

November 15, 2025

Dear Friends,

We are still collecting non-perishable food at the Fellowship this week so bring what you can spare. The food will be taken to those in need on Tuesday so if you can help transport, be at the Fellowship at 10 am.

Thinking about becoming a UU Fellowship Member but didn't know where to begin? It's easy! Just let one of your board members know and we will walk you through the process.

This week's forum: Nick Rackers "Free Rotary Youth Leadership Training."

Next week's forum: Rachel Senzee, Neighborhood Services Manager for the City of Jefferson. She administers Community Development Block Grants.

This week's Sermon- Subversive Gratitude by Rev. Sasha Ostrom
This Sunday, we'll explore how gratitude can be a radical, restorative force in a broken world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UI-6stmgLal&t=2681s>

UU Moment - How do covenants work? by Rev. Douglas Taylor

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_jKDMXx-QQo&t=5s

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

Our **Social Justice Committee** has spent much effort on current national and state issues. But at this time, we have a country of people who for the first time are accessing our food pantries. Also, there is a decrease in federal funding for food. It is "a perfect storm".

Therefore, we are having a food drive to last until Sunday, 11/16. We will need drivers to transport the food, and Carol Bontempo has volunteered.

Although our focus now is on Thanksgiving items, any non perishable food is welcome.

Joan Kurtzeborn

Sunday, November 23

Bread Communion

In bread communion, people bring different kinds of bread to share. Some bring breads that are part of their cultural heritage, like pita bread from the Middle East, or Irish soda bread.

Breads around the world are very different, but every civilization that has ever lived on the earth has made some type of bread. This communion reminds us that we all need food to live, that we must share our one earth which feeds us all. It also reminds us to share our unique gifts with one another, so all can be fed.

So if you have a bread that's special to your family/heritage, plan to bring some to share on November 23rd.

It can be homemade or store bought. Or, if you just have a favorite style of bread you would like to share, bring that. Interpret "bread" as loosely as you would like.

We'll have toppings such as butter, honey and jam available but feel free to bring anything that you especially like with your bread. We also traditionally serve apple cider with the bread so that will be available as well.

Lunch After Services- Please join us for lunch after the service. This weeks lunch will be at Mel'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>

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.

Drum Circle
will meet the 2nd
Monday of the month
from 7-8 pm
Next meeting is
December 15.

Caring Committee

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

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.

C.U.P.P.S.
Covenant of UU Pagans
Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month
@ the Fellowship
Contact Kurt Groner for more information
573-636-0648

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