



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark

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

UUpdate March 6, 2020

The Week Ahead

Saturday, March 7

Fahs Hall Classroom cleaning (WRCC)

Sunday, March 8

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

10:30am Worship & Religious Education

11:30am **2nd Sunday Potluck (M) 11:45-1:00pm**

12:00pm Building Your Own Theology (B) 12-2pm

12:00pm **Lay Leaders Council Mtg (M) 12-1:30pm**

Tuesday, March 10

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

1:00pm Helping Hand Committee Meeting (OB) 1-2:30pm

5:00pm Stewardship mtg (B) 5-6pm

6:30pm **Women's Spirituality Group (M&OB) 6:30-9:00pm**

Wednesday, March 11

9:00am Panera Coffee Group

1:30pm Pastoral Care Committee Meeting (B) 1:30-3:30pm

3:30pm **Outrageous OWLS (OB) 3:30-5:30pm**

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

6:45pm Board Meeting (B) 6:45-9 pm

7:00pm 2nd Weds Chalice Circle (OB)

Saturday, March 14

11:00am Djembe Drumming lessons (W) 11am-12pm

Sunday, March 15

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

10:30am Worship & Religious Education

11:30am Greta's Friends Program (Wa&b) 11:30-12:30pm

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

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

UUFN choir practice is Thursdays, 6:45 PM to 7:45 PM

Newcomers to the choir welcome! Sing with us!

(Please check the calendar first—we have some rehearsal cancellations coming up.)

Upcoming Services

March 8 – “Sharing in Heaven”

Rev. Don Garrett

This INTER-GENERATIONAL SERVICE will include a play, “The Arguing House” adapted by Rev. Garrett from a Filipino Folk Tale performed by our children, and also a presentation highlighting how Navaho traditional teachings can inform our behavior. The Choir will also perform.

March 15 – “Will the fifth UU principle survive?”

Kip King

The fifth principle expresses our use and support of the democratic process. At times, democracy has failed in America. What caused those failures? What can we as UUs do to support a democratic process? How did we become democratic in the first place?

Share the plate - League of Women Voters of NCCo

The League of Women Voters of NCCo, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

March is women’s history month, and 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment.

Lay Leaders Council meeting

March 8th--right after the potluck lunch.

Come learn about what's new and upcoming. Topics will include our budget process, long range plan implementation, and much more. This is a structured way for all committee and teams to talk to and learn from each other. We are all Lay Leaders!

Pledge Palooza Thursday, March 19 6-8pm

Pledge-Palooza!!! [Pledge Early](#) and Join us!!!

Pledge Form

This year we would like to celebrate with all who have pledged and have planned an exciting event – The Pledge-Palooza! The Pledge-Palooza is for everyone who has made a [pledge](#) by this event on March 19th and everyone who pledges that night. Come to UUFN on Thursday, March 19 for the Pledge-Palooza Event. Start time 6:00 pm but come as you wish till 8:00 pm. We will gather to have fun with different games and live music. There will be pizza, salads and desserts for free. Beer and wine for purchase. Opportunity to play a great game. Participants will need three dollars per round of game. It's good fun!

Your “ticket” in is a pledge. Either pledge prior to the event or at the event. You will be also entered into a \$100 local restaurant gift card drawing – the winning ticket will be pulled at the end of the evening. No need to be present to win. You will also receive your first drink free for submitting a [pledge](#).

Email us at: stewardship@uufn.org with offers to help with the March 19 event :)

RE Happenings

HELP NEEDED! Several of our most experienced teachers will be moving out of town shortly. While we are happy for their new life experiences we are in a serious bind for elementary teachers next year. Please let Andrea know if you have any interest in working with our elementary children. We can arrange for you to help out for the remainder of the year and get a sense of what is involved. Thank you for stepping up to this challenge.

The great participation we are getting in the Greta's Friends program is showing our commitment to the 7th principle. If you haven't had a chance to check this out yet feel free to join at any time. There are two sessions 10:30a and 11:45a. Feel free to come to either one or both! Upcoming schedule:

March 15th - getting to know our UUFN woods

April 26th - good guys and bad guys

Saturday, May 2nd 9a-noon - the Big Event with UD students

Looking Ahead

Workshop on Adopting the Eighth Principle

Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9:30am-2:30pm

As a step toward the UUFN considering adoption of the 8th Principle there will be a workshop on Saturday, 03/21/2020 from 9:30am-2:30pm led by Kecia McMillian. To RSVP or ask questions please contact John Pesek at pesek@udel.edu.

As a result of a hiring controversy over a high level position in the UUA an 8th Principle has been proposed for adoption by the UUA which reads as:

“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

Along with working to have the UUA adopt the principle, the proposers are asking the member congregations to adopt* the principle themselves.

*The procedure for adopting a principle or other position is laid out on our website www.uufn.org. To see it, open the [Justice Menu and click on Taking a Stand](#).

Leadership — It is for You!

Feed your soul AND your body AND the UUFN all at once! Leadership Development Committee is sponsoring a lovely, **catered luncheon on March 29th** for folks interested in finding out what it's like to lead at UUFN. Hear what board meetings are like first hand! You will also learn what the responsibilities are for communication with our congregation. Board members will be there to answer your questions and share their experiences. Childcare will be provided. Please **register by March 7** by email to jeff.ramberg@gmail.com.

March 19th - Pledge-Palooza - come celebrate our financial support of the UUFN with a fun-filled evening!

May 17th - Spring Congregational Meeting - exercise your rights and fulfill your responsibility to vote on budget and new board positions at this important meeting.

Contact Programs@UUFN.org for more information!

Rachael Coffey, Program Coordinator

Open Chalice Circle - Mon. March 23 7-9pm - “Wisdom”

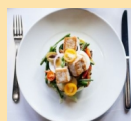
Chalice Circles are a great way to foster spiritual growth as well as an opportunity to get to know people at a very deep level in a very short period of time. All circles run under a covenant that includes confidentiality, uninterrupted listening and respect for all points of view. If you did not sign 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 send mail to chalicecircles@uufn.org by Sun., March 22, and you will be sent the materials for this month’s theme. You are also welcome to come without RSVPing, but in that case, please be sure to be on time. All open circles meet Monday evenings from 7 to 9. The dates and themes are:

Open Chalice Circle Schedule

Date	Theme
March 23, 2020	Wisdom
April 27, 2020	Liberation
May 18, 2020	Threshold
June 15, 2020	Play

UUFN Lunch Bunch – March 17, 12:00pm

Lunch Bunch will meet at Discover Café at The Food Bank of Delaware. The food will be catered and prepared by their students and we will dine in their Café. A tour of the new Food Bank facilities will be



available after-wards. Food Orders and payment are due by March 9th.

To see menu, put in order and submit cash payment see Emily Van Vlack at the UUFN after Sunday services or call her at 302 893-3493 to make arrangements. (Space for this luncheon is limited)..

Mary Ann Shadd Cary – Sunday, March 8, 3pm at New Elizabeth AME Church, 250 Corporate Blvd, Newark. Free! Beautiful performance. Co-Sponsored by Social Justice Team – Mary Ann Shadd Cary was an amazing African American Delawarean. Suffragette, Editor, Journalist, Lawyer – she was way ahead of her time. Enjoy an inspiring dance, spoken word and music performance about her life.

Stop the Bleed – Thursday evening, 6 p.m. on April 2nd, and Saturday, April 4th at 9 a.m. The **Safety Committee** is sponsoring, hands-on educational programs, on Stop-the-Bleed, presented by a member of the Delaware Medical Reserve Corp Each program is two hours long, with food provided at each event starting 30 minutes prior to each presentation. The program is a national effort, initiated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to prepare lay persons to provide assistance to those having bleeding crises until first responders arrive. Please save a date on your calendar, should you wish to attend. A sign-up sheet will be collected in March after service, to enable the Safety Committee to plan appropriately. Barbara Ward spotward89@comcast.net (302) 367-5768

UUnique Magical Creatures

Service Auction May 2, 2020

What's YOUR Magic?



[Donate your Magic](#)

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UUnique Magical Creatures 2020 Service Auction

UUFN Auction Committee in search of UUnique Magical Creatures for fun and fund raising on May 2. What's your magic? Maybe you are our PegasUUs, inspiring others to donate fun services? Or could you be a WerewUlf and transform your idea into a UUnique donation? Click on the link to donate .

What's your magic?

Controlling Fire: Conduct a fire safety audit of home; Bonfire with hot dogs & Smores

Controlling time: "Back to the Future" party; Rocky Horror reenactment

Controlling weather/storms: Watering gardens or houseplants

Cooking: Dinner party; Cookie exchange; Homemade pies, pasta, cookies, etc

Crafting: Decoupage lessons; Quilting bee

Dancing: Living room sock hop; Foxtrot lessons; DWS finale party

Decorating: Decorating consultation; Holiday or Party decorations

Divination: Tarot Party; Hogwarts divination class; Visit to a fortune-teller

**To Donate a Service, Use Button Above or
Look for Auction Table at Coffee Hour**

Need New member for Leadership Development Committee

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.

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.

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. property@uufn.org

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