



MAKING THE CONNECTIONS

# First Unitarian Universalist Church of Essex County

Spring 2018

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## MARK IT DOWN

- ◆ *Building Solidarity Potluck*, Monday, 16 Apr, 6 PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ Monthly Sunday: FAITH+WORKS, Sunday, 29 Apr, 5 PM, Sanctuary
- ◆ *Building Solidarity Potluck*, Monday, 14 May, 6 PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ FLOWER COMMUNION, Sunday, 20 MAY, 1 PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ *Building Solidarity Potluck*, Monday, 14 May, 6 PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ ANNUAL MEETING, Sunday, 17 Jun, 6 PM, Parish Hall

Where every mind is free and every soul is welcome!

## Editorial: Everybody needs a HUUB!

by Dr. Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Church President & Frank Barszcz, President, HUUB Board Directors

*[Due to a miscommunication, we are re-issuing the Spring 2018 newsletter. We are sorry for any confusion.—Ed.]*

Dear Members and Friends:

Everybody needs a HUUB! First UU needs a HUUB because we want to bring our UU values to our neighbors in Orange. Orange needs a HUUB for debates, potlucks, plays, ESL classes and more. Everybody needs a HUUB, because we all want to be united with other people, helping to make a better world! What better way for our wonderful campus to be of service to the city, to all of us and to the world!

That's why we've decided to start an Annual Fund Campaign. We want to try to raise \$25,000, to support the work we've carried out this year, and get us going on next year. Our 2017-2018 budget was \$156,000. This covered the care for our wonderful campus, and the work of The HUUB. We supported our work with income from rentals, grants and contracts, and donations. We are shifting from what we used to call "Canvass," during which members and friends pledged donations, to the Annual Fund Appeal, to round out our income and to appeal to the larger group of people who care about The HUUB.

The Annual Fund Drive will run from May 15 to June 15. This Annual Fund Drive will be carried out as a crowdfunding campaign, on a platform called ioby – which stands for "in our backyards." ioby supports all kinds of projects in communities trying to improve. We fit right in with their campaigns!

Please give as you are able. We members and friends have traditionally been the bedrock of the church, and we need to continue to be that foundation of giving. Thanks for your past support, and how great that we are ready to share our values in this new way!

If you can, ask some friends to give. Think of a list of people you know who would be glad to support the work we're doing. Who among your friends and family care about the struggle to invest without displacement? Who likes to see an old church welcome its community? Who would be happy to see the chipping paint fixed up? Your list matters!

The HUUB is rocking this spring! Here's a sample of what's up this spring:



- Singing with Friends happens in the Sanctuary on Tuesdays from 11am-12pm
- U of O Music Theory is happening in the Sanctuary on Thursdays from 7-8:30pm through May
- Sat May 12 - Neighborhood Project Grant workshop - 10am-12pm in Parish Hall
- Mon May 14 - Building Solidarity Potluck - 6-8pm in Parish Hall
- Friday May 18 - "Make it pretty" Pre-planting at 3pm
- Sat May 19 - Music City Festival - 2-8pm in the Parish Hall and Sanctuary
- Sun May 20 - Flower Ceremony - 12-4pm in the front yard
- Mon May 21 - Neighborhood Project Grant Workshop - 10am and 6pm in Parish Hall
- Thu May 31 - Collective Recovery Training - 6-7:30pm 2nd Floor Hale House

Monthly Sundays

Gatherings will starting at 5 PM

**FAITH + WORKS**

First UU has taken to heart the Bible saying "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). We are learning to live our faith through works via the HUUB, which opens our buildings to our Orange neighbors. But to sustain that effort, we know we need more FAITH. Invited guests speakers will tell us of how their faith motivates their work, and how we can do the same. Please join us on the dates below.

**25 Mar** *Uncommon Sense* Pam Shaw Leader - Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - Mindy Thompson Fullilove

The title, a term used in 12 Step Recovery, is also used to describe how a spiritually reliant life often seems at odds with popular myths or conventional wisdom.

*Pam Shaw is an artist and designer who lives and works in the Heights section of Jersey City, NJ. Active in local politics and community groups, including animal rescue, she helps others to recover from alcoholism and addictions (people rescue?). Born in Worcester MA, and raised in New Hampshire, she left home at 15 for bigger cities - first Syracuse NY where she studied art and philosophy, then New York City.*

This presentation will be followed by a special dinner, in honor of our new members! Host by Darcy Hall and Mindy Fullilove. Please RSVP to [office@essexuu.org](mailto:office@essexuu.org) to help us plan for the food, which will come from fabulous local eateries! Thank you!

**29 Apr** *The Integrity of Mindfulness As A Framework For Justice* Marisela Gomez Leader - Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - Mindy Thompson Fullilove & Molly Rose Kaufman

Justice work requires a constant turning toward our values, and affirming that the work we are engaged in is consistent with them. This requires remembering, over and over again, that ethics and integrity guide us. Mindfulness is a skillful way to do this.

*Marisela Gomez is a scholar activist from Baltimore MD. She received her PHD, MD, and MPH from Johns Hopkins University and has spent more than 20 years engaged in social determinants of health participatory research. Dr. Gomez is a Buddhist in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition.*

**20 May** Flower Communion Leader - Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - 1 PM Mindy Thompson Fullilove

In this new iteration of Dr. Capec's idea, we encourage everyone to join us this day to bring and plant flowers on the beautiful border of our new walkway! Please gather in the Parish Hall for a brief ceremony before proceeding to the front lawn. Please dress comfortably and bring a trowel, if you have one! Donations of plantings welcomed (perennials preferred)!

Editorial [cont.]

- Mon Jun 4 - Healthy Orange Celebration & Theater Production – 5:30-8pm in Parish Hall
- Thu Jun 7 - Neighborhood Project Grant Workshop - 10am and 6pm in Parish Hall
- Mon Jun 11 - Building Solidarity Potluck - 6-8pm in Parish Hall
- Thu Jun 14 - Collective Recovery Training - 6-7:30pm 2nd Floor Hale House
- Sun Jun 17 - FAITH+WORKS with Darcy Hall, 5-6pm in Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Hour in PH and Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Thanks for your help! Let's give now! You can give in two ways. You can give by sending a check to First UU, P.O. Box 998, Orange, NJ 07050. You can also give by going to ioby – here's the link: <https://www.ioby.org/project/building-solidarity-everyone-needs-huub>. Or you can go to [ioby.org](http://ioby.org) and search for "huub" – you'll see the link to our campaign, "Everybody needs a HUUB."

Yours in faith,

—Mindy Fullilove & Frank Barszcz



*Only the people can be entrusted with their own future.*  
– Ernie Thompson, 1971

University of Orange Presents  
**Placemaking 10: Homeboy Came to Orange**

HUUB, 35 Cleveland Street, Orange, NJ  
Saturday, 28 April 2018, 3-6 PM

Join us for the release of the new edition of Homeboy Came to Orange, a story about coalition-building, people's power, and the civil rights movement

Featuring The Cotton Series: Birth of Workforce, choreographed by Havanna Fisher

Reflections by Urbanists in Residence:  
Dominic Moulden, Pedja Stojicic & Havanna Fisher

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/placemaking-10-homeboy-came-to-orange-tickets-44348252818>

**ABOUT THE CHURCH**

ABOUT THE CHURCH highlights important events in the lives of our Members. If you have a joy or concern you would like to share with the church membership, please contact the Church Office at [office@essexuu.org](mailto:office@essexuu.org) or 973-674-0010. We have updates below:

- At our Monthly FAITH+WORKS service on 25 March 2018, one new member joined by signing the Church Membership Book: MYRNA SMITH-WILLIAMS. We welcome her with great joy. Their contact information will appear in the next edition of the Church Directory. Or you can access the Directory on the church website in the Members Only section.
- Belated Birthday wishes to long-time members WAYNE EASTMAN (20 March) and CAROL BERNARD (21 March). Upcoming birthdays include members SHIRLEEN DORMAN on 2 June, AUBREY MURDOCK (11 June), RICKEY SLEZAK on 12 July, and former minister YIELBONZIE CHARLES JOHNSON (26 August).
- We wish GREGORY GIACOBE a speedy recovery. He will be undergoing surgery for removal of a tumor early to mid June. Please contact the Church Office for further details.



## April 2018

- 16 Solidarity Potluck, Parish Hall, 6 PM
- 29 FAITH+WORKS: Marisela Gomez, Sanctuary, 5 PM

## May 2018

- 14 Solidarity Potluck, Parish Hall, 6 PM
- 20 Flower Communion, Parish Hall & Front Lawn, 1 PM

## June 2018

- 11 Solidarity Potluck, Parish Hall, 6 PM
- 17 FAITH+WORKS: Darcy Hall, Sanctuary, 5 PM
- Annual Congregational Meeting, Parish Hall, 6 PM
- 20 General Assembly 2018 @ Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City MO
- 24
- 30 [*Church Year Ends*]

### Nominations of Church Officers & Trustees for 2018/19

On 16 March, the Nominating Committee presented to the Board Secretary the nominations for the Officers and Trustees to the First UU Church of Essex County Board of Trustees for the 2018/19 Church year in accordance to the Bylaws of the Church (Art. V, Sec. 4). As of 16 March 2016, the candidates are:

- President:** Mindy Thompson Fullilove (continuing)
- Vice-President:** Frank Barszcz (continuing)
- Secretary:** Gregory Giacobe (continuing)
- Treasurer:** Bill Slezak (continuing)
- Trustee (fill-in thru 2019):** [open]
- Trustee (thru 2020):** [open]
- Trustee (thru 2021):** [open]
- NomCom (thru 2019):** [open]
- NomCom (thru 2020):** Rickey Slezak (continuing)

Voting on the proposed slate shall take place at the Annual Congregational Meeting that will be held on 17 June 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM. Any church member is eligible to stand for the above offices as long as they fulfill the requirements set forth in the Bylaws (Art. V, Sec. 2) and have ten members of the church who are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting nominate that person. Notification of the intention to run, as well as a list of members supporting the nomination, must be given the Board Secretary in writing no later than 16 April 2018. The Sec-

retary will then make a list of all nominees for church offices available to church members no later than ten days before the Annual Meeting.

### Newsletter Schedule & Submission Deadlines

The First UU Newsletter is on a quarterly schedule. Deadline for submissions will usually be on the 23rd of the month before publication. The table below summarizes the new schedule:

Issue	Publication Date	Submission Deadline
Spring	15 May	—
Summer	No Issue	—
Fall	15 September	4 September
Winter	1 December	23 November

**Please note that there will be no Summer 2018 issue.**



## The Wider Embrace

### APF ANNOUNCES NEW FORMULA FOR CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

On 8 January 2018, the UUA's Annual Program Fund announced a new formula to determine how much congregations are asked to give to the UUA to fund its programs, staff and operations. The Annual Program Fund is the single largest source of funding for the Unitarian Universalist Association. In turn, the UUA utilizes these funds to provide resources, programming and support to all of its member congregations. The new formula seeks to make congregational giving more fair and equitable throughout the Association. Its main feature will be to base the requested donation amount on operating expenses rather than a membership head count.



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Since consolidation in the early 1960's, the APF formula had been based on membership with the assumption that larger congregations would be able to offer more than smaller ones without being overtaxed. However, as patterns of church attendance have changed in recent decades, this formula was increasingly seen as insufficient and out of tune with current trends. In the last decade alone, contributions to the APF dropped from 84% to 71%. Beginning in 2015, a new model was tried in the UUA Southern Region that based congregational giving on operating expenses rather than membership. With some fine-tuning, it is this model that will take effect in the Southern, Central East and New England Regions at the start of the new fiscal year, beginning 1 July 2018.

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### General Assembly 2018 Registration & Housing Reservations Now Open

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. The 2018 General Assembly will be 20-24 June in Kansas City MO. Most General Assembly events will be held in the Kansas City Convention Center. Registration and Housing is open as of 1 March. GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System can be accessed [here](#).



### UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This year's GA Theme is "All Are Called". Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.

Sometimes called "The City of Fountains", Kansas City is

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### Monthly Sundays cont.

17 Jun *Listening to Statues of Women* Darcy Hall Leader - Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - Mindy Thompson Fullilove

In the past few years scholars, municipal governments and urban citizen-strollers have begun to question the historic connections, personal actions and values of statues of the "Great Men" on our streets and in our public parks. But what about statues of women? Where are they? Who are they? And why are they naked or barely dressed? Long time church member Darcy Hall will give a talk on the history, background and significance of statues of women in New York, women of might and power--who never actually existed but might have something to say to us in 2018.

This will be followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting at 6 PM in the Parish Hall.

## The Wider Embrace

### APF ANNOUNCES NEW FORMULA

#### How Will It Work?

As part of its yearly certification process, the UUA asks congregations for information on their total expenses. Beginning last year, congregations were asked to also calculate their operating expenses by deducting such expense lines as capital expenses, loans and mortgages, and the previous year's donations to the UUA from their total expenses. This provides the first, and most important, data point in calculating the new donation request or "ask". Other factors include the cost of living in a congregation's geographic area, the ratio of expenses per member, and the amount requested for the APF and the District or Region from the previous fiscal year.

These data points are then used to create the following adjustments: Congregations in an area where the cost of living is above average will have their full asked amount reduced. Congregations with a high expense/member ratio will also have their full asked amount reduced. All requested donations are to have a "transition collar", meaning that the requests cannot be increased more than 10% over the previous year's request, nor decreased more than 10% over the previous year's request (although, in the latter case, congregations are encouraged to hold steady in their APF donations).

One other feature is that the donation requests will now be in the name of both the APF, as well as the district or Region in which the congregation is located - a single "ask". For a more detailed description of the new APF formula, please visit <https://www.uua.org/finance/apf/southern-central-newengland/formula>.

#### The Meaning of It All - Renewing Commitment

Our congregational polity allows our congregations to govern themselves. However, we do not exist in isolation. Our principles and Purposes state: "As free congregations we enter into covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support." Unitarian Universalism is a faith of relationship and mutual support. We aren't individuals who happen to be occupying the same space. We are a community, where each can bring their gifts for the good of the whole, and each can be honest about their needs, in hope that the community will support them. The Annual Program Fund makes that covenantal promise real. When we and other congregations fully fund the APF, our spirits are enriched by the practice of generosity in community and our movement can flourish. We give to benefit congregations other than our own, investing in and strengthening the presence of Unitarian Universalism. We give to fulfill our covenant as a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Please see Rev. Megan Foley's blog article [here](#) and UUA President Susan Frederick-Gray's video on the new APF [here](#).

### General Assembly 2018

practically overflowing with adventure. Whether it's the scent of smoldering BBQ luring you to a plate of ribs, the sweet echo of jazz welcoming an evening of entertainment or the spray of fountains inviting you to kick off your shoes and make a splash, you'll sense inspiration in the air – and find it along every boulevard.

As America's most centrally located major metropolitan area, Kansas City's location is a huge advantage for travelers. In fact, more than 55 million Americans can get to Kansas City in less than a day's drive. And flying there is even easier—as Kansas City International Airport is just a three-hour flight away from each coast.

#### Excellent Programming

GA will offer more than 175 programming selections over the course of five days. Major worship services this year will be led by UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Rev. Sofia Betancourt. More programming details are available at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

#### Financial Aid Available

The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga) in the month of March to learn about scholarships to support delegates - particularly those from marginalized groups - and volunteer opportunities (work in exchange for registration).

### UUA'S COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL SEEKING INPUT

Members of the congregations of the Metro NY District are invited by the Commission on Appraisal to participate in a brief survey to help us as we prepare to select our next study topic. The Commission serves similarly to a "think tank" on larger issues facing Unitarian Universalism. Our recent study was on class in the UUA.

We have two things to ask of you:

- ? We would like your congregation to provide input for this survey, which is found [here](#). We encourage dialogue within the congregation, by focus groups, board conversations, or whatever works for you. Only one completed questionnaire is needed per congregation.
- We also are seeking input from individual Unitarian Universalists including congregation members, ministers, religious educators, administrators, etc. In other words, all UUs are invited to share their views. The same link can be used by individuals.

To learn more about the Commission on Appraisal, an independently elected body of our Association, go to [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) and search for the Commission on Appraisal or use this [link](#).

Thank you in advance for adding your voices to help us make this decision.

In Faith,

Your Commission on Appraisal



## The Guest House

This being human is a guest house.  
 Every morning a new arrival.  
 A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
 some momentary awareness comes  
 as an unexpected visitor.  
 Welcome and entertain them all!  
 Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,  
 who violently sweep your house  
 empty of its furniture,  
 still, treat each guest honorably.  
 He may be clearing you out  
 for some new delight.  
 The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
 meet them at the door laughing and in-  
 vite them in.  
 Be grateful for whatever comes,  
 because each has been sent  
 as a guide from beyond.

—Jellaludin Rumi (1207-1273),  
 Translated by Coleman Barks



## UU FaithAction NJ



### \* April Plenary \*

April Plenary is UU FaithAction NJ's Annual Meeting of supporters and delegates from NJ member congregations. Get the latest updates on our legislative and advocacy priorities and strategies for advocating for UU values in the public square. Plenary is a critical meeting for all UUs interested in effective, long-term social action in the Garden State

**Saturday, April 21st 11 am - 4:30 pm**

**The Unitarian Society, A UU Congregation**

**176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816**

Lunch is included; a \$20 donation helps us cover costs.

#### Keynote Address: Sam Daley-Harris

Author and activist, national expert on citizen empowerment and political activism, founder of RESULTS & long-time coach to Citizen's Climate Lobby.

**Task Force Meetings:** Criminal Justice, Environmental Justice, Economic Justice, Gun Violence & Prevention, Immigration, Reproductive Justice

#### \*What can I expect at Plenary?\*

Presentation of State Sanctuary/Supporting Sanctuary certificates; updates on 100% Renewable Energy Sources by 2035, overturning Solitary Confinement policies, intersectionality, anti-racism and policing practices, voting for new Board members and recognizing outgoing leadership, plenty of parking (carpooling encouraged!) and much more.

Childcare is available for children ages 2 to 10. Please contact our Admin at [admin@uufaithaction.org](mailto:admin@uufaithaction.org) by Sat April 14th with the number of children and their ages.



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BY DANA SIMPSON



## *The Suggested Fair-Share Contribution Guide*

**Using the Guide is a simple, 3-step process; giving is a function of commitment and resources.**

1. Most of us budget our financial commitments on a monthly basis and the guide is organized accordingly, but you may calculate on any time frame that works for you. For convenience, the guide shows monthly and corresponding annual income levels. Determine your monthly income or resource level. \$\_\_\_\_\_
2. ADD to your income level any unusual or periodic income, such as inheritances, business income, anticipated investment income, etc. SUBTRACT any unusual expenses, such as large medical expenses, care of a parent, or a large financial expense, etc.  
Result: \$\_\_\_\_\_ **This is your Adjusted Monthly Income.**

Each of us will have our own unique circumstances to consider in making this calculation. The flexibility to include meaningful and unusual exceptions in your financial life (income and expenses) is what makes the Guide fair and useful. This is a tool for you to use in the spirit of the Congregationalist tradition; we are individually and collectively responsible for resourcing our movement and our congregations. This is an honor system; only you know your circumstances.

3. From the Adjusted Monthly Income column, move to the right to find a suggested giving level that you are ready to support, between 2% and 10%, depending on adjusted income and level of commitment. Interpolate between guide levels if needed.

In making your decision, consider the four commitment levels below and how they relate to your membership. Consider your UU values in thinking about your income and your financial commitment to the congregation, as expressed in the four levels below. Note that within each commitment level, **the guide is progressive**, with giving levels rising with capacity.

- **Supporter:** The congregation is a significant part of my spiritual and intellectual life that I want to support. My fair share financial commitment starts at 2% of my income and rises to 6% as my income and capacity rise.
- **Sustainer:** The congregation is my central community; I am committed to sustaining the programs and ministries of my congregation. My fair share financial commitment starts at 3% of my income and rises to 7% as my income and capacity rise.
- **Visionary:** My commitment is a clear demonstration of the unique importance of this congregation and of my spiritual principles. My fair share financial commitment starts at 5% of my income and rises to 9% as my income and capacity rise.
- **Transformer:** I am deeply committed to the congregation; my contribution provides fuel for transformation and is part of my spiritual practices in living out my UU Principles. My fair share financial commitment represents 10% of my income.



## The Suggested Fair Share Contribution Guide

		Supporter 2-6% of Income		Sustainer 3-7% of Income		Visionary 5-9% of Income		Transformer 10% of Income	
Adjusted Monthly Income	Approx. Adjusted Annual Income	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge
\$1,000	\$12,000	2%	\$20	3%	\$30	5%	\$50	10%	\$100
\$1,500	\$18,000	2%	\$30	3%	\$45	5%	\$75	10%	\$150
\$2,000	\$25,000	2%	\$40	3%	\$60	5%	\$100	10%	\$200
\$3,000	\$36,000	2%	\$60	3%	\$90	5%	\$150	10%	\$300
\$4,000	\$50,000	3%	\$120	4%	\$160	5%	\$200	10%	\$400
\$6,500	\$80,000	3%	\$195	4%	\$260	6%	\$390	10%	\$650
\$8,500	\$100,000	3%	\$255	5%	\$425	6%	\$510	10%	\$850
\$10,000	\$120,000	3%	\$300	5%	\$500	6%	\$600	10%	\$1,000
\$12,500	\$150,000	4%	\$500	5%	\$625	6%	\$750	10%	\$1,250
\$17,000	\$200,000	4%	\$680	6%	\$1,020	7%	\$1,190	10%	\$1,700
\$25,000	\$300,000	5%	\$1,250	6%	\$1,500	8%	\$2,000	10%	\$2,500
\$40,000	\$500,000	6%	\$2,400	7%	\$2,800	9%	\$3,600	10%	\$4,000

**Wherever you find the right level, revisit it periodically and reassess whether it's still the right level for you or if you are ready to move to a deeper level of support.**

**We are on the web: [essexuu.org](http://essexuu.org)**

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**HUUB Director: Charlie Wirene**



**WE VALUE:** Community... Exploration... Fellowship... Spirituality... Liberal Religious Education... Diversity... Freedom... and Action.

**OUR VISION:** To be a life-affirming liberal religious community where people of diverse beliefs, ideas and background come together to provide spiritual and intellectual growth to one another and to work together in Orange, New Jersey for a greater good in the world.

**OUR MISSION:** To study and practice religion in freedom and fellowship. To provide support and care for our community and the community at large.

Founded in Orange in 1890 as the First Unitarian Church of Essex County, the congregation has worshipped in the present Sanctuary since its construction in 1892-3. The Church continues the ministry of the Union Universalist Society (also known as the Church of the Redeemer), founded as the First Universalist Society of Newark in 1834.



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