

January 18, 2025

**SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 15, 2025
UUFJC OPEN HOUSE
1-4 PM
-Enjoy old and new friends,
Refreshments, & building tours!**

Dear Friends,

Happy Wintering. When you're feeling grey, just remember, spring is looking forward to seeing you again too.

From UU's for a Just Economic Community: it's pretty ironic that Martin Luther King Day and the presidential inauguration happen on the same day this year. May we all find ways to honor this federal holiday and rededicate ourselves to the work that Dr. King was pursuing toward the end of his life: fighting the three evils of society: "the sickness of racism, excessive materialism, and militarism".

I hope you enjoy this poem by Alix Klingenberg.

From: *January*

When my head is sore
and my heart is doing that thing
where it aches
for no discernible
reason,

when I feel cold
and hard
and solemn,

I return to the earth
and let her remind me
that rest (cold and solemn)
is what winter is for.

This week's Adult Forum: Leader: Officer Markita Hitt with the Jefferson City Police Department will speak on her work with the homeless.

Next week's Forum: January 26: Leader Shanon Hawk will talk about food allergies and share her personal story of a tick induced allergy.

This week's sermon: The Oldest Story in the World by Rev David Schwartz
What do you do next with your life after you have come face to face with tangled, unavoidable reality of loss? The oldest story ever written down is a guide.

UU Moment: What does worship mean in *UUism*?

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: Story



This Week's Joys and Concerns:

Concern: Pat Behler is recovering from COVID and pneumonia. She misses her UU friends and would greatly benefit from cards or letters. Please contact Jan Harcourt for more information.

Joy: Shae Ochoa, it was wonderful to see you at service this past week. The GOOD news is Dave is scheduled to come home on Monday as his health has improved and he's gained strength. Continued thoughts and prayers for his recovery.

Joy/Concern: For the continued cease fire in Gaza.

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.

Book Club



The Intergenerational Classical Book Study has a new facilitator in Josh Swart!! The next great read is *Roots* by Alex Haley. Next meeting date is February 9, 2025, at 2:00 pm, in the Forum Room in our UU Building.

Caring Committee

Contact Heidi Atkins-Lieberman at hal.AtkinsLieberman@outlook.com for assistance.

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Blessings Always,

Mary Jo LaCorte

Administrator



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