



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

September 13, 2026 at 11:00 am

If you would like to join us virtually the link is down below:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6UHqS_OTHDrNw8hP1OAGnQ

Service will be led by Rev. Petra Thombs

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

[See other recent Worship Services on UUCCN's Facebook page.](#)

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Dear UCCN,

This week we began with Labor Day acknowledgements. As a nation we have much to do on that front. The minimum wage has not increased in years and remains at 7.25 a hour, leaving many workers experiencing poverty. We could use to employ equity, justice and generosity, our Unitarian Universalist values.

It was wonderful to see the vibrancy of the costumes displayed during the celebrations of West Indian Heritage and specifically Trinidad and Tobago independence from Britain. Our interdependence and diversity showed how wonderful it is to be together.

These parades marked important moments of heritage and solidarity. At the end of this week we remember the attacks on 9/11, with memorial services and reading the names of those who were lost during that devastating event.

On Saturday members of the Jewish community will celebrate Rosh Hashanah, a Jewish high holy day celebrating the New Year. May we remember all of these moments and the purpose that they hold for us and the wider community.

This Sunday we will have our Ingathering with our traditional Water Communion Service. Please remember to bring a small sample of water from a place that has meaning for you.

The weekly meetings with Long Island Advocates for Police Accountability will resume on Monday evening at 7:30. You are welcome to join using the link below.

Hope to see you at our congregation and on zoom.

LIAPA UPDATE

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85205749096?pwd=VWL9IKFO0ayearK5keKEPxm3waZ3eb.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85205749096?pwd=VWL9IKFO0ayearK5keKEPxm3waZ3eb.1)

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In Faith and Solidarity,

Rev. Petra

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:

SPECIAL EVENT!

My office hours will take place from 2-4pm, on Friday, 9/11. We will have a commemoration of those lost, beginning at 3:00. Please come and join me for this time of prayer.

[SEE PDF Regarding Letter](#)

**Our UUCCN Board Members welcome you as we
begin a new congregational year.**



Anita Coddington- Board Member, House and Grounds, Rentals



Gerri Forrai- Board Member, Stewardship Committee



Dr. Janice Marie Johnson- Board Member, Caring Committee and Outreach Committee



Georgie Collins- Board Member



Adam Marczyk Board Member, Secretary,

UCCCN ANNUAL EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

**Book Club on zoom at 8pm: September 24th- Here Where We Live Is Our Country:
The Story of the Jewish Bund by Molly Crabapple**

Share The Plate for September

Our Share the plate for September is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization, The INN provides a broad variety of essential services to assist those challenged by hunger, homelessness and profound poverty. We partner with those in need in a dignified and respectful manner to help them achieve self-sufficiency.

**Please mail a check made out to UCCCN with “Share the Plate”
written on the memo line or go online to: www.ucccn.org/donate.**

Special Alert- Scammers

Dear Community,

Please be aware that scammers are sending out invitations and or requests for funds. If you receive something like this please delete it. If you are unsure, check with the person directly to confirm that it came from them. We need to take care of each other. Be safe out there!

Helpful Strategies for Dealing with Members of Hate Groups

Dear UUCCN,

I found this information from my friend and colleague, Rev. Kate Lore. Please take the time to read it and reflect on it as it is helpful for addressing the frustration many are experiencing.

How To Deal With Members of Hate Groups: (this is the 2nd of 2 posts on Hate Groups. The prior post deals with WHY people join Hate Groups).

1) PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE TARGETED. The first priority is always the safety of people threatened by hate. That means:

- * Enforcing laws against violence, harassment, and intimidation.
- * Protecting vulnerable communities.
- * Challenging hate speech when it incites violence or dehumanizes others.
- * Strengthening democratic institutions and the rule of law.

Compassion for individuals should never come at the expense of the safety of those they target.

2) SEPARATE THE PERSON FROM THE IDEOLOGY. Many people who have left hate groups say that what helped them change was encountering people who refused to reduce them to their worst beliefs while also refusing to excuse those beliefs.

This is different from tolerating hate. It means holding two ideas together:

- * Every person has the capacity to change.
- * Harmful beliefs and actions must be confronted.

3) DON'T EXPECT FACTS ALONE TO CHANGE MINDS. Research consistently shows that simply presenting more evidence rarely changes deeply held extremist beliefs.

People are more likely to change when:

- * Someone they trust asks genuine questions.
- * They experience contradictions between the movement's promises and reality.
- * They develop meaningful relationships outside the group.

4) REDUCE ISOLATION. Former extremists often describe leaving as incredibly lonely.

Organizations that help people disengage from hate groups focus on helping them build:

- * New friendships.
- * Employment.
- * Purpose.
- * A sense of identity beyond the movement.

Without alternatives, people often return to the only community they know.

5) HOLD LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE. There is an important distinction between:

- * Someone struggling to leave an extremist ideology.
- * Someone recruiting others, organizing violence, or profiting from hate.

The latter requires accountability through legal and civic institutions.

WHAT PEOPLE WHO LEFT HATE GROUPS OFTEN SAY: Former members of extremist organizations frequently describe a similar pattern:

- * They were welcomed before they were indoctrinated.
- * They found identity and purpose.
- * Over time, the ideology became more extreme.
- * What finally broke through was often an unexpected act of kindness or a relationship that challenged their assumptions—not because kindness erased accountability, but because it made a different identity imaginable.

Please note: I know this work isn't for everybody. But as Dr. King once said, resisting injustice and loving the person committing it were not opposites. He believed people should resist systems of oppression vigorously while leaving open the possibility of personal transformation. I agree.

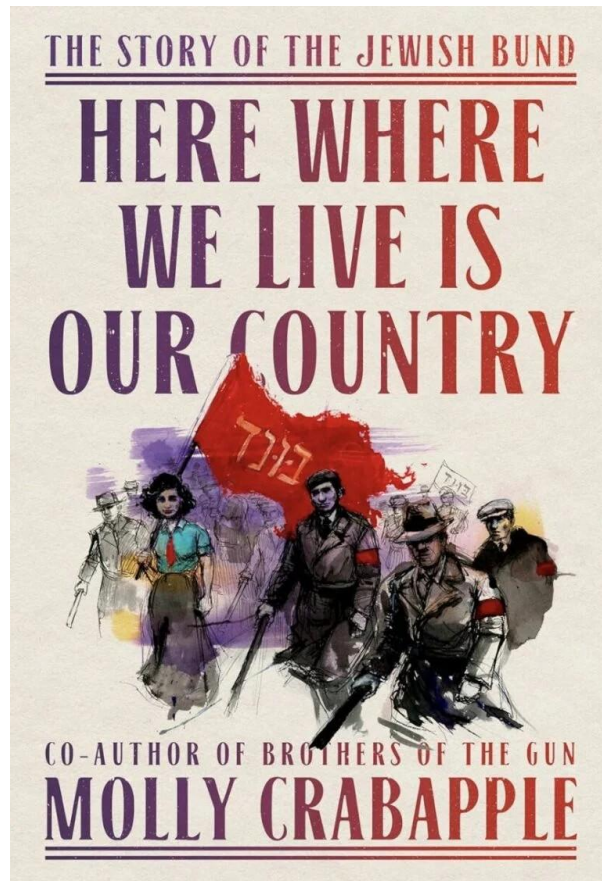
Religious Education

We will be back on Sunday for our Water Communion service and begin our classes for the new church year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday!

BOOK CLUB

**Here Where We Live Is Our Country: The
Story of the Jewish Bund by Molly
Crabapple**



September 24th, 2026 at 8PM

ZOOM LINK:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826549564?pwd=MDNIRUVSNnUrR29SN0F3NXhYb2JLd
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The Long Island Immigrant Justice Alliance

Is an organization of interfaith communities advocating justice for immigrants on Long Island. We work to support the immigrant community by raising awareness and using our platforms to address the injustices taking place locally and across our country. We welcome you to join us on our weekly meetings, on Friday at 9:30AM on Zoom.

Here is our usual link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84835397590?pwd=adtOqxt4ZE0POaxK7UVFIFvDUj6bRj.1>

LIIJA Faith Work Group

Dear UUCCN,

I received this information from Mary Beth Guyther, a longtime UU activist on Long Island. This is about an Interfaith organization, working to build a coalition on immigrant rights.

We are grateful to learn about this initiative and are invited to participate.

Rev. Petra

The Faith Committee of the LI Immigrant Justice Alliance (LIIJA) meets on Friday mornings at 9:30 am via zoom. The faith committee is a group of clergy, lay leaders and interested individuals who help plan monthly vigils regarding immigrant rights issues and shares resources and updates to pursue justice for immigrants on Long Island in the wake of increased ICE activity. If you would like to be a part of the faith committee, contact Mary Beth Guyther at mbguyther@gmail.com. You can also

sign up to be on the mailing list for the LIJA.



ANTI-IMMIGRANT RHETORIC KILLS.

We must never forget the legacy of Marcelo Lucero. Hate has no home here. **Please join us for this community event.**

Thursday, August 6, 2026
3:15 PM Doors Open
4:00 PM Hearing
6:00pm Discussion and Debrief

Lutheran Church of the Savior
231 Jayne Avenue
Patchogue

LatinoJustice PRLDEF
ROBERT & ETHEL KENNEDY HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER
LONG ISLAND IMMIGRANT JUSTICE ALLIANCE
UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

After years of escalating anti-Latino rhetoric in his community, Marcelo Lucero was killed in a racially motivated attack. But the conditions that foregrounded his murder—hateful rhetoric from the halls of power—never disappeared.

Now, the Kennedy Human Rights Center and LatinoJustice PRLDEF will testify before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on August 6 to expose the deadly consequences of anti-immigrant hatred—and stop history from repeating itself.

Please join us for a community watch party of the IACHR hearing. Come when you can and stay as long as you can!

Your presence matters. Show up for justice. Protect immigrant communities.

LIJA

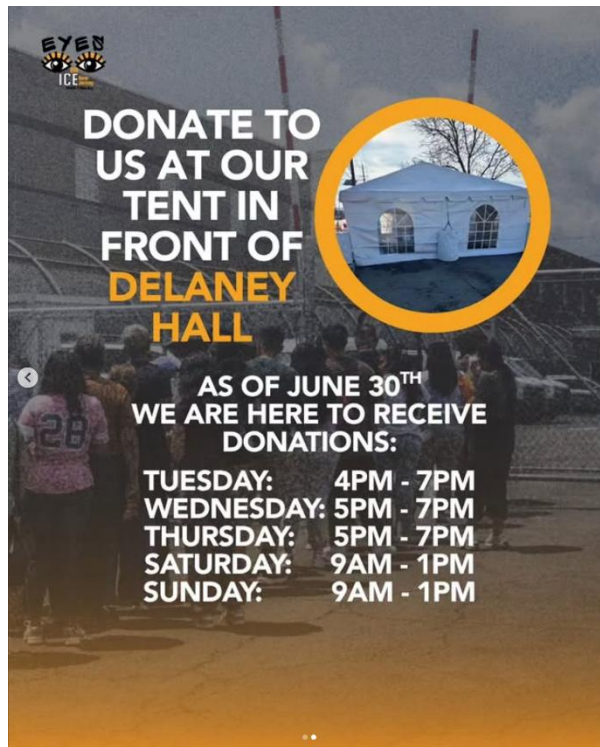


THINGS TO **DONATE**

THIS WEEKEND, VISITORS WILL WAIT OUTSIDE
IN DANGEROUS TEMPERATURES **ABOVE 100° F**
TO VISIT THEIR LOVED ONE AT DELANEY HALL.
HELP US KEEP PEOPLE COOL BY DONATING
THESE ITEMS!

- PEDIALYTE
- PACKETS OF LIQUID IV
- COOLING PACKS
- UMBRELLAS
- CAPRI-SUNS
- HONEST KIDS JUICE BOXES
- BATTERY RUN HAND-HELD
FANS





Vote

Our Fifth Unitarian Universalist principle says:

The right of conscience and the use of democratic principles within our congregations and society at large. We encourage everyone to vote in every election and support others who may need help getting to the polls.

LISTEN: New Performance by Shaina Taub for Immigrant NY - NYCLU

<https://www.nyclu.org/resources/campaigns-actions/campaigns/huddled-masses>

Does Anyone Have a Piano Lamp?

Michael Sansonia has requested a little bit more light over the piano. A piano lamp would be great!

Please contact Jessica or a Board Member with your donation.

STEWARDSHIP

Please send in your pledge form for the new congregational year.



We are all Stewards of UUCCN. Your pledges and gifts sustain our congregation! We look forward to hearing

from you. Contact: **Gerri Forrai** at gerriforrai@gmail.com (516) 567-1066
Anita Coddington at anitagesky@aol.com (516) 581-2603

Once again, it is time for the Stewardship Committee to ask you to join us in supporting our congregation in the coming year. By renewing our financial commitment, we support our mission of making a difference here and in the world. This congregation belongs to each of us. It is our spiritual home and our beloved community.

Your pledge provides the salaries for our minister, religious education teacher, our musical director as well as the administrative assistant. It pays for the utilities, insurance, maintenance and the heating of our building, as well as any capital campaign improvements.

Please review your pledge form, fill it out promptly and return it. You can mail it, bring it in on Sunday, drop it in the office, or pledge on our website (uuccn.org). Thank you for your support and participation in UUCCN. We couldn't do it without the help of every member and friend.

Donate / Pledge Payment

ARTICLE II AND OUR UU PRINCIPLES

Our congregation has responded to updating our affirmation with this responsive reading shared during our services:

- Love is at the heart of our values.
- *We promise to live our values everyday with love at the center of all things.*
- Equity is the value of our inclusive community.
- *We believe in the inherent worthiness of all.*
- Interdependence teaches us, we are all connected.
- *We will only be made whole when we live as co-inhabitants of the world.*
- Justice is essential for peace and building a Beloved Community.
- *We will work to dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and in our institutions.*
- Generosity expresses compassion, gratitude, and hope.

- *We will offer our faith, ourselves, and our resources.*
- Pluralism encourages respect for diverse beliefs.
- *And allows us to be curious, as we learn from one another.*
- Transformation allows us to adapt to an ever-changing world.
- We are evolving and growing; we are never perfect

[Please read updated information regarding Article II.](#)

UU HOUSING

Have you thought about moving? Why not think about living in the vibrant community of Port Washington on Long Island! How about considering living at Hadley House, a 40 unit apartment building for Independent Seniors for UU members and their families? If you have any questions about the availability of units or how to apply they can be answered by the Social Worker in the building, Susan Bagnini, 516-944-8457. A descriptive brochure is available on request.

RENTERS NEEDED

UUCCN's excellent location makes it a great site for renters. We are looking for new organizations that would be a good partner for UUCCN. Please share this with any interested groups and contact Maria Sutton in the UUCCN office for more information at uuccn@aol.com or call (516) 248-8855.

CARING COMMITTEE

Janet McShea, Phyllis Ross, and Gerri Forrai are serving on UUCCN's new Caring Committee. They will be reaching out to members as we try to uplift and support one another. Let one of them know if you want to talk or need a hand.



RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE GREATER COMMUNITY

UUA - CENTRAL EAST REGION

[CER News for September](#)

[Welcome & Orientation Packet](#)

[UUA HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN](#)

[UUA Newsletter](#)

[RE Save the Date - Trainings & New Curricula](#)

[The Longest day \(and why it matters\)](#)

[In Recognition that All Roads Lead to Delaney Hall](#)

NOW WHAT: The Gathering for Congregational Leaders

Join the "Side With Love" monthly event to strengthen your spirit, make sense of the threats to democracy, and take meaningful action alongside others.

[INFORMATION](#)

UU MINISTRY FOR EARTH (UUMFE)

[The changemakers in our interdependent web of life](#)

[September News](#)

[The theme behind our Earth Day Worship](#)

[Support our work!](#)

[Side with love](#)

[Community Read Starts This Month!](#)

**NO MORE DEATHS:
UPDATES FROM NORTHERN MEXICO PROJECTS
[INFORMATION](#)**

FERRY BEACH DISCOVERY
[Ferry Beach Retreat & Conference Information](#)

JOIN THE [UUCCN Private Facebook Group](#)