

The Quest

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of Sussex County**

1 West Nelson St., Newton, NJ 07860

Programs for March 2026

Sunday services are both in-person and online, and they start at 10:30.

Google Meet codes/phone numbers and PINs are online at

meet.google.com/kss-abvh-ipw or by phone at 478-308-5688, PIN 921 793 045#.

NOTE: Daylight Savings Time starts on March 8th. Spring Ahead.

March 1 - "Braving the New World"

Every day, in news articles, warnings, TV commercials, and just about everywhere we look, our attention is being grabbed by "the Machine" and/or opinions about it. How are our spiritual lives being shaped by or in response to this new all-encompassing world? Led by Mary Tiebout.

March 8 - "The Rudiments of Leadership"

Listening, acting, and leading with purpose. An exploration of how true leadership nurtures the health and well-being of the body, mind, and spirit. This service invites us to reflect on the ways leaders are called to care for the whole person, helping to heal and guide with compassion, wisdom, and foresight.

Presented by Denise McCormack

March 15 - "John: The Fourth Gospel, and a New Novel"

The Gospel of John is separate from the "synoptic" gospels and has been called by one author "the maverick gospel." Our conversation will focus on community, controversies and consequences related to the Fourth Gospel. Led by Mary Tiebout.

March 22 - "Overlooked: Women in History"

There are many amazing women who have brought countless contributions to society throughout history, yet their accomplishments have often been overlooked due to their gender and/or they have been passed over by scholars and historians. This program will highlight the accomplishments of 5 remarkable women, shining a light on their contributions that changed history. Presented by Jeff Wallis and members and friends of the Fellowship.

March 29 - Ovid's Metamorphoses

Exploring the 1st-century CE Latin epic poem that weaves together classic myths from creation to Julius Caesar's deification showcasing magical tales of history and transformation.

Jim Kasprzak, UUFSC Member and Avid History Buff

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The Quest is the monthly newsletter of the UUFSC. For the most up-to-date information, go to our website, www.uunewtonnj.org. Our phone number is 973-579-7210.



The set for “Kim’s Convenience,” at McCarter Theatre, Princeton

Dear Fellowship Friends,

The month of February is coming to a close, and what a month it has been! There were welcome distractions from some of the political turmoil that we’ve almost become accustomed to absorbing on a daily basis. And though, with the Olympics, the Super Bowl, and the news, there was a lot of screen time, I tried to see other parts of our world, indoors and out, and that has been a blessing.

The photo above was taken following a brilliant performance of the play, “Kim’s Convenience,” by Ins Choi, upon which a successful Netflix series was based. Ins Choi was the lead actor in the play. Although he is Korean Canadian, his story, set in a convenience store in Toronto, rings true in our part of the world. At heart, while exploring identity, generational misunderstandings, and cultural stereotypes, it allows humor to open the door to resilience and compassion. While many of our opportunities to express and affirm our beliefs in justice occur at rallies or town hall meetings, this was a chance to experience those values through the art of theatre, and the audience was greatly appreciative of that gift.

I had opportunities to lead services at two other UU congregations in February, one where I filled in for a minister who was on sabbatical, and I kept thinking how nice it would be for all the UU’s of New Jersey to meet each other. And when some of us go to Trenton or other locations wearing our UU t-shirts, it truly feels like we’re part of a strong, justice-oriented community that shows up when possible and tries to makes a difference by sharing our warmth, our wisdom, and our gifts.

And then there are the birds. After feeding them, I sneak up to the patio door where I can watch them swoop in. This makes my day, all day! I’m reminded of your beautiful responses during our conversation about longing for the wild, and am filled with gratitude and peace.

With great love and thanks to you all... we’re on our way to Spring!

Mary T.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Hi Everyone,

I'm so happy to be back to my Presidential duties after two months of focusing on my health. While I'm still managing some ongoing issues, I'm feeling much better and deeply grateful for the care, patience, and support during this time. Thank you to everyone for holding space for me and to those who worked to keep our Fellowship going. Special thanks go to Phil Schaming, who often did double duty while I was away!

☆ Now, let's turn our attention to something joyful: our new challenge!

We have a simple but meaningful challenge for everyone receiving this newsletter: invite at least one person to a Sunday service before we close for the season on June 1, 2026. Imagine the vibrant, welcoming community we can build - together.

Our community thrives on shared leadership and mutual support. When you bring a friend, you're not just sharing a service - you're helping to shape a more vibrant, and inclusive Fellowship.

📄 Coming in March: Keep an eye out for a special brochure arriving in your mailbox that is full of details about our new member initiative - including how you can get involved and help our Fellowship grow.

So, who will YOU invite?

Andi Randall
President UUFSC

***Mission Statement of the
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sussex County***

**We seek to nourish the spirit;
to foster peace, justice, diversity and understanding
in our community and the world;
and to cherish and sustain the earth and the web of life.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discussion Group

Our topic for March 20th is "Media Then and Now: From Walter Cronkite to Social Media". If you're interested, join our email list (ufdiscussion@gmail.com) to get pertinent info about what we're discussing. Anyone who wants to join the group is welcome. Not all members are UU, and we encourage people of the community to join.

Our group web page URL is <https://www.uunewtonnj.org/index.php/discussion-group>.

Fellowship Space Available

If you or a group is looking for a space to meet, please consider the availability of the Fellowship building, which can be reserved for a donation. Please contact Phil Schaming to inquire about available dates.

Lunch Bunch

Our next Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, March 18, 12:30pm, at Sparta Mediterranean Cuisine and Pizza, 514 Lafayette Rd, (across Rt. 15 and just a bit north of the Shoprite). RSVP to Mary.

UU FaithAction NJ - Join Us

We invite UU FaithAction NJ supporters and friends to gather for just one hour on the first and third Fridays of each month to take action and experience the joy and power of community.

Charles Loflin will prime us on the issues of the moment, and then we will make our calls at this critical time.

Join us on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94313960594?pwd=OTFDdUdocmY1ckZNZFRyemp6V2NiZz09>

For more information about UU FaithAction NJ, visit our website: ufaithaction.org

Contact Chris Dunbar for further insights into this program.

UUFSC SUPERMARKET GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Please call or email Hal Cohen for your \$100 supermarket gift cards each month. Help the Fellowship earn 5% of each card purchased directly from the store, at no cost to you.



RaiseRight continues to offer the Fellowship a wonderful way to raise needed funds as you shop. UUFSC gets rebates of up to 13% on gift cards that you purchase from among more than 750 well-known merchants. You can buy gift cards by going to www.raiseright.com.

Please contact Sue Weiner or Hal Cohen if you have any questions about this program.

Act Now! Currently, the RaiseRight Gift Card purchase program is not being used by members of the Fellowship and may be discontinued due to a lack of interest.



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