



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark

A community of spiritual seekers inspired to promote a just and compassionate world

UUpdate January 31, 2020

The Week Ahead

Saturday, February 1

5:30pm Chili & Cornbread Cookoff! (M) 5:30-9pm

Sunday, February 2

9:15am UUFN Bistro (OB) 9:15-10:15am

10:30am Worship & Religious Education

11:30am Greta's Friends Program (M) 11:30-12:30pm

11:45am RE Cmt Mtg (B) 11:45-1:00pm

12:00pm Ethnic Heritage Event Planning (OB) 12-12:30pm

4:30pm Youth Group (OB) 4:30-6pm

Monday, February 3

7:00pm Yoga with Dona Zingaro (W) 7-8pm

Tuesday, February 4

10:00am Treasurer & Bookkeeper Office Hour (office) 10-11am

6:00pm Ukulele Group (W) 6 - 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 5

9:00am Panera Coffee Group

4:15pm Minister SRST meeting (B) 4:30-6pm

5:30pm Security Team mtg (OB) 5:30pm

6:30pm Zen Meditation (TP) 6:30-8:15p

Sunday, February 9

9:15am UUFN Bistro (OB) 9:15-10:15am

10:30am Worship & Religious Education

11:30am 2nd Sunday Potluck & Friendship day

Learn more at <http://uufn.org/calendar/>!

Starting on February 13th, the UUFN choir will practice from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM on Thursday nights. Newcomers to the choir welcome and encouraged! Come sing with us!

Upcoming Services

February 2, 2020 ~ Who are you, Really?

Antonia Bell-Delgado

Antonia Bell-Delgado returns to speak on the topic “Who are you, Really”. Of this service she says, “Poet Paul Laurence Dunbar wrote: ‘We wear the mask that grins and lies, It hides our cheeks and shades our eyes...’. Dunbar’s words ring as true today as they were in 1896 when he wrote the poem, ‘We Wear the Mask’. Dunbar was referring to the struggle that Black people face to show up in society as their authentic selves. This struggle to be authentic is a human issue that implores us to answer the simple question of safety. Is there a place that you feel safe to take down your mask? What do you risk in revealing who you really are?”

Share the plate – NAACP of Newark DE

The mission of [NAACP of Newark DE](#) is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of all persons and to eliminate race based discrimination.

Labyrinth Team Helpers!

Walking the labyrinth is a lovely way to relax, meditate and find peace. Would you like to help? Being a member of the Labyrinth Guild means that you are willing to help set up, host and/or take down the UUFN Labyrinth at least once per year. Contact Karen Barker or email labyrinth@uufn.org for more information or to join the Labyrinth Guild.

New member for Leadership Development Committee

Needed The Leadership Development Committee is looking for a new member. It's a two year term beginning in July to develop, assist, and recruit leaders for our congregation. Join Jeff Ramberg, Deb Morris, Karen Barker, and Ingrid Landers Anderson in furthering this process. We meet once a month.

Contact Deb Morris at 443-907-2246 or morrisd@udel.edu.

ICYMI: Request for Budget Submissions

Please make January your team/committee financial planning month. Consider your team/committee plans for congregational year 2020-2021 and what money you will need to accomplish your goals. Provide your budget to the treasurer at treasurer@u-ufn.org by the end of January. Your input will be compiled into the goal for the Stewardship campaign in March and then the proposed budget, which will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting in May.

Looking Ahead

Building Your Own Theology

This six-session class (2/23, 3/8, 3/22, 4/12, 4/26 & 5/10) will explore the five big questions everyone needs to answer: What does it mean to be human? How do I know what I know? Who or What is in charge? What is my purpose in life? and What does my death mean?

Sign-up table available during Coffee Hour, January 26, Feb 2, or Feb 9. There will be a pre-course assignment, and you will need time ahead to prepare it before the first session. Limited to 8 participants. (Five are already signed up!)

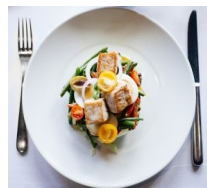
(See Richard Field if you don't find the sign-up list)

Lunch Bunch February 18 (3rd Tuesday)

12:30 pm

Blue Crab Grill on S. Main St.

Contact Barbara Jezl for reservations and information about ride sharing



Open Chalice Circle - Mon. Feb. 24 7-9pm - "Resilience"

Chalice Circles are a great way to foster spiritual growth as well as an opportunity to get to know people at a very deep level in a very short period of time. All circles run under a covenant that includes confidentiality, uninterrupted listening and respect for all points of view. If you did not sign up for a Chalice Circle this year but are interested in attending one on an either regular or irregular basis, please consider attending an Open Chalice Circle. To RSVP, please email chalicecircles@uufn.org and you will be sent the materials for that month's theme. You are also welcome to come without RSVP-ing, but in that case, please be sure to be on time.

All circles meet Monday evenings from 7 to 9.

The dates and themes for 2020 Chalice Circles are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>
February 24	Resilience	April 27	Liberation
March 23	Wisdom	May 18	Threshold
		June 15	Play

Religious Education Notes

Young Adult Meeting Feb 12th Come share pizza and fellowship and find out what's going on with our Young Adult Group on Wednesday, Feb 12th. We'll meet in Walden Lounge at 6:30 on Wednesday February 12th. 18-35

Friendship Sunday Feb 9

Looking for some enthusiastic adults to join us during the potluck on **February 9th** for Friendship Sunday. During this event, we plan to use a simple detective game to pair our RE children with new adult "friends" in the fellowship. This is a re-imagining of the Mystery Friends that some of you may remember from the past. After the children and their parents are matched with their new friends you may take your lunch to a specially identified table to eat, talk, work on a craft and share a special dessert. Please contact Andrea 302-994-4741 or dre@uufn.org to express interest and availability. There will be an opportunity to join spontaneously on the day of, but we need to plan for supplies so please let us know if you are interested and available.

Polaroid camera to lend for Feb 9 ?

Looking for a polaroid or similar camera to borrow on **February 9th**. Needs to be the bigger size pictures around 3 x 4 inches. We will pay for the film. Call Andrea 302-994-4741 or email dre@uufn.org.

Greta's Friends Returning Feb 2

One of the things I enjoy most about our congregation is the sense of community. I feel at home here. I have met some of my best friends and can always find a sympathetic and supportive ear. In the spirit of developing an even deeper community that reaches across all age levels the RE Team is looking to develop and support cross-generational activities.

One of these that has started off with a bang is the Greta's Friends Curriculum. Over the course of two meetings on January

5th close to 30 people participated in this event. The next one is scheduled for February 2nd during RE Class and afterward. All are invited to attend one or both gatherings even if you missed the first one. This will be a monthly activity culminating in a big outdoor event and picnic in conjunction with U of D students on Saturday, May 2nd from 9am – noon. Please contact Karen Barker with any questions.

Landscape Team

11th Annual Chili Cook-Off – February 1, 2020

Mark your calendar! February 1st the Landscape Committee will sponsor the 11th Annual UUFN “Chili Challenge” Chili Cook-Off, with awards for CHILI, CORNBREAD and DESSERT! Come to COMPETE, come to TASTE THE VARIETY, help judge the entries and PICK THE WINNERS. Come to ENJOY the FOOD & FELLOWSHIP and see who will win the ultimate honor of taking home the FABULOUS UUFN CHILI BOWL TROPHY this year.

Property Committee

Help Wanted

While there have been two congregational gatherings to address the needs of the fellowship, there are still several items to be done. Is there one that you can do or help with? If so, please email property@uufn.org with your info and Property will contact you.

- 1) Shampoo carpets in various areas
- 2) Mackinnon Kitchen stripped & polished
- 3) Recarpeting & replacing vinyl planking
- 4) Replace 1 pathway light near Fellowship Hall

(Scope of work, tools & schedule to be discussed via email or direct communication)



Property is also seeking a volunteer willing to assist with documenting, filing board reports and taking Property meeting minutes (available Wednesday nights, bi-monthly). Please reach out; we would be happy to hear from you.

UUA General Assembly 2020

UUA GA Providence, RI | June 24-28, 2020

General Assembly (GA) is an unforgettable experience for thousands of Unitarian Universalists and partners, who leave with a renewed sense of energy, inspiration, and innovative ideas to take back to their congregations and communities. GA is powerful, because of the ways we connect with each other and share our values. There we will worship, learn, witness, and make decisions together.

Registration is now open at uua.org/ga. Full-time registration is now \$400 for adults, \$240 for high school youth, and \$150 for off-site registrants. Register by March 15 for the lowest rate. Rates will increase on March 16 and again on May 1.

The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to uua.org/ga to learn about scholarships to support participation, particularly of those from marginalized groups and volunteer opportunities (work in exchange for registration).

Pre-General Assembly Timeline:

Date	Time	Action/event
Friday, November 01, 2019		GA Registration opens
Saturday, February 01, 2020	5:00 PM	Congregatiton certification closes
Saturday, February 29, 2020		Early-bird payment due
Monday, March 02, 2020	9:00 AM	Housing applications open
Monday, March 02, 2020		Scholarship applications open
Monday, March 02, 2020		Volunteer applications open
Sunday, March 15, 2020		Early-bird registration closes (\$400/adult)
Monday, March 16, 2020		Early registration opens (\$500/adult)
Tuesday, March 31, 2020		Scholarship applications close
Tuesday, March 31, 2020		Volunteer applications close
Saturday, April 25, 2020		Scholarship application notifications mailed
Saturday, April 25, 2020		Volunteer application notifications mailed
Thursday, April 30, 2020		Early registration closes
Friday, May 01, 2020		Registration opens (\$525/adult)
Wednesday, June 24, 2020	12:00 PM	Congregations begin gathering