

The Quest

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of Sussex County**

1 West Nelson St., Newton, NJ 07860

Programs for June 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#.

June 7 – Homily: “A Summer Blessing” and our Fellowship Annual Meeting

On our final Sunday of this Fellowship year, we give thanks to everyone who lifted our spirits by lifting their volunteer spirits, and by sharing their gifts, wisdom, resources and love so generously. Then we'll hold our annual meeting.

Led by Mary Tiebout and Andi Randall.

Annual Picnic

The date of the Annual Picnic is Saturday June 13. There's a sign-up sheet at the Fellowship next to the coffee table, so that you can let us know who will be attending, the number of people, and what you will be bringing.

For those who haven't attended the picnic before, or who need a refresher:

The picnic will be held from 11AM to 2 or 3PM.

The event is free to attend.

The Fellowship will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and a few other snacks.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish of their own: desserts, appetizers, or a special item to share.

Thanks in advance to everyone, and looking forward to seeing you there!

**Next season starts Sunday September 13, 2026.
Have a great summer.**

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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.



Dear Fellowship Friends,

The two photos above (the one on the left looking west, the other looking east) were taken this past week on my drive home from our polling place where I greeted voters during the final three hours of our state and local primaries. With our usual low voter turnout in May and the availability of mail-in voting, it was a good time to chat with others sitting outside at their tables. We talked about our local schools, the weather, bee-keeping, the 1930's biplane that one of the volunteers flies at our very small nearby airport. We didn't say much about politics. One person asked me to explain what Unitarian Universalism is and where nearby UU congregations are located. I was happy and proud to share the roots, shared values and principles of our UU faith.

The week before, I drove to Newark where many UU's took part in a rally outside the Federal Court House where a hearing on the proposed Roxbury detention center was to be held. The hearing was delayed until the afternoon, likely because of the number of people gathered outside in the morning. The photos below were taken by Miguel Manolo, a member of Indivisible Sussex, whom I met at the last No Kings rally on the Newton Green. During a Faith in NJ zoom meeting tonight about what's happening at Delaney Hall, I was able to ask Miguel if I could include some of the photos that he had sent me from the recent rally in Newark, and he happily said yes.

The beauty of a spring sunset, watching families of geese parading around with their babies, planting corn, attending a Sunday service or discussion, talking with friends at a lunch bunch event or describing Unitarian Universalism to a new friend – all these things can feed our souls and help provide the energy to do more difficult things. In early May, we welcomed Indivisible Sussex to our building for their wonderful fundraising event, featuring local musicians, singers, videos of local community assistance projects and a bake sale. And though I was sorry that I wasn't able to be with you for our Spring Fling, I was happy to hear that it was a great success. The theme in all of this is community, and it's hard work, but it's also a joy and a blessing to do the work and the celebrating together in this growing network of friends.

With great thanks and love to all, happy summer!
Mary T.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Dear Fellowship Members and Friends,

As we approach the end of another wonderful church year, it is a perfect time to reflect on our recent celebrations and look ahead to important community decisions.

Our recent Spring Fling auction was an absolute highlight of the season! Beyond the incredible warmth, laughter, and good times we shared as a community, the event was also a fantastic success for our fellowship's finances. Thanks to your generosity and high spirits, we raised \$5600.00. Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered their time, and bid so enthusiastically.

Looking forward, please remember that our Fellowship Business Meeting is coming up on **Sunday, June 7**. Your voice matters greatly in shaping the future of our community. Please make it a priority to vote, whether you cast an **absentee ballot** in advance or vote in **person** at the meeting.

We wish everyone a safe, refreshing, and truly great summer ahead. Enjoy the sunshine, the activities that we bid on at the auction, and the great times we shared this season.

I look forward to gathering again when our new season officially begins on September 13th.

Andi



LET'S GO !!!

Our Fellowship's Rummage Sale will be held on
Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.
The Rummage Sale team will be accepting donations at the Fellowship Hall on the following days:

Monday, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, June 15, 22, 29

Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, June: 17, 24

Saturday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, June 20

Additional drop off dates will be scheduled and announced on our website and Facebook.

We will take Bric-a-brac, gently worn clothes, pocketbooks, jewelry, household items, workout and gym gear, domestic goods, art and posters, small tools, garden items, beach items, books, toys, kids' items...

Remember: If it's really raggy, don't put it in the baggy ☺.

We CANNOT accept textbooks, encyclopedia sets, manuals, etc. Also, no large exercise equipment or large pieces of furniture.

So let the Spring cleaning begin and start boxing and bagging to make the 2026 UU Rummage Sale another success.

Thanks,
The UU Rummage Sale Team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discussion Group

Our topics for the summer are as follows:

June 19 - How Has the Meaning of "Freedom" Changed in Our Lifetimes?

July 17 - What is spirituality?

August 21 - Free Will

If you are 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>.

Lunch Bunch – June 17, at 12:30p

We enjoyed the food and fresh air at AG Pizzeria, 131 Newton Sparta Road, Newton, and decided to go back in June! A reminder will be sent closer to the date, but you can let Mary know anytime if you plan to join us.

SAVE THE DATE

Family and friends will celebrate the life of long-time UUFSC member, Linda Hendrixson, at noon on Saturday, September 26 at the Fellowship. Refreshments and a chance to share memories of Linda will follow the service. All are welcome.

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!

***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.**



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OF SUSSEX COUNTY**

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