



MAKING THE CONNECTIONS

# First Unitarian Universalist Church of Essex County

Fall 2019

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Where every mind is free and every soul is welcome!

## Editorial: Faith & Works - Building Solidarity By Dr. Mindy Fullilove, Church President

Dear Members and Friends of First UU:

This has been a year of moving forward with our great project, to turn our congregation outward to the City of Orange. We have hosted music, dance, festivals, and religious services of many kinds. Our own FAITH+WORKS services have been grounding and inspiring. Celebrating Passover and looking forward to our Iftar, planting our grounds to celebrate flower communion – so much has gone on that I’ve appreciated. For example, in the middle of the ecological crisis, I’ve appreciated that we’ve decided to use our dishes. Washing and drying dishes together has been a small but important step.

Every year, as members and friends, we give money to make sure that the work of our congregation can go forward. We do this in two parts that represent our FAITH and our WORKS, remembering that faith without works is dead, and as we like to say, works without faith is dead. As UUs we don’t do formal “tithing,” rather we think it is a matter for personal reflection, in light of your own circumstances. You are already giving in the matter of showing up, washing dishes, and living the seven principles in your life. What additional monetary contribution might you be

able to make? Here’s what we need to raise, in two parts.

The FAITH part is the support of the church itself, which is most particularly our job. In consultation with the HUUB, we created two separate budgets. The church budget, which supports Greg, pays our dues to the UU Association, covers costs of worship, and other clearly “church” costs, is set at \$12,000 this year. After tallying the church’s various income sources, we are left with \$2,865 to raise in this budget to cover church expenses. There are currently 37 members, families, and friends in our member directory, which comes out to about \$80 each to cover our church budget for this year. You can make this contribution by check to the church or as part of your contribution to the HUUB on the ioby platform -- just let [Charlie Wirene](#) know which part is for the church.

The WORKS part is to support the work of the HUUB, and in this, we ask a much larger community to join us. We are

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## MARK IT DOWN

- ◆ Monthly Sunday: FAITH+WORKS, Sunday, 20 Oct, 5 PM, Riverside Church, NYC
- ◆ *Building Solidarity Potluck*, Monday, 21 Oct, 6 PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ *Black Maria Film Festival*, Friday, 25 Oct, 7 PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ *Building Solidarity Potluck*, Monday, 11 Nov, 6 PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ Monthly Sunday: FAITH+WORKS, Sunday, 17 Nov, 4 PM, Sanctuary
- ◆ Monthly Sunday: FAITH+WORKS, Sunday, 8 Dec, 4 PM, Sanctuary
- ◆ *Building Solidarity Potluck*, Monday, 16 Dec, 6 PM, Parish Hall



**Due to scheduling conflicts, the Summer 2019 Newsletter was not produced. We apologize to for this oversight. — Editor**

## 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. In these challenging times we turn to wise people who can articulate FAITH and describe how their faith supports their WORKS. Join us for a six-part series called "FAITH+WORKS" on occasional Sunday evenings for this church year. 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.

**2 Jun** *Active Hope* Speaker - Charles Loflin Leader - Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - Mindy Thompson Fullilove

The service title — Active Hope — is taken from the 2012 book by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone. The complete title of the book is Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're In Without Going Crazy and you are highly encouraged to add this to your summer reading list! As the authors state in their introduction "We can no longer take it for granted that the resources we're dependent on — food, fuel, and drinkable water — will be available. We can no longer take it for granted even that our civilization will survive or that conditions on our planet will remain hospitable for complex forms of life." The book tackles the question of how does one not feel completely overwhelmed by that reality? This service will explore how the understanding three narratives (Business As Usual, The Great Unraveling, and The Great Awakening) might help answer that question in a way that can resonate here in this community at this time.

*Charles Loflin was born and raised in Yazoo City, MS. Although his family was religiously unaffiliated, he attended a Southern Baptist church and was very active through high school. Feeling a call to ministry, he attended Mississippi College (a Southern Baptist affiliated school) and earned a degree in Religion and a minor in Communications/Theatre Studies. Charles served as a minister for a small congregation in rural Mississippi, and had planned to attend seminary after college but found himself increasingly uncomfortable with the theological and political leanings of evangelical Christianity. He embarked instead on a career in the arts and earned a MFA in Acting from the University of Louisville, Kentucky. He moved to New York City where he split his time working as an actor/director/producer and paying the bills by working in the field of technology as a programmer and developer. He and his family moved to New Jersey in 2001. Charles "discovered" Unitarian Universalism sometime around 2008 and found the religious home that spoke to his values, politics, and theology and has been an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Montclair. In 2018, feeling a persistent sense of call, Charles began pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. As part of his first year Community Studies, Charles served as intern here at the HUUB @ First UU Essex. This summer he will be fulfilling his CPE requirement at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick and will begin a two-year congregational internship at the Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in the fall. He's on track to graduate in May of 2021. He lives in Montclair with his amazing wife and together they have three children — Connor, Morgan, and Lauren — too many cats and an English bulldog named Rose.*

Editorial (cont.)

looking to raise \$50,000 in that campaign, currently under way on ioby, <https://www.iooby.org/project/building-solidarity-2019>.

Here's why I think this is important. We find ourselves in a dire moment of climate change, tyranny, mass extinction and international war, on the global scale, and poverty, housing shortages, and stagnant wages at home. We do know we have no time to waste if we want to make a better future for all. My father, Ernest Thompson, was a union and community organizer who wrote about his experiences in *Homeboy Came to Orange: A Story of People's Power*. He closed his book on this note of urgency saying:

United States is at the crossroads. And time has run out. It has run out on us morally in the eyes of humankind and in the eyes of God. We have no more time for war, or exploitation, or poisoning the earth. We must learn to live together now. The problem in the United States of people living together is a Black-white problem. The separatists – be they Black or white – only obstruct our way. They have no answers for the tasks confronting us. These tasks are too crucial to be entrusted to the warmongers and the profiteers. The money-changers must once again be driven from the temple so that the people can prevail, for only the people can be entrusted with their own future.

I believe that we can—and will—face this crisis by building community built on our principles, from washing dishes together to showing up in the struggle for equality and justice for all living beings. Our strong church will be the cornerstone of our work – let's support it in all the ways we can.



We've come to the end of our 2019 Annual Fund Campaign and I am excited and proud to announce that we've raised \$30,030 from more than 90 donations! With our \$20,000 matching grant from the Fund for UU Social Responsibility, we met and surpassed our goal and raised \$50,030 in this campaign! Thank you for all your help in reaching this milestone - we literally cannot do this work without you. The generosity of our community is inspiring and validating. Everybody does need a HUUB and every HUUB needs a community - we appreciate you.

Our campaign was built on FAITH that there was widespread support for The HUUB, the Joseph Thomasberger Community Fellows, and the WORKS we're doing together in Orange. I'm proud of the what we've done and excited for what we're going to do over the next year with these resources. Look out for a Happenings at The HUUB newsletter at the end of Summer for 2019-2020 events, programs, and opportunities to get involved with the good work being done on Cleveland St.

Thank you again for you support and I can't wait to see you at The HUUB!

Onwards,  
Charlie Wirene, Managing Director, The HUUB



The Joe Thomasberger Community Fellows



Above: *Remembering Rosa, A Concert for Peace*, held in the Sanctuary, 16 November 2018.

Top Left: *Thomasberger Community Fellows* - Cesar, Stephen, Amonnie, and Ray. The three year old program was dedicated and renamed on 30 September 2018 (Bottom Lefty).

## September 2019

29 | FAITH+WORKS: *Spiritual Discernment as Liberation for Love and Freedom*, Dr. Edgar Rivera

## October 2019

20 | FAITH+WORKS: *Stolen Hands, Stolen Lands: From 1619 to a Just Future*, Rev. William J Barber II, Riverside Church, New York City, 5 PM

21 | Solidarity Potluck, Parish Hall, 6 PM

25 | Black Maria Film Festival, Parish Hall, 7 PM (see page 6 for details)

## November 2019

11 | Solidarity Potluck, Parish Hall, 6 PM

?? | Board of Trustees, via video chat, TBA

17 | FAITH+WORKS: Myrna Williams-Smith, Sanctuary, 4 PM

28 | [THANKSGIVING]

## December 2019

8 | FAITH+WORKS: Aubrey Murdock, Sanctuary, 4 PM

16 | Solidarity Potluck, Parish Hall, 6 PM

25 | [Christmas]

### 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:

- Happy Birthday to member & Church President MINDY FULLILOVE (15 October).
- Belated Happy Anniversary to members SHIRL & TOM DORMAN on their 44th on 24 August.
- Belated congratulations to member & Church Vice President FRANK BARSZCZ on his marriage to Karen Marlowe on 28 April 2019.

### Newsletter Schedule & Submission Deadlines

The First UU Newsletter is published quarterly on or about 1 March (Spring), 1 June (Summer), 1 September (Autumn) and 1 December (Winter). Deadline for submissions will be on about 10 days before publication. The table below summarizes the schedule:

Issue	Publication Date	Submission Deadline
Autumn	18 October	—
Winter	Early January	22 December
Spring	Early April	23 March
Summer	1 June	23 May

**FAITH + WORKS (cont.)**

29 Sep *Spiritual Discernment as Liberation for Love and Freedom* Speaker - Dr. Edgar Rivera-Colon  
 Leader - Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - Mindy Thompson Fullilove

*Dr. Edgar Rivera-Colon teaches at Columbia University's Narrative Medicine program. He is also Assistant Professor of Sociology and Urban Studies at Saint Peter's University, the Jesuit University of New Jersey. Based on his training in Liberation Theology and Ignatian Spirituality, Dr Rivera Colón does spiritual direction for faith-based organizers and activists. He is writing a book entitled Love Comes in Knots: Meditations in American Labyrinth about revolutionary love in the face of Trumpism. He graduated with a BA from Fordham University, and MA and PhD from Rutgers University. He is now working on a co-edited volume entitled "Queer Latino/a Theologies and the Churches". He graduated with a BA from Fordham University, and MA and PhD from Rutgers University. He is now working on a co-edited volume entitled "Queer Latino/a Theologies and the Churches".*

20 Oct *Stolen Hands, Stolen Lands: From 1619 to a Just Future* Homily - Rev. William J Barber II

For this special occasion, we will travel to [Riverside Church](#) in New York City for "[Stolen Hands, Stolen Lands: From 1619 to a Just Future.](#)" This is an observance in honor of the 400th anniversary of the first Africans to arrive in North America and sold into bondage. Rev William Barber II, leader of the Poor People's Campaign, will give the homily on this occasion. The doors will open at 5 PM and the service will begin at 6 PM. Ministers are invited to come with their robes and participate in the procession and recession.

Please RSVP at this [link](#). Members & friends who wish to carpool, please contact [Mindy Fullilove](#).

17 Nov *Faith + Works* Myrna Williams-Smith Leader - Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - Mindy Thompson Fullilove

Details forthcoming. Please see the First UU [Facebook](#) page for updated details.

8 Dec *Faith + Works* Aubrey Murdock Leader - Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - Mindy Thompson Fullilove

Details forthcoming. Please see the First UU [Facebook](#) page for updated details.

19 Jan 2020 *Faith + Works* Dominic Moulden Leader - Mindy Thompson Fullilove, Usher - Gregory Giacobe, Social Hour Host - Mindy Thompson Fullilove

Details forthcoming. Please see the First UU [Facebook](#) page for updated details.

**Black Maria Film Festival,  
Friday, 25 October 2019 @ 7 PM**

We're excited that, as part of the HUUB's observation of the [400 Years of Inequality](#) Remembrance, the Black Maria Film Festival will return to First UU of Essex with a selection of award-winning shorts including animation, narrative, and documentary films focusing on issues of social justice curreted with input from the Joe Thomasberger Fellows.



Viewing will be held in the Parish Hall at 35 Cleveland Street, Orange NJ. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Please see the [Facebook event page](#) for more details.

About the Black Maria Film Festival:

The Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Festival has attracted and showcased the work of independent filmmakers for decades. It was founded in 1981 as a tribute to Thomas Edison's development of the motion picture at his laboratory, dubbed the "Black Maria" film studio, the first in the world, in West Orange, New Jersey. The festival's juried collection of short films includes animation, comedy, drama, documentary, and more. Each season there are stunning animated films, moving documentary shorts, and thought-provoking narratives in the tour.

We will have refreshments, including soda, beer, and wine, as well as light snacks of cheese and crackers. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5-10.

Looking forward to enjoying these films with you!

*Remembering Rosa: A Concert for Peace* is an annual commemoration of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott. University of Orange's Music City project invites choirs, musicians, neighbors and residents to come together and celebrate the power of community and music, and to remember and recognize the leaders whose shoulders we stand on, and our own capacity to be forces of positive change in our city.

More information TBD

[www.universityoforange.org](http://www.universityoforange.org)

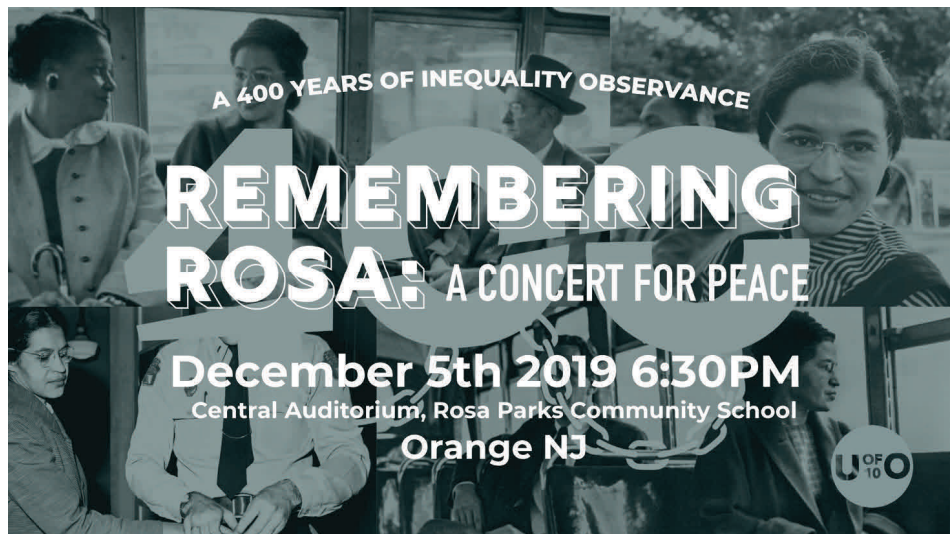
[www.400yearsofinequality.org](http://www.400yearsofinequality.org)

To register, please follow this [link](#).

**MUSIC CITY: Fourth Annual Rosa Parks Concert for Peace**

*Thursday, 5 December 2019, 6:30 PM*

*Central Auditorium, Rosa Parks Community School  
369 Main St, Orange NJ 07050*



# A PEOPLE'S OBSERVANCE FOR A JUST FUTURE

## 1619=2019

### ENSLAVEMENT TO INCARCERATION

*Events to help us*

Organize, Observe, Build Solidarity and Advance Justice

#### Eyewitness to African American History Tour with Montclair History Center

Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Tours at 1:00 & 3:30 PM in Nathaniel Crane House.

Explore 200 years of Black history in Montclair and New Jersey through rare first-hand accounts, primary and secondary source documents. Note: Admission fee.

*Location: 110 Orange Road, Montclair*

[www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2019/1/20/eyewitness-to-african-american-history-tour-amnba](http://www.montclairhistory.org/all-events/2019/1/20/eyewitness-to-african-american-history-tour-amnba)

#### Slavery's Descendants: Shared Legacies of Race & Reconciliation

Tuesday, October 15, 2019, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM with Dionne Ford and Jill Strauss

*Slavery's Descendants brings together descendants of enslaved people and those of enslavers to tell their stories of dealing with America's racial past through their experiences and their family histories.*

*Location: Montclair Public Library, Main Library, 50 South Fullerton Avenue*

[www.montclairlibrary.org/news-events/slaverysdescendants/](http://www.montclairlibrary.org/news-events/slaverysdescendants/)



#### Rally for a Just Future & March to UUCM for Premiere of "Just as Cruel": Enslaved in Essex County—In Their Own Words 1882

Thursday, October 24, 2019 (6:00 to 7:00 PM Rally; 7:00 to 7:20 PM March)

Part I: Rally & March—A Just Future in NJ—NJ Reparative Justice & Closing Youth Prisons

Rally speakers include area ministers, activists, and New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

*Location: 12 Church Street Plaza, Montclair*

7:30 to 9:00 PM

Part II: "Just as Cruel": *Enslaved in Essex County—In Their Own Words 1882*

*A short play of an 1882 New York Times interview of two of the last NJ residents born into slavery adapted and performed by NAACP Collegiate Chapter at Montclair State University, followed by panel discussion.*

Co-Sponsored with Collegiate Chapter of NAACP at Montclair State University and Montclair History Center

*Location: UUCM, 67 Church Street, Fletcher Hall, Montclair*

<https://tinyurl.com/yxle26ec>

#### Intersections: Ending Gender Violence, Finding Anti-Racist Solidarity

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, from 8:00 to 9:30 PM with Dr. Traci C. West, activist scholar

UUCM Program Co-Sponsored by UUCM's Undoing Racism Committee and Out

Front: Sexuality and Gender Alliance

*Location: UUCM, Peierls Room, 67 Church Street, Montclair*

<https://tinyurl.com/yxbqw5n4>



# UU FaithAction NJ



## ISSUES CONFERENCE 2019



**FEATURING DR.  
MEGHAN SACKS,  
ASSOCIATE  
PROFESSOR OF  
CRIMINOLOGY AND DR.  
SARA WAKEFIELD,  
AUTHOR OF CHILDREN  
OF THE PRISON BOOM**



Meghan Sacks, Ph.D. is an assistant professor and the Criminology Program Director at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She teaches courses on Policy Analysis, Women & Crime, and Serial Killers. Her research interests include bail reform, plea bargaining, sentencing policy and the systematic flaws of the criminal justice system.

Sara Wakefield is Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University, Newark. Her research interests focus on the consequences of mass incarceration for the family, with an emphasis on childhood wellbeing and racial inequality. She is the author of *Children of the Prison Boom: Mass Incarceration and the Future of American Inequality*.

**Saturday, October 19  
10:00 am to 3:30 pm**

**CENTRAL UNITARIAN CHURCH  
156 FOREST AVENUE  
PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY**

Register at [www.uufaithaction.org](http://www.uufaithaction.org)



**New York State Convention of Universalists  
193rd Annual Meeting/Conference  
October 25-26, 2019**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Rev. Susan  
Frederick-Gray**

**President of the  
Unitarian Universalist Association**

The Rev. Frederick-Gray is the ninth president of the UUA. She was elected in June 2017 to a six-year term. She acts as principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for the UUA. Susan brings a strong focus on mission and strategic planning to her leadership at the UUA as it works to dismantle systems of white supremacy.

As president, Susan has emphasized that this is no time for a casual faith and no time to go it alone. She represented the UUA in the 2017 Charlottesville protests against white nationalist violence, worked in conjunction with the Poor Peoples Campaign on issues of poverty, witnessed at the US-Mexico border for immigrant justice, and partnered with local advocates to expand voting rights in Florida.



**“Universalist Theology and  
the Beloved Community”**

**First Universalist Church of Rochester  
150 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester, NY 14604**

All Unitarian Universalists and friends are warmly invited to attend.  
Registration information will be posted at [nyscu.org](http://nyscu.org).

**Annual Meeting/Conference Fee:** \$25 pre-register, \$30 at the door

**Directions:** UURoc.org/directions/ Set GPS for 150 South Clinton Ave., Rochester

**Housing:** Holiday Inn Express--University Area, 717 East Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY; 585-272-7800 – breakfast, indoor pool, fridge, microwave and Keurig in each room (not the pool)

Rate is \$99 night if reserved by September 25, 2019. Use NYS or NYSCU for group rate.

**Home hospitality** is available for \$40/night. Email [nyscu\\_registration@uurc.org](mailto:nyscu_registration@uurc.org) for details

**Things to do in Rochester:** [www.visitrochester.com](http://www.visitrochester.com)

## NYSCU Conference and Annual Meeting,

### Friday Evening Entertainment: 7:00 to 8:30, at the First Universalist Church of Rochester

Come together for fellowship

### Saturday Schedule at First U Rochester:

- 8:00 Continental breakfast & registration
- 9:00 Opening worship –  
Rev. Lane Campbell
- 9:15 10:00 Keynote by UUA President,  
Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray
- 10:00 10:30 Keynote Dialogue
- 10:35 break
- 10:50 Business Meeting
- 11:45 Lunch (carnivore, vegetarian, vegan,  
gluten-free choices provided)
- 12:45 First workshop session
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 Second workshop session
- 3:00 Closing worship – Rev. Campbell
- 3:15 Meeting adjourns

### Opening Worship: Rev. Lane Campbell

#### Keynote:

#### “Universalist Theology and the Beloved Community”

– UUA President, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

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#### WORKSHOPS – Session I:

#### “What Is the UUA and Where Is It Going?”

Rev. Frederick-Gray will offer a short presentation on the Unitarian Universalist Association and then take questions.

#### One Congregation’s Journey to Justice

*Theo Munson and Elizabeth Osta (FIRE Co-Chairs)*

Join FIRE (the First Universalist Initiative for Racial Equality) for an open discussion on effective strategies to address systemic and institutional racism from historical, congregational and personal perspectives. Stories, experiences and resources will be shared.

#### WORKSHOPS -- Session II:

#### “The Power of We: Beyond the Gender Binary”

Have you wondered how to create welcome for transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people within your congregation and in your community? Join Rev. Lane Campbell and experts from local LGBTQIA+ organizations for a conversation about what Unitarian Universalists mean by the word “we” when speaking about our faith and our church communities. Expect a lively conversation and resources to bring back to your congregation.

#### “The Doctrine of Christian Discovery (DoCD)” –

*Philip P. Arnold, Associate Professor and Chair,  
Department of Religion, Syracuse University*

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Women’s right to vote, one initiative at the “Christian Domination and the Failure of ‘Truth and Reconciliation’” conference will focus on the Haudenosaunee influence on the Women’s Suffrage Movement -- their roles in traditional matrilineal societies and how that has been systematically disrupted by religion. The conference is scheduled for August 2020. Sponsoring organizations—the Indigenous Values Initiative (IVI) and the American Indian Law Alliance (AILA)—are deeply involved with the work of revealing and dismantling the DoCD.

#### “Secrets of the Archives” Karen Dau, NYSCU

Archivist extraordinaire, will provide a talk-and-tour. The small Lee Universalist Archive, located at the First Universalist Church of Rochester, is the repository for many of NYSCU's historic holdings. It was named for the late Frederick Harlow Lee, a 4th generation Universalist whose first-generation ancestor in this faith knew John Murray. The holdings come from all over New York State.

#### Closing worship: Rev. Campbell

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# *New Jersey Peace Action's Annual Fall Gathering*

## **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Where: **Immaculate Conception Church**  
**30 North Fullerton Ave.**  
**Montclair, New Jersey**

**Social Hour and Silent Auction: 12:00PM**  
**Program: ..... 1:00PM**  
**Event Ends: ..... 4:00PM**

Keynote speaker: **John Nichols**, the National Affairs Correspondent for **The Nation** magazine

### **“We Need a New Foreign Policy in Order to Save the Planet and Achieve Economic, Social and Racial Justice”**

**Silent Auction** features theater tickets, jewelry, subscriptions and restaurant gift certificates.

**Refreshments** will be served.

If you require assistance, or for any other information, please contact NJ Peace Action at (973) 259-1126 or [events@njpeaceaction.org](mailto:events@njpeaceaction.org)



**John Nichols** is the National Affairs Correspondent for **The Nation** magazine and the author or co-author of a dozen books on politics and media. He is a regular commentator on the BBC and RTE-Irish Radio, and a frequent guest on MSNBC, NPR affiliates, Democracy Now and other cable and broadcast media outlets.

A founder of the media reform group Free Press, Nichols has twice keynoted global congresses of the International Federation of Journalists. He has testified before congressional committees, and United Nations forums.

Of Nichols, author Gore Vidal said, "Of all the giant slayers now afoot in the great American desert, John Nichols's sword is the sharpest."

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

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Web: [essexuu.org](http://essexuu.org)

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**Vice President: Frank Barszcz**

**Treasurer: Bill Slezak**

**Secretary: Greg Giacobe**

**HUUB Director: Charlie Wirene**

**Administrative Officer: Holly Barszcz**

**Church Liaison & Newsletter Editor:  
Greg Giacobe**

**Sexton: Tony A Jones**



**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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