immigrants, refugees and sanctuary seekers. Michele Ochsner

[sanctuary@uuprinceton.org](mailto:sanctuary@uuprinceton.org),

**Ministry for the Earth** – acts to preserve earth's resources at UU Princeton and among individuals.

Ray Nichols:  
[earthministry@uuprinceton.org](mailto: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](mailto:faithaction@uuprinceton.org)

**Racial Justice Ministry** – conducts anti-racism work inside and outside of UU Princeton. Ted Fetter and Kevin Trayner,

[racialjustice@uuprinceton.org](mailto:racialjustice@uuprinceton.org)

**Rainbow Ministry** – welcomes LGBTQIA persons at UU Princeton and advocates outside of UU Princeton. Suzanne Apel

[lgbtq@uuprinceton.org](mailto:lgbtq@uuprinceton.org)



## Affiliated Justice Work

### Annual Spring Sale

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

### Social Justice Outreach Grants

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

### Review Committee Chair:

Gareth Funka-Lea,

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## 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](mailto: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

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](mailto: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 Arm in Arm or help out in other ways.

Contact Louise Senior or Jody Maher at [Caring4Neighbors@uuprinceton.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ushering@uuprinceton.org).

## Fellowship Auction Party Helpers

Attn. party planners and fun-makers! Can you help with UU Princeton's Fellowship Auction Party Prep on Feb 21? There's no such thing as too many cooks in the kitchen! [office@uuprinceton.org](mailto:office@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.



Spring Sale is still seeking key team leaders:

**Receiving, Appliances/Electronics, and Kitchenware.**

Do you enjoy working with others, light organizing and friendly leadership? Please join us to help make our major fundraising event for local charities a success. All training and support provided!



UU FaithAction NJ



**@UU PRINCETON**  
 Sunday Services  
 10:30 am

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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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### Next Skylights Submission Deadline

**MON. FEB. 16**

Send newsletter submissions to [skylights@uuprinceton.org](mailto:skylights@uuprinceton.org)  
 Submissions are due every 3rd Monday of the month

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