



NEWSLETTER



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South Jersey Shore

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November Services

We meet at our UU Center, Pomona Rd and Liebig Street, Galloway NJ (near the north entrance to Richard Stockton College).
Services are at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted.

November 5	A Year Ago, America Voted <i>Rev. Dawn Fortune</i> A year ago, Americans went to the polls and elected our 45th president. Many were painfully disappointed in the outcome, and have responded to it in a variety of ways. Join us to consider what has changed and what has remained the same since election day 2016.
November 12	Going Once, Going Twice, SOLD! <i>Rev. Dawn Fortune</i> The UUCSJS annual services auction will be held the night before this Sunday's worship service. How much we value a thing is often directly related to how much we are willing to spend for it. Join us as we take a look at what we value and the complex ways we express that appreciation.
November 19 Workshop after service	Willing to be Changed by What We've Started <i>Guest speaker Zr. Alex Kapitan</i> Zr. Alex Kapitan returns to UUCSJS to talk about gender, welcome, inclusion, and the realities of change in a system on the eve of International Transgender Day of Remembrance. Alex will offer a workshop after coffee hour.
November 26	TBA <i>Speaker and topic unconfirmed at press time.</i>

UUCSJS 13th Annual Service Auction
November 11, 2017
Doors open 6:30 pm - Bidding begins 7:00 pm

About our guest speaker....

Zr. Alex Kapitan visited UUCSJS back on March 26, 2017 to do a Sunday service for us, "Welcome as a Spiritual Practice," followed by a workshop on radical welcoming for folks of varying gender expressions (including none). Alex is a transgender and queer faith-based anti-oppression activist, organizer, and educator and a co-leader of the [Transforming Hearts Collective](#), which helps faith communities practice radical inclusion and supports queer and trans folk in accessing religion and spirituality.

Alex is also on the steering committee of [TRUUst](#), an organization of Unitarian Universalist trans religious professionals, serves on the leadership of the spirituality track for the LGBTQ Task Force's annual Creating Change conference, sings with the Boston Gay Men's Chorus, and plays for United Front, the nation's first all-/no-gender roller derby team. Alex's writing can be found in anthologies including [Falling Into the Sky](#) and [Becoming](#), and at the blog [Roots Grow the Tree](#).

Margaret Circle... Join us on Thursday, November 2 at 1 pm in the UU Center library. We will spend reflective moments with our Joys and Concerns followed by the dazzling delights of Sue Parks and Julie Spradlin. After refreshments we will meet in the Library and listen to Janet Longo speak about her journey in prison ministry. All women of UUCSJS are welcome to attend.

BOOK CLUB will meet Friday, November 17 at 7 pm in the UU Center library. Our selection is **SMALL GREAT THINGS** by Jodi Picoult. "With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, justice, and compassion - and doesn't offer easy answers. *Small Great Things* is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game." Jesse Connor will lead the discussion. All are welcome!

CLEARING CLOSETS OUT?

Bring those gently used, dusty shoes you're not wearing to the lime green bin under the coat rack at UU. All shoes are donated for no cost to the recipients. Please, pitch in! (Free hugs from Colby.)



Support our congregation by doing what you already do – buy groceries!

with gift cards for your local Acme or Shoprite!

Using these gift cards for groceries nets the congregation 5%.

We also have Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate!



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FAMILY PROMISE?

Silver Coin Restaurant

Monday, November 6, 2017

Between 5 – 8 pm

EAT-IN or TAKE-OUT

and 10% of your bill will go to help
Family Promise.

Have a delightful dinner at the Diner, located at

20 S White Horse Pike
Hammonton NJ
609.561.6974

MUST PRESENT THE FLYER (available from
Social Justice table) to participate!

Recent FPAC donations/grants:

Borgata's Heart & Soul Foundation - \$5000

Wells Fargo Community Connections Grant - \$1000

FPAC still needs:

- Volunteer van drivers
- Day Center volunteers
- Paper products, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, water, toiletries, and the like

Supplies for CARA

The Coalition Against Rape and Abuse in Cape May needs your donations! CARA provides temporary shelter and services for abused families who usually leave their situation with little or nothing. Among the many vital services CARA provides is crisis intervention, legal counseling, psychological counseling, housing advocacy, and a food bank. Each week, our congregation collects supplies for CARA but lately those donations have been dwindling. Can you help? The most-needed items are bath and shower gel, full-size shampoos and conditioners, laundry detergent, dish soap, deodorant, toilet paper, feminine products, combs and brushes, diapers and pull-ups. For more information on CARA, visit cara-cmc.org. Thank you!



The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has launched a **Wake Now Our Vision Collaborative Campaign Legacy Challenge** to encourage planned giving to support the future of Unitarian Universalism. This special opportunity qualifies **UUCSJS** (and other UU entities) to benefit **NOW AND** in the future from your planned gifts. If you make a legacy gift (in your will, or by through beneficiary designations in your retirement plan or other financial accounts) **naming our congregation** (or any other UU entity), this will qualify our congregation (or other UU entity) **to receive a match of 10% of the legacy gift (up to \$10,000) in 2020** through a grant from the Shelter Rock UU Congregation.

For example, if you designate UUCSJS to be the beneficiary of a legacy gift valued at \$25,000. We would receive \$25,000 from your estate as your legacy gift. However we would also receive in \$2,500 from the grant in 2020. If ten people pledged new legacy gifts as a part of this challenge, we could receive a check for \$25,000 in 2020 benefiting from the documentation of your legacy gift.

To participate you need to fill out a pledge form describing your gift, designating the beneficiaries. Documentation for your gift must also be provided (a copy of a page of your will or beneficiary designation). Legacy gifts pledges must be made before June 30, 2020 to qualify. However, there are limited grant funds available, so the sooner the better. Completed forms can be returned to Karen York or Kathleen Hartnett. If you have questions or need assistance contact Karen York or John Searight.

Workshop by Zr Alex Kapitan Creating Radical Culture Shift

November 19
after the service

When radical welcome works, culture shifts. Shifting culture is about asking: how do we define “normal” and “just the way things are” here at UUCSJS? And do those definitions serve our vision and our values? What would it take to create a culture in which no one is “other” or doesn’t belong? Come explore and practice the answers to these questions, and find out the difference between creating “welcome” and creating a fully inclusive faith community.

YOU Can DO the Chalice Table

If you have ever (or often) looked at the Chalice Table and Joys & Concerns tables during the service and thought... "I could do that... better!"... now is your chance. Volunteers are needed to cover several Sundays in the next few months: November (5th, 12th, 26th), December (3rd, 10th, 24th), and January (7th, 21st, 28th), and even more in February, March, and April.

If you have previously been a member of the CT crew, let Margaret know which one or two date(s) fit your calendar, and whether you'd like a 'mini-reminder session' on the process. See her before or after a service or e-mail her.

If you have never "done" the set-up, but think you might be interested, see Margaret before or after a service to set up a time to learn the *fairly* simple, but *important*, 'tricks' to bring the "Sunday morning look" to our marvelously versatile space. You will be glad to know there is a written description of the process, which you will receive when you contact Margaret.

**7th Annual
Thanksgiving Dinner**
UU Center Sanctuary
Thursday, November 23,
12 noon



You may bring a dish to share or not, either way is fine. Invite your family and friends. Vegetarian/vegan options will abound!

Come early if you wish to participate in setting up. Sign up will be in the back of the church so we can get an idea of how many will be coming and what you may be bringing. Talk to Theresa McReynolds for more info.

Standing on the Side of Love



will start its second season of their podcast **Fortification** on Wednesday, November 1.

Episodes are released on [iTunes](#), [SoundCloud](#) or [Stitcher](#) and the [SSL website](#) every other week.

[Episode 1: Lena K. Gardner and Rev. Sekou.](#)

The conversation features Lena K. Gardner, a lead organizer of [Black Lives Matter Minneapolis](#), member of the organizing collective of [Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism \(BLUU\)](#) and collaborative organizer with [Standing on the Side of Love](#), and Rev. Sekou, racial justice advocate and cultural worker, and was recorded in Minneapolis earlier this spring. In it, we talked about practicing “practical love”, curiosity and ongoing learning as organizers, and how art and culture can and will transform our work.

[Episode 2: Dove Kent](#)

We sat down with Dove Kent, Executive Director of [Jews for Racial & Economic Justice](#). Dove has over a decade of experience in issue-based, identity-based, and neighborhood-based organizing in the fields of affordable housing, police accountability, civil rights, restorative justice, worker rights, immigrant rights, and religious freedom. We talked about creating and re-creating ritual, lessons from her years of movement building work and the power of connection to ancestors within our organizing work.

[Episode 3: Reina Gossett](#)

We sat down with [Reina Gossett](#) - an activist, writer, and filmmaker. Along with Sasha Wortzel, Reina wrote, directed and produced *Happy Birthday, Marsha!* a short film about legendary trans activist Marsha P. Johnson starring Independent Spirit Award winner Mya Taylor. She is co-editor of the forthcoming New Museum anthology on trans art and cultural production to be published by MIT Press in 2017.

[Episode 4: Mab Segrest](#)

Mab Segrest is an feminist activist, writer, and the Fuller-Matthai Professor Emeritus of Gender & Women's Studies at Connecticut College. In her book, *Memoir of a Race Traitor*, Segrest explores her experience as a white lesbian organizing against a virulent Far Right movement in North Carolina against a backdrop of nine generations of her family's history.

[Episode 5: Cara Page](#)

Cara Page, a Black queer feminist cultural worker & organizer, is currently the Executive Director of the [Audre Lorde Project](#). She is also co-founder and former Coordinator of the [Kindred Collective](#); a southeastern network of healers, health practitioners and organizers seeking ways to respond to and intervene on state violence & generational trauma.

[Episode 6: Rev Meg Riley](#)

Rev. Meg Riley is currently the Senior Minister at the [Church of the Larger Fellowship](#). Before coming to CLF, Meg served the Unitarian Universalist Association in a variety of positions including directing the Advocacy and Witness Programs, Washington Office for Advocacy, Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender Concerns, and Youth Office. She also was the first Director of Standing on the Side of Love.

[Episode 7: Alfredo Gutierrez](#)

Alfredo Gutierrez is former Arizona State Senate majority and minority leader. Mr. Gutierrez served for 14 years in the legislature and is an outspoken advocate for immigration reform and public schools. His first book, *To Sin Against Hope: How America Has Failed Its Immigrants; a Personal History* was published in 2013.

[Episode 8: Gabriel Foster](#)

Gabriel Foster, co-founder and Executive Director of [Trans Justice Funding Project](#). Gabriel Foster is a black, queer, trans, ‘momma’s boy’ living and loving in New York. Prior to making his way to the Eastern Time Zone, he worked in Seattle, WA with the Northwest Network of bisexual, trans, lesbian & gay survivors of abuse helping to create their youth programming.

[Episode 9: Lisa Anderson](#)

Lisa Anderson is vice president of Intersectional Engagement at [Auburn Theological Seminary](#), an initiative dedicated to equipping bold and resilient women faith leaders with the tools they need for a lifetime of prophetic social justice activism. Anderson is the founding director of the newest signature program of that initiative, The Sojourner Truth Leadership Circle, which aligns the creation of vibrant and sustainable models of activist leadership with an emphasis on self and community care as a defining and galvanizing mandate for social justice in the 21st century. In addition, Anderson works with Auburn’s education team on issues of intersectional organizing, bridging the divide between theology and activism, and on deepening the spiritually grounding of leaders in a multifaith movement for justice via the creation and curation of worship and liturgical resources.

[Episode 10: Malachi Garza](#)

Malachi Larrabee-Garza currently serves as Director of the Community Justice Network for Youth at the W. Haywood Burns Institute. Before joining the Burns Institute Malachi spent 5 years at the School of Unity and Liberation (S.O.U.L.) as the Advanced Political Education Director. Malachi co-founded the Brown Boi Project in 2006. Additional Board appointments include National Strategist on the Board of Directors of Southerners On New Ground and board member of S.O.U.L. Malachi sits on the Advisory Committee of New Orleans, L.A. based BreakOUT! and is a 2008 KopKind Fellow. Malachi brings over 15 years of community organizing and popular education experience to their work and is honored to help build a movement strong enough to Stop the Rail to Jail.

Get thee to the
Service Auction
and bring thy checkbook!



Invite your friends!

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