



September 6, 2025

Dear Friends,

Just a reminder for our “get-together” on Friday, September 19, starting at 6:30 pm. Please come if you are interested in getting to know each other better. Feel free to bring friends, spouses, significant others. All are welcome!! Bring something to eat and drink if you like. If you have a favorite game, please bring it!

This week’s forum: Our own, Betty Cooper, on “Revolutionary Love” based on the book by Michael Lerner.

Next week’s forum: Shawn D’Abreu on the dangers of Christian Nationalism.

This week’s Sermon-How to Have an Enemy by Molly Housh Gordon

"How to Have an Enemy" was the sermon topic of the Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia, Mo. on October 20, 2024. She turned to the work of peace activist and Mennonite theologian Melissa Florer-Bixler to explore how to think about care when it comes to those who do not and will not care for others, or who actively harm others.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Bo4dK8HaF8&t=2927s>

UU Moment - Hard Back, Soft Front By Rev. Gail Marriner

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mL_1FHmgUNE&t=360s

Children attending in-person are welcome to join RE Instructor Dr Samantha Porter for a lesson during the service hour. September's theme: **Nurturing Belonging**

Lunch After Services

Please join us for lunch after the service. This weeks lunch will be at The Landing Zone at the airport.

This Week's Joys & Concerns:

**Rich Burdge - I have recently accepted a new position at the Missouri National Guard as Energy Manager. Please keep my wife, Julie, in your thoughts as she is experiencing a very uncomfortable, though hopefully short-lived illness.

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.

C.U.U.P.S

BEGINNING SEPT 16TH at 7:00 PM

1201 Northeast Dr

Jefferson City, MO

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) is a network of UU congregations and individuals who identify with Paganism, Heathenry, Wicca, and other earth-centered spiritual paths. CUUPS chapters create their own programming, but it's always in alignment with the UUA's Purposes and Principle

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Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

Meetings are every 3rd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Brian Wiekamp and Katherine Connor have stepped up and will be representing UUFJC at Missouri Faith Voices. They have experience with this important group for Jefferson City. Thank you for serving our community.

The national Unitarian Universalist “Side with Love” organization addresses environmental issues. Rich Burge has volunteered to lead that issue with our social action team. I’m sure he will appreciate your support. Thank you Rich.

SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

1. September 10 @ 12 noon. Capital rotunda.

This rally is sponsored by RESPECT MISSOURI VOTERS, a citizen volunteer group. The rally will be about banning politicians from *overturning initiatives that voters have already passed. *attacking citizens ability to use the initiative process and *manipulating language on ballots to mislead voters.

*. This is the beginning of a petition signing process. Cindy Johnson and I have been trained and will be collecting your signatures.

2. September 20 @ 11am Capital Lawn

This rally is sponsored by “WE STAND UNITED MO”. There will be speakers and the people’s march begins at 12:30. I am attempting to get us a spot for a table.

I am in need of some volunteers to be part of this Social Justice group. Please let me know if you are interested

In love and peace

Book Club

The September Intergenerational Classical Book Study is:

And Then There Were None

by Agatha Christie

We will meet in the Forum Room

September 14 at 2 pm; join us for an engaging discussion.

Chair Yoga with Alberta
Every Tuesday
@ 11 am
by donation

Drum Circle
will meet the 2nd
Monday of the month
from 7-8 pm
Next meeting is
September 8.

Our meditation group
meets every Wednesday
at 7 pm

The next UUFJC Board
Meeting will be held on
September 14, 2025, after
the service. All are welcome
to attend.

If you are NOT receiving emails that contain information,
newsletters & bulletins about the fellowship and would
like to, please let Mary Jo LaCorte, fellowship
administrator, know @ uufjc1@gmail.com.

At one of our early meetings with Rev Tom Bozeman, the subject of **opportunities for UUFJC members and friends to talk about their personal spiritual journey**. Tom recommended a book by John Buerhens and Rebecca Ann Parker entitled, “A House for Hope” and the use of a study guide available at the UUA bookstore.

Our fellowship now owns two copies of the book that may be borrowed. It’s also available for purchase on the UUA website and as a Kindle e-book.

Here is an excerpt from the book: “Hope is rising. The political tide in the US has turned, and people across the country who have been working for years for social change and justice finally feel as though they aren’t struggling alone. Yet for those who ground their social activism in progressive religious belief, it is all too easy to feel spiritually divided and isolated, daunted by the apparent dominance of religious fundamentalists in the media and politics. The impact of liberal religion is richer and more far —reaching than many know— a force for good that has inspired and supported two centuries of American social progress, from the abolition of slavery and the securing of women’s rights, to the present day struggles of marriage equality, ecological responsibility, and global peace. In order to sustain our spirits and advance positive social change, progressive people need to claim the transforming power of our theological heritage.

Authored by two leading progressive theologians, “A House for Hope” affirms that the shared hopes of religious progressives from many traditions can create a movement far stronger than fundamentalism: a liberal religious renaissance. Yet for it to flourish, progressive people must rediscover the spiritual sustenance available in the theological house our liberal forebears built, and embrace what our tradition truly holds sacred, as well as understanding what it rejects.

In lively and engaging language, A House for Hope suggests that liberal religious commitment is based on expansive love for life rather than adherence to narrow dogma. With chapters that reveal the political and personal relevance of the enduring questions at the heart of this theology, A House for Hope shows how religious liberals have countered fundamentalists for generations, and provides progressives with not only a theological but also a spiritual foundation for the challenges of the twenty-first century.

UU Women's Connection
Winter Retreat
February 27-March 1, 2026

This year's retreat will be held at the spacious Toddhall Retreat Center near Columbia, IL and very close to St. Louis, Missouri! We'll make it another spa weekend, with meals prepared by the retreat center. Go to uuwomensconnection.org for more information.

Caring Committee

Contact Mary Jo LaCorte at: uufjc1@gmail.com for assistance

For more events, see our online calendars:

[UUFJC Events](#)

[Community Events](#)

[Virtual Gatherings.](#)

[Religious Education](#)

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

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

[Affiliated Events](#)

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