

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a spiritual and intellectual community that embraces each child and adult in close fellowship, encourages the open exchange of ideas, provides religious education for all, and serves the larger community.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

a sampling from past years

“A Note of Hope”

“Keepers of the Dream”

“Solar Energy: Choices and Lives”

“Flower Communion”

“Purim: A Holiday of Joy!”

“Delving Into Darwin”

“Death and Dying: A Discussion”

“An Age of Faith or Not?”

“The Map Is Not the Destination”

“Winter Solstice”

“That Which You Share Will Multiply”

“What Do We Do With Fear?”

“From Fundamentalism to Freedom”

## DIRECTIONS TO OUR FELLOWSHIP

We are located on Route 57, just west of Airport Road, in the historic Beattystown section of Mansfield.

### From Route 80:

Take Route 80 to exit 19. Follow 517 South about 4 ½ miles to the light on Main Street in Hackettstown. Go through the light (a bit of a jog in the road) instead of following 517 to the left. You will now be on Grand Avenue/Rockport Road/629 and should check your odometer. \* Continue 2.4 miles to Airport Road. Turn left onto Airport Road and continue 1½ miles to the end. Turn right onto Route 57 West and drive slowly to the third building on your right, entering the driveway just beyond our building.

### From Route 46:

*From the west:* Follow 46 East down the hill into Hackettstown. At the second light turn right onto Grand Avenue and follow the directions from \* above.

*From the east:* Follow 46 West toward Hackettstown. Go straight through the light at Target. At the next light turn left onto East Avenue. Drive ½ mile to the light at Mountain Avenue. Turn left and continue another ½ mile then turn right onto Route 57 West. Follow 57 for 1.8 miles, through 4 lights. At the last light (at Airport Road) begin to slow down. Skylands is the third building on your right.

### From the south:

Follow 517 N through Long Valley. From the light at the top of Schooley’s Mountain, by the police station, continue down the northern side of the mountain for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Newburg Road and follow it to the first light. Turn left onto 57 West and continue through the next two lights. After Airport Road, Skylands will be the third building on your right.

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# SKYLANDS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP



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*Sharing and caring together in a  
search for meaning...*

## WHO ARE WE?

### Unitarian Universalists

Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion that grew out of the consolidation in 1961 of the Unitarians (organized in 1825) and the Universalists (organized in 1793). Go to [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) for more information on the larger UU community.

Each Unitarian Universalist congregation is the fulfillment of a long heritage that goes back hundreds of years to courageous people who struggled for freedom in thought and faith. We keep our minds open to the religious questions people have struggled with in all times and places.

Outstanding UU's include John Adams, Clara Barton, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Susan B. Anthony and Beatrix Potter.

## WHEN DO WE MEET?

### Skylands Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Sunday worship begins at 10:15, with doors open by 10 am. Children attend the first portion of the service, then go to their religious education classes. Service ends by 11:40 with coffee hour following. We are a lay-led congregation, with services coordinated by our Program Committee. Many services include a sermon by a guest minister or a talk by an invited speaker.

## WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

### Seven Principles

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement of one another to spiritual growth.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
- 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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Children

Our Sunday classes are designed to reflect Unitarian Universalist principles in both content and implementation. We assume that each child's spiritual journey will be a unique experience. We believe that we can facilitate that journey by providing information, respect and encouragement as we offer the children frequent opportunities to explore religious, social and moral questions in a safe and supportive environment

Nursery care will be provided for infants and toddlers. All children begin the morning in the service with their families.

### Primary

*Treasure Hunting* — Through games, crafts, songs, and stories, our younger children will explore our UU values. Each child will make a "treasure chest" to fill with small items representing the ideas covered in class each week. The treasures to be discovered include: the importance of each person, the power of feelings, the joy of friendship, the excitement of the search for truth, and the harmony of nature.

### Elementary

*A Stepping Stone Year* — This class will focus on important religious questions: How did the world begin? How did life begin? How did I begin? How should I live my life? Why do people die? How can I know the difference between right and wrong? This Stepping Stone Year provides a lively, hands-on exploration of these questions, looking at everything from myth and art to cooking and electricity.

### Middle School

*Neighboring Faiths* — Our older children will examine many of the world's other faith traditions, typically spending two to three weeks exploring a particular faith group in class before visiting a local congregation. We expect to visit both Protestant and Catholic churches, a Jewish synagogue, an Islamic mosque, a Buddhist center, a Hindu temple and a Quaker meetinghouse. Pagan and other earth-centered practices will also be introduced.

### Adult

Our Women's Circle meets monthly. We also periodically offer workshops on topics such as "UU 101" and "Building Your Own Theology."