

UUCCN WEEKLY UPDATE

October 22, 2025



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - October 26, 2025 at 11:00 am

"Someone's Knocking at the Door... Stories of Compassion" with Music by the Beatles

Led by Rev. Petra Thombs

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!

PLEASE wear your name tags on Sunday. It makes us more welcoming!

SEEKING A TEACHER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are actively looking for a teacher for our RE students. Please see our posting (flyer below) and share it with anyone who might be interested. We are seeking an individual who shares our principles and UU values. Our goal is to provide a robust program that will enable our students to become faith filled UU leaders. For more information, please contact Charlotte McDonnell, RE Committee Member at charlotte@nevvers.net.

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

We will meet after service in Franz Hall on October 26, 2025 at 12:30 pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

See recent Worship Services on UUCCN's Facebook page.

PUMPKIN PATCH 2025

The Pumpkin Patch will be open until Fri, Oct 31.

Weekdays from 11am - 6pm

Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-6pm

Volunteers are also needed to help with all shifts until 10/31.

[Sign up to volunteer for Shifts for UUCCN's 2025 Pumpkin Patch.](#)

[Pumpkin Patch 2025 Info Flyer.](#)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

This week in RE, we began studying the theme of Cultivating Compassion by thinking about the impact of tiny compassionate acts. We were inspired by the stories of the "Mouse and the Lion" from Aesop's Fables and "The Mustard Seed" from the Buddhist tradition in our discussion of how big of a difference small acts can make to someone that needs our help. To demonstrate the concept, we dropped marbles in a bowl of water to see how big ripples from compassionate acts can be and we made Compassion Collages that are now on display in the RE classroom.

- Charlotte McDonnell

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

OH WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING . . .

On Sunday, November 2 we will remember those who have died in our families and in our congregation by bringing photos and sharing stories.

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

I will be in my office on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 1:00 pm and look forward to seeing you.

- In Faith, Rev. Petra

UCCN ANNUAL EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Oct 31: Halloween Costume Party

Sunday, Nov 2: Remember family and congregants who have died. Bring photos and share stories.

Sunday, Dec 7: Kwanzaa Celebration

Wednesday, Dec 24: Christmas Eve

Saturday, May 16: Flower Sale

Sunday, June 7: RE Sunday

Sunday, June 7: Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 14: Juneteenth

Sunday, June 28: Summer Services start

SHARE THE PLATE - October 2025

Our Share the Plate recipient for the month of October is World Central Kitchen. Please mail a check made out to UCCN with "Share the Plate" written on the memo line or go online to: www.uccn.org/donate.

NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB - Thursday, November 20, 2025

Unbuild Walls: Why Immigrant Justice Needs Abolition by Silky Shah

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 868 2654 9564

Passcode: 250851

Audio only: +1 929 205 6099

JANUARY BOOK CLUB - Thursday, January 29, 2026

How to Stand Up to a Dictator: The Fight for Our Future by Maria Ressa

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

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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.

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 OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

[CER Update October 2025](#)

[Introducing the Transitional Regional Lead for CER](#)

UUA NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2025

Meeting this Moment: No Kings, Wave Cohorts, and more!

[This is What Democracy Looks Like](#)

NYS CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

UU Church of Canton, NY

October 24-26, 2025

[FLYER](#)

THE BEACON: OCTOBER NEWS FROM LIAC

[Information.](#)

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](#)

Join NYUUJ at Albany UU for Our 2nd Annual Justice Convocation!

November 15

[FLYER.](#)

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FERRY BEACH DISCOVERY

[INFORMATION.](#)

NO MORE DEATHS

[More Updates from Northern Mexico Projects](#)

UU MINISTRY FOR EARTH (UUMFE)

[Events and Announcements](#)
