

UCCN WEEKLY UPDATE

MARCH 20, 2024



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - ON MARCH 24, 2024 AT 11 AM LED BY REV. CAROL HUSTON

In-Person: Come and join us at 223 Stewart Avenue in Garden City.

Streaming: Go to our [Facebook page](#) on Sunday at 11:00 am to watch on Facebook Live!

JUBILEE THREE ANTI-RACISM TRAINING

To gather at our congregation, please contact [UCCCN](#) to sign up.

April 12-14, 2024: Online and On-site

Do you wish to deepen your understanding of how race and ethnicity play out in our institutions and our daily lives? Are you ready to take a leading role to nurture a multicultural future in the face of opposing cultural currents? Come join us for this Life-Changing Workshop which includes presentations, discussions, videos, exercises, and small group work. [FLYER](#).

UCCCN BENEFIT CONCERT on Saturday, April 6 from 3:00-5:00 pm

The flyer for the UCCCN Benefit Concert features a yellow square logo with a black 'R' and the text "INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE". To the right, the words "BENEFIT CONCERT" are written in a large, stylized font. Below the logo, the event details are listed: "Sat. April 6 3 p.m.", "UCCCN 223 Stewart Ave. Garden City, NY", and "\$25 Includes dinner! BYOB". A yellow banner with the text "Scan below for tickets." is positioned above a QR code. To the left of the QR code, the text "AMERICAN POPULAR MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES" is written, followed by "Featuring Michael Sansonia, Paul Guzzone, Bob Mastro, Arno Hecht, Skip Krevins & Mark Schaeffer". Below this, a paragraph describes the event: "Enjoy a gourmet meal, hear some great tunes, and help a very worthy organization! These musicians have played with a who's who of music luminaries, from rock pioneer Screamin' Jay Hawkins to jazz & blues singer Leon Redbone to country music's Jimmy Dean to rapper Mase." The text "AND GUEST STARS!" is written in a small, bold font at the bottom right of the flyer.

[FLYER LINK.](#) [LINK TO BUY TICKETS.](#)

A MESSAGE FROM REV. PETRA

Please Note: I will be meeting with congregants in my office on select Sundays (TBA) after the service. All are welcome to join in the conversation.

- Rev. Petra

CHUK FOWLER CONCERT ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

The Chuk Fowler and Higher Energy concert is taking place in Frantz Hall on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 1:00 pm following the Earth Day Service.

LIVE MUSIC RETURNS TO UCCN!

CHUK FOWLER & HIGHER ENERGY

Chuk Fowler is the pianist and leader of Higher Energy, a jazz orchestra whose performances create a dynamic sound that combines standards with the musical influences of African, Native American, Latin, Caribbean, and Asian harmonies and rhythms. His music represents the core of "swing" jazz plus the musical expressions of indigenous people throughout the world.



SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024 AT 1:00 PM

UCCN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF CENTRAL NASSAU
223 STEWART AVENUE, GARDEN CITY NY 11530 (516) 248-8855

JOIN SUSAN QUIGLEY FOR END-OF-LIFE PLANNING

Join us for this worthwhile discussion of "The Elephant in the Room" or end-of-life planning with tax expert, Susan Quigley on Sunday, May 5 at 12:30 pm in Frantz Hall.

MARCH BOOK CLUB - Thursday, March 28 at 8:00 pm

"Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants"

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

APRIL BOOK CLUB - Thursday, April 25 at 8:00 pm

The Daughter of Doctor Moreau by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

LINK FOR ALL BOOK CLUBS

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826549564?pwd=MDNIRUVSNnUrR29SN0F3NXhYb2JLdz09>

Meeting ID: 868 2654 9564 **Passcode:** 250851 **Audio only:** +1 929 205 6099

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

MARCH SUMMARY

RE class focused on the 8 principles of Unitarian Universalism. We created a modern comic book equipped with drawings and some creative art in the belief system.

We honored the passing of loved ones and celebrated life together with what our studentS would shout towards difficult challenges: "Charrrrrerge????????!!!!!!" (*Charge and Smash are soon to be famous comic book characters in our RE curriculum.*)

UPCOMING CLASSES

March 24

March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt

BE A CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER!

Please contact Vida Landron or any member of the RE Committee if you would like to volunteer as a teaching assistant or a special guest with a special talent (art! music! storytelling! gardening! scientific discovery! you name it!).

LIAC'S STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for LIAC's student-internship program! The Student Activity Fund (SAF) makes it possible for Long Island UU youth and young adults to live their faith and learn valuable skills by interning at nonprofits that focus on social action, advocacy, or social services. Rising high school seniors and gap-year, continuing-education, and college students from LIAC UU congregations are welcome to apply for the grants. SAF Program Director Crystal Berger is offering 1:1 guidance sessions to students who are eligible for the SAF grant. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Apply online by May 12. For more info, visit LIACUU.org, or ask UUCCN members Robin Rivera and Krissy Roleke, who are on the SAF Advisory Board.

Metro NY UU Overnight Youth CON from Sat, May 11 - Sun, May 12

REGISTER TODAY

It's a UU Youth CONCERT

May 11-May 12 @ UU Montclair
\$30.00 67 Church Street Montclair, NJ

The Youth Group (U-YG) PRESENTS - YOUTH CONCERT 2024

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair

YOUTH CONCERT to be held at The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair from May 11th through May 12th, 2024. **CONCERT - the theme** - Come as your favorite musician, band member, band groupie, or performer. Showcase your talent - music, spoken word, etc.

- CONCERT** - A single overnight youth event that includes all high schoolers from UU congregations in the Metro New York area. Activities at the **CONCERT** will include music, discussion-based programming, games, music, art, general fun and silliness, and music.
- CONs are run by the youth for the youth (with adult supervision). The youth are the central focus in decision-making, planning, and leading.

Youth Register HERE:
<http://tinyurl.com/CONcert-REG>

Questions? Contact:
Judith Hogan, DRE @ UU Montclair, jhogan@uumontclair.org

The Youth Group (U-YG) at the UU Congregation at Montclair (UUCM) is extending an invitation to Senior Youth (9th to 12th Grades) from New York Metro Area UU congregations to their UU Youth Conference (Youth CON), an overnight event from May 11 to 12. The U-YG has chosen the theme of a CONcert and invites youth to dress as their favorite musician/performer and/or to showcase their talent (music, spoken word, etc.).

A Youth CON is a single overnight event that includes high schoolers from UU congregations. CONs are run by the youth for the youth (with adult supervision). The youth are the central focus in decision-making,

planning, and leading the event. This CONcert invitation goes out to Senior UU Youth in the Metro New York area and will include games, discussion-based programming, art, music, and general fun and silliness. Participants need an adult (25 years or older) Sponsor/Chaperone from their congregation. One adult may sponsor up to 7 youths from their congregation. *It is the responsibility of the youth (with the assistance of their Religious Education professional) to ensure that they have an Adult Sponsor for this event.*

SHARE THE PLATE - March 2024

Our Share the Plate recipient for March is the Living Legacy Project. Please mail a check made out to UUCCN with "Share the Plate" written on the memo line or go online to: www.uuccn.org/donate.

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](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

REV. PETRA OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Petra will be in her office on select Sundays (TBA) after the service.

A committee will be forming to discuss new church doors, to be called "Hope's Doors" in memory of Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson's service to the congregation. Several bids need to be examined, as well as inquiries for funding streams. The goal is to have handicap accessible doors installed to make the building even more welcoming! Please consider joining the committee and informing Rev. Petra of your interest.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:30 pm via Zoom. All UUCCN members are invited to attend Board Meetings, generally held on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

UCCN ANNUAL EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES

May 11: Mothers Day Market

May 18: Stewardship Dinner/Service Auction

June 2: Annual Congregational Meeting

ARTICLE II AND OUR UU PRINCIPLES

After extensive engagement with UUs across our faith tradition, the Article II Study Commission has completed their Final Proposed Revision to Article II of the UUA Bylaws. Please read updated information regarding Article II.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

All recent Worship Services are available on UCCN's Facebook page.

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.

SHARED SERVICES

This congregational year UCCN will be resuming shared sermons, a kind of service Rev. Hope used to lead. A topic will be selected and multiple members of the congregation will be able to participate. It's a way to get involved in a lay-led service without having to do the whole thing yourself.

Please see Elizabeth Gonzalez if you would like to participate in this or another lay-led service or if you have ideas for topics or speakers you'd like to see at UCCN.

RENTERS NEEDED

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

DONATIONS TO "LONG ISLAND CARES"

UCCN is collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste) for LI Cares. Please leave donations in the collection basket outside of Room 9 for pick up. Thank you!

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 & NEWS FROM THE GREATER COMMUNITY

UU MINISTRY FOR EARTH

[March E-News](#)

THE ROWE CENTER - UU CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

[MARCH NEWSLETTER](#)

[Sumer Camp Registration](#) (Corrected Link)

UUA CENTRAL EAST REGION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

[CER UPDATE - March 2024](#)

LIVING LEGACY PROJECT - ALABAMA PILGRIMAGE

April 2-6, 2024

Registration is now open. [INFORMATION.](#)

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF LIAC

May 18

UU Fellowship of Stony Brook

[INFORMATION.](#)

SANCTUARY BOSTON . . .

. . . is a UU community supporting UU college students in the Boston area. We're building the largest campus ministry program in Unitarian Universalism and we need your help to do it! If you're a UU who went to college in the Boston area, please fill out this [FORM](#) to connect with us and support UU student leaders.

"NO MORE DEATHS" - UU CHURCH OF TUCSON

[FUNDRAISER.](#)

Dedicated to stepping up efforts to protect migrants in the desert. [To create change in our borderlands, we need your help.](#) Whether you spread the message, join us as a [volunteer](#), purchase items from our Amazon [Wish List](#), or make a donation [online](#) or by sending a check to No More Deaths, PO Box 40782, Tucson, AZ 85717, your support makes a difference.