



August 23, 2025

Dear Friends,

Let's have a "get-together" on Friday, September 18, starting at 6:30 pm. If you feel like bringing something to eat or drink, please do. As the membership committee chair, on this first gathering we will make it a "really get to know you" event. If you want to bring a puzzle or a game to play, please do. I may make up a "getting to know you game". We can sit around and play the game, snack and drink our favorite beverages. All are welcome!

**This week's forum:** Suzanne Luther will tell about her work on the school board.

**Next week's forum:** Mike Downey, general Manager at KJLU, Lincoln University's radio station.

**Sermon** - When Will You Have Enough? by Rev. David Schwartz  
Pokemon Go, Japanese Buddhist hells, 1980s advertising, and the poet Wendell Berry offer answers to the question of how much is enough.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOiwDLrtKUo&t=2171s>

**UU Moment** - Unitarianism in 5 minutes, with Rev. Sean Neil-Barron

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

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

### **Lunch After Services**

Please join us for lunch after the service. This weeks lunch will be at Colton's.

### **This Week's Joys & 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>

\*\*Rita Dockery - shares the joy of friendship & compassion for Alberta & Tim Mobley who went with me to my cancer doctor's appointment last week. She feels blessed & grateful for them.

*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 September Intergenerational Classical Book Study is:

***And Then There Were None***

by Agatha Christie.

We will meet in the Forum Room September 14 at 2pm; join us for an engaging discussion.

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](mailto:uufjc1@gmail.com).

**Caring Committee**

**Contact Mary Jo LaCorte at: [uufjc1@gmail.com](mailto:uufjc1@gmail.com) for assistance.**

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.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE JOURNEY**

To ensure that we maintain a Social Justice journey that represents our fellowship, I have written a mission statement and goals.

**MISSION:** We believe in justice, equity and compassion in human relations. We put this into action through social justice work in our communities and the wider world.

**Goal:** To a community and world with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

To catch us all up-to-date, I will summarize our work from the past, to the present and future.

**Past:** Our first social justice activity, was to be present us on the Capital grounds for No Kings day. There was a large group to attend from our fellowship as well as around our state. We had a table and tent at the capital grounds. This was very successful and we had many people coming to learn about our fellowship and how UUFJC stands regarding social justice.

Next, we had a table and representation in the Capital rotunda for the John Lewis memorial. John Lewis was a strong social justice man. He began his work with Martin Luther King and march alongside him across the Edmund Pettis Bridge. During that memorial service of good trouble, we were interviewed by channel 8 in Columbia and represented on the nightly news there. Many people came by our table to look at our information, including our pins and other items.

A special thank you to Mary Jo and Josh for creating our stellar banners.

**Present:** With the help of our religious educator, Samantha Porter, our children made packages for the homeless. Today I filled in for Bob Antweiler and delivered the packages along with the Salvation Army meal. I think it's great when young people learn from an early age about social justice.

**Future:** When I accepted this position for social justice chairperson, I had no idea of what was lying ahead. It seems that social justice is needed now more than ever in our country. I have been swamped with emails from social justice groups around Missouri wanting our support. I am making every effort to not knowingly buy into political controversy. There is one group that I am particularly interested in. It is called Respect Missouri Voters. Missouri voters voted for paid sick leave, reproductive freedom, and healthcare. Now that these are being possibly overturned during our next election, Missouri hospitals and clinics are closing and physicians are leaving. To keep these items on the next ballot, petitions will need to be signed. The number of signatures will range from 266,827 to 330,000. I am hoping to go to Springfield this next Thursday's for training on petitions. I know that we are going to need a notary public so if you are a notary or would like to become one, please let me know.

Now for some fun. I am hoping to purchase a photo album that will follow the social justice committees work from the beginning to current. If you took pictures during any of these events, I would love it if you would share some with me for the photo album. And thank you Katherine for the Earth Banner and Side With LOVE shirts. Than you also for the Peace poster from Betty.

You guys ROCK!!

Joan

**Blessings Always,**  
*Mary Jo LaCorte*  
**Administrator**

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](#)

**UUFJC now has Venmo!**

**You can now make a payment through our Venmo app**



## **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](http://uuwomensconnection.org) for more information.