

UUCCN WEEKLY UPDATE

September 17, 2025



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE on September 21, 2025 at 11:00 am

"Darmok and Jalad in Gaza" led by Rev. Dr. David McClean

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.

[FLYER.](#)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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

PUMPKIN PATCH 2025

The Pumpkin Patch opens this year next **Saturday, September 20** and runs until Friday, October 31.

Weekdays from 11am - 6pm

Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-6pm

Volunteers are needed to unload trucks on three Saturdays - 9/20, 10/4, and 10/11.

Volunteers are also needed to help with all shifts from 9/20 until 10/31.

[Pumpkin Patch 2025 Flyer for Volunteers to Unload Trucks](#)

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

[Pumpkin Patch 2025 Info Flyer.](#)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

Last week in RE we used the Soul Matters curriculum to talk about Palestine and the importance of pluralism. We used the rest of our time to contribute to the "Birds of Gaza" project (<https://www.birdsofgaza.com/>). I submitted photos of their birds to "Birds of Gaza" this week and the children would very much like for the birds to be hung on the walls of the RE classroom.

We continue to look for a teacher to work with our students. Many thanks to our RE Committee parents who are helping to provide their instruction. If you know of someone who might be interested in teaching in our program, please let me know.

- Rev. Petra

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

I will be in my office on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 1:00 pm and look forward to seeing you!

- In Faith, Rev. Petra

UCCCN ANNUAL EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Sept 20: Pumpkin Patch opens

Saturday, Sept 20: Pumpkin Delivery 1 of 3

Saturday, Oct 4: Pumpkin Delivery 2 of 3

Saturday, Oct 11: Pumpkin Delivery 3 of 3

Friday, Oct 31: Halloween Costume Party

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

Homecoming 2025 at Murray Grove:

"Living Love at the Center"

Come to Murray Grove on Saturday, October 4 for our annual Homecoming '25 Celebration: "*Living Love at the Center*". The day will be filled with music, comedy, workshops, panels, and a local nonprofit showcase.

Our keynote speaker will be Charlene D. Walker, Executive Director of Faith in New Jersey, a powerful leader in racial justice, grassroots organizing, and interfaith collaboration. We'll also welcome Rodney Salomon of KYDS (Konscious Youth Development & Service), a transformational speaker who empowers youth and families through mindfulness, wellness, and community connection.

Make it a full weekend! Stay overnight at Murray Grove. We'll share food, fellowship, and Saturday evening activities. Sunday, Rev. Charles Loflin will lead worship in the old chapel. Overnight lodging is available at a special Homecoming discount. Just call us to reserve!

Tickets: www.murraygrove.org (\$25 suggested donation, kids under 12 free, scholarships are available).

SHARE THE PLATE - September 2025

Our Share the Plate recipient for the month of September is THE INN. 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.

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB - Thursday, September 25, 2025

By the Fire We Carry: The Generations-Long Fight for Justice on Native Land by Rebecca Nagle

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 868 2654 9564

Passcode: 250851

Audio only: +1 929 205 6099

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>

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STEWARDSHIP

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

We are all Stewards of UUCN. 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 (uucn.org). Thank you for your support and participation in UUCN. 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 September 2025](#)

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

UUA NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2025

[Ingathering 2025: Courage and enduring commitment](#)

NYS CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

UU Church of Canton, NY

October 24-26, 2025

[FLYER](#)

CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP

[Newsletter and upcoming events](#)

[Share the Plate Committee](#)

[The CLF Opposes Expanding The Carceral State](#)

LIAC NEWS: Welcome back for a great congregational year!

[SEPTEMBER NEWS](#)

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](#)

LIVING LEGACY PROJECT

[TOMORROW: The Power of Our Vote in a Precarious Moment](#)

NO MORE DEATHS

[New Abuse Documentation Report & Update from Northern Mexico Projects](#)

UU MINISTRY FOR EARTH (UUMFE)[Events and Announcements](#)

SO MUCH IS NEW AT "SOUL MATTERS"

[INFORMATION](#)

UU INSTITUTE: "Threats from Without, Care from Within"

[Congregational Safety in Troubled Times 210](#)

UUA COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HUB

[INFORMATION](#)