

# The Quest

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of Sussex County

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## PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER

**October 6 For the Feast of St. Francis: Animal Wisdom.** While we fear for the lives of endangered animals during this current climate crisis, there are some animals who are notorious for the dangers that they pose to other creatures, day and night. For example, the fox. Old stories teach us about animal wisdom, animal instinct and human animal ways. Led by Mary Tiebout.

**October 13 “A Modest Proposal” – Gun Violence in America, and What Can Be Done About It.** Long-time pacifist and war-resister Glenn Pontier presents his suggestions based on his lifetime of anti-war activism, for which he was imprisoned during the Vietnam War. Program host is Sharon Pontier.

**October 20 Misogyny Reframed.** A professor named Kate Manne offers an unusual but constructive way to understand what misogyny is. Her framework for this subject seems to apply to other categories of oppression as well. It may be worthwhile for us to look at this difficult subject from another angle and begin our conversation there. Led by Mary Tiebout.

**October 27 Living with Religion, Living without Religion.** Dr. John Lenz, always a welcome guest at our Fellowship, has presented programs in the past about the genius/moral commitment of Sir Bertrand Russell, the ethical theories of philosopher Baruch Spinoza, and the question of why Athens executed Socrates. Today, he will consider the question of how life is affected by religious commitment.

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.*

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## LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, October 3rd at 12:30, at the Millside Café. It is located right off Rt. 15 at 12 Morris Road in Lafayette, next to the Chocolate Goat Gift Shoppe. 973-383-1611. Please contact Barbara Kolb by October 1st if you plan on attending. 973-579-5817-h, 973-979-5808-c. Everyone is welcome.

## ART GALLERY

The current art exhibit will be up until the end of October or the early part of November. The next exhibit will be abstract art. According to Robert Genn, "Abstraction generally involves implication, suggestion and mystery, rather than obvious description."

Please, contact Sharon ahead of time about art or artists, [sbp224@icloud.com](mailto:sbp224@icloud.com).

On **Sunday, October 6**, come to our MEET THE ARTISTS reception, upstairs at the Fellowship, from 12 – 2:30 pm.

## DISCUSSION GROUP

At the next meeting of the UUFSC Discussion group we will consider the question, "Did 'creation' of the universe entail 'intelligent design'?" The meeting takes place at the Fellowship on Friday, October 18, starting promptly at 10 am.

At our September get-together the group considered, "Does our society have an adequate system to insure that important information is accurately disseminated?" The consensus was clearly, "no."

## DUTY ROSTER

Flowers for Center Table: Volunteers needed for all Sundays.

To help prepare coffee: October 6, Sally Sattin.

October 13 and 20, Donna Brady.

October 27: Volunteer needed.

Also, donations of goodies and fruit are always welcome.

The Duty Roster signup sheet is downstairs by the coffee pot. See Linda Hendrixson in the kitchen if you have questions.

## TIME BANK

Sunday, October 13: Potluck at UU Fellowship at 5:30 pm.

Friday, November 8, 7 pm: Song and Poetry Coffee House, fundraiser for Time Bank and Sussex County Food Co-operative. Pay at door, or pick up tickets at a discount at the Food Co-op.

Dessert, coffee and other refreshments.

Musicians: Sharleen Leahey, Don Elliker, Charlette Mikulka and Jerry Sattin. Poets and writers: Jane Ebihara, Elaine Koplou and Delia Quigley.

## PET MINISTRY

During the months of September and October, our Fellowship will be supporting the **Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry** that's being run by the 1st Presbyterian Church of Sparta. We ask that you bring dry or canned pet food for dogs and cats to the Fellowship any time between now and October 31. Please leave your items in the pet bins in the Community Room.

You can learn more about this Pet Food Pantry by going to [www.fpcsparta.org](http://www.fpcsparta.org). Thanks very much for your support of this wonderful pet ministry.



# ALONG THE PATH...

Dear Friends,

The student-led Climate Strike on September 20<sup>th</sup> showed the world that people of all ages, most especially young people, will not take “no” or “we don’t believe it’s happening” or “we’re not sure climate change is human-caused” for an answer. How exciting it was to be part of the crowd on the Rutgers campus in New Brunswick and then in the march through the streets to Rep. Frank Pallone’s (D-NJ) office, demanding that, as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, he responds more effectively to the climate crisis. As Politico reported on Friday, a coalition of students and organizations urged Pallone “to endorse a Green New Deal, hold ‘fair hearings’ on the resolution, return all campaign contributions from the fossil fuel industry and impose a moratorium on all future donations from fossil fuel companies.”



I look forward to hearing news of Friday’s events from Lauren and her family, who were planning to march in NYC, and from our members, Chris and Sharon, who attended the UU Climate Conference in Washington, DC, the week before. News from these events will likely guide us to further action, and I’m quite certain that we are all eager to respond in a variety of ways, both personal and political, as individuals and as a community, to this urgent global situation.



One challenge for us all is to find moments of peace. While we may come into those clearings during our Sunday services, our well-being requires more than a couple of hours a week of meditation, music and thoughtful conversation. Whether it’s gardening, reading, talking to friends and family members, watching sunsets, watching the new country music documentary, or playing the banjo, our spirits tell us what they need in terms of rest or recreation.

May our work in the world be fruitful, and may autumn’s beauty bring us joy.

With greatest thanks,  
Mary

<b>MISSION STATEMENT</b>
<i>of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sussex County</i>
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.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear UUFSC members and friends,



At two Sunday services last month, we explored our year-long theme of community. The closing words from one of the services were from Helen Keller. She said, “Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much.” As a small community congregation, I feel that we already accomplish a lot, but an immutable truth of life is that we can always do a little more.

Several years ago, we identified six areas which constitute our basis; they were named the Six Pillars of the UUFSC Community. These pillars give us a solid foundation for pursuing and enacting our mission. I invite your support in any way, with the addition of these possible suggestions.

- I. Program and Offerings:** We enjoy having Sunday programs presented by members and friends. If you are interested in doing a program, please contact Brian Doherty, Program Committee Chair, to schedule a date and/or to answer any questions.
- II. Membership:** Please invite family and friends to join us at a Sunday service. We welcome having visitors; it’s a great way for them to experience UUism. Also, we will be having a Board Retreat on Saturday, January 11 from 10:00-2:00, which will be dedicated to discussing and brainstorming ways to enhance our membership. All members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please save the date.
- III. Grounds and Facilities:** I am pleased to announce that Hal Cohen has agreed to become the UUFSC Building Manager. At the September meeting, the Board approved the designation of a member as Building Manager. Hal will coordinate all aspects of running our Fellowship building. Our deepest thanks to him for agreeing to assume this important role. If you are interested/willing to serve on the the Building and Grounds Committee, please let Hal know.
- IV. Finance:** Thank you to all who have pledged this year. Pledges are our largest source of income. If you have not done so, and are able to, a pledge form is included in this *Quest*.
- V. Governance and Membership Participation:** Joining a committee is a great way to contribute to the vitality of our Fellowship. Next month we will make a presentation at a Sunday service to let you know about all of the committees and how you may join one.
- VI. Community Outreach:** We need more volunteers to work at Manna House on the second Friday of every month. If interested, please let Debbie Rice know. And right now, we are collecting pet food and supplies for the Sparta Ecumenical Pet Pantry. Drop them off under the coat rack in the ground floor meeting room.

For all you do to create our wonderful UUFSC community, thank you!

Jeff

## ANY BUILDING ISSUES

If you discover any issues with the Fellowship building or property, please contact Hal Cohen, our new Building Manager, by phone at 201-988-0005 or by email at [Halcohennj@aol.com](mailto:Halcohennj@aol.com). Thanks very much.

“If you’re going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can’t be erased.” – Maya Angelou



**Would you be able to make a *future* gift to UUFSC to help ensure UUFSC’s *future*?** A Legacy Gift is a planned future donation, which is made after your death. It can be made in a number of ways (in your will, from your IRA or retirement accounts, from your life insurance, from a charitable gift annuity or a charitable trust). What better way to recognize the important part that UUFSC has played in your life? It can be any amount – “little legacies” are just as important as big ones. Please consider this way of making a gift.

For more information, please speak with a member of the Stewardship Committee (especially Hal Cohen). You can also pick up an informative flyer at the welcome table upstairs or on the side table downstairs.

## **MILESTONE**

Congratulations to Kelly and Chris Finley  
who will be married 20 years on October 24<sup>th</sup>!

Happy 20th  
Anniversary

# THIS MONTH IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



*We need not think alike to love alike. — Francis David*

Here is our October RE Schedule:

**10/6** - UU Littles: “Hands are for Love” – Chalice-making

*RE Committee Meeting: 10am*

**10/13** - UU Littles: “Everyone Wins with Love” and “Board Game Cafe” for older

children who wish to join.

**10/20** - UU Bigs Continuing Workshop 3 “Indigenous Religions.”

**10/27**- Everyone! Halloween/Dia de los Muertos Celebration: a showing of the movie *Coco*.



Please remember that we continue to collect silver change and pennies for Heifer and Pine Ridge Reservation. Thank you!!!



Our youngest RE participants, Liam and Samuel.

In Service,  
Lauren



Our very first Board Game Café was a hit!

## HELP WANTED



The UUFSC Supermarket Gift Card Program needs your help. This very important and lucrative fundraising effort for our Fellowship raises between \$1,500 and \$2,000 per year. For more than 10 years, Toni Soderholm and Alexis Tomlinson have been dedicated to beautifully running the program, with the assistance of Sonya Hulbert, Susanna Lee and others. We now need new members or friends to get involved to take this program forward. If you would be interested in working on the Gift Card Program, which should only require a few hours of work each week, please contact Hal Cohen at 201-988-0005 or email him at [Halcohenj@aol.com](mailto:Halcohenj@aol.com) for details. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated.

# PLEDGING GUIDELINES

NOTE: Since UUFSC pays member dues of \$100 for a single adult and \$200 for a married couple to UUA, UUA-CER and UU Faith Action, we encourage you to pay your dues as soon as possible. No dues are paid for friends. Additional donations can be paid as single, quarterly, monthly or weekly payments. Please indicate your desired payment plan below.

## ANNUAL DUES/PLEDGE FORM

July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Please retain this portion for your records:

Total Dues/Pledged \*        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*includes \$100 UUA, UUCER and UU Faith Action dues for a single adult Member or \$200 for adult Member couple.*

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AT THE UUFSC, OUR SERVICES REFLECT the diversity of our members' interests and the spirit of the third and fourth principles of Unitarian Universalism listed in the affirmation on page one. We are prepared to hear opinions with which we do not agree. We are prepared to hear ideas based on spiritual intuition or supernatural faith. We are prepared to hear the theories and provisional truths of today's physical, psychological, social, and political sciences. We try to maintain an ecumenical balance in our Sunday morning services. Our aim is to represent over time and through differing views the sincere beliefs and aspirations of all members of our congregation.

We try to encourage the full participation of everyone, without regard to age, class, color, differences in physical or mental ability, gender, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious background or sexual orientation.