

March 8, 2025



Dear Friends,

**Pat Buhler's art is being displayed at the Missouri River Regional Library in the Art Gallery on the 2nd floor. A reception will be held on March 16, from 2-4 pm.**

**An exciting opportunity:**

Our fellowship has been trying to make arrangements to have a minister's influence for some time. A Rev. Tom Bozeman has responded to our UUA request for a part time minister. The board zoomed with him and discussed our needs.

Rev Tom has made us an excellent proposal to be a 1/8 or 1/4 mostly virtual guidance minister. He would help us strengthen one or more important areas of our community, i.e. worship. But he would also make a few visits and will attempt to personally meet everyone. We have the finances for this arrangement.

We will be discussing the specifics of the proposal during the upcoming weeks. But what we need before moving forward is a commitment of time from community members. Rev Tom is asking for a group of 6-12 members to commit to meetings and studies with him.

This is a great opportunity for the Fellowship. But it also has the potential to be a major step on the personal journey of each participating member. Please consider making this commitment.

If you are interested and would like further information see a board member.

**This week's Adult Forum:** Marshal Mull of Lone Jack, MO presents "Migration to Earth." How can a non-writer suddenly write 2 books? Mull shares how. He also shares a birthday with Nostradamus and sees things differently.

**Next week's Forum: Shanon Hawk, past UUFJC President,** Update on the midway point of the legislative year.

## **This week's sermon: Practicing Trust in Community**

By: Rev Gennifer Norstum, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee

Communities can heal or harm, depending on shared practices. A trustworthy community makes you feel safe, allows you to be human, and calls you (back) to your best self. When we do this together, we create a culture of trust and accountability that strengthens individual confidence and the bonds among us. Join us for this service where we explore covenant, accountability, equality, and trust in community.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCou9mXYEY8>

## **UU Moment: Use of the word evil**

By Rev. Joanna Fontaine Crawford.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpsMpp4pQe4>

## **Children's Religious Education - 10:30 am**

Children attending in-person are welcome to join RE Instructor Dr Samantha Porter for a lesson during the service hour.

This month's theme: Trust

## **This Week's Joys and Concerns:**

If you have a joy or concern that you would like to have read during a service or shared in our weekly email, please submit it by noon on the Friday before through our website: <http://uufjc.org/joys--concerns.html>

*We will also have paper forms available Sunday morning for submissions.*

*Submissions made after noon on Friday may not be read or shared until the following week.*

## **Lunch After Services**

Please join us for lunch after the service. This week's lunch is at Chili's.

## **Book Club**

The Intergenerational Classical Book Study has chosen the next great read. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo. Next meeting date is April 13, 2025, at 2:00 pm, in the Forum Room in our UU Building. Join them for an invigorating hour of book study.



## Caring Committee

Contact Heidi Atkins-Lieberman at [hal.AtkinsLieberman@outlook.com](mailto:hal.AtkinsLieberman@outlook.com) for assistance.

**"We Unitarian Universalists celebrate the reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.**

The greatness of our nation lies not in our wealth or global prestige but in the promise of the gifts that were given at our founding—freedom, equality, and liberty. It is our progress, generation upon generation, to improve on the initial rendering and expression of those gifts, wherein America claims its mantle as leader of the free world.

During this season of trials and tribulations for our democratic norms, Congress must defend our mantle here at home.

We call upon Congress to use every ounce of courage and muster every iota of conviction—for all of us, our republic. They must protect the right to vote and make voting more accessible for every eligible voter if they wish to walk in the footsteps of our nation's giants.

As Unitarian Universalists, we hold sacred the inherent worth and dignity of every person, humanity's interdependence, the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large, and the pursuit of justice. We believe what affects one of us affects us all.

We urge broad, bi-partisan, full-throated support by members of Congress for the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act."

**Pablo DeJesús, Executive Director of UUSJ**

### Tell Your House Member To Support JLVRAA

In America, we believe in the freedom to decide our future — whether it's choosing leaders who will fight for affordable housing, better jobs, and quality healthcare, or holding those in power accountable. But this fundamental freedom is under threat. Some politicians are trying to roll back voting rights because they fear the power of our voices. Take action and lift up the need for Voting Rights.

### Tell Your House Member To Stop the SAVE Act

The [SAVE Act](#) would make it harder for millions of eligible Americans to register and vote by requiring strict proof of citizenship, such as a passport or birth certificate, and other documents. There is virtually no election fraud in our voting system, a minuscule number of people vote more than once—a tiny risk compared to a major obstacle to voting.

*For more events, see our online calendars:*

[UUFJC Events](#)

[Building Use \(other\)](#)

[Community Events](#)

[And visit us online at http://uufjc.org/](http://uufjc.org/)

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**Blessings Always,**

*Mary Jo LaCorte*

**Administrator**

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