

October 25, 2025

Dear Friends,

A special thanks to Mark Johnson for his work on beautifying our Fellowship with plants and a pumpkin out front. He's also been working on getting rid of the weeds! [Thank you so much Mark!!](#)

**This week's forum:** Michelle Brooks, local author will discuss the history of the Emancipation Proclamation.

**Next week's forum:** Betty Cooper will explore the fall/winter UU World magazine. Bring your copy if you have one.

**This week's Sermon-** "Begrudging Journey to Compassion: Confessions of a Recalcitrant Pastor" by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

I knew directly after the election when some folks were talking about building bridges and understanding the other side that strategically and spiritually this was the right way to go—or would be. I also knew I couldn't go there in that moment. But right now, compassion and a different kind of role for us as people of faith feel like, maybe, our only hope. And a powerful invitation to lead.

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=Begrudging+Journey+to+Compassion%3A+Confessions+of+a+Recalcitrant+Pastor](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Begrudging+Journey+to+Compassion%3A+Confessions+of+a+Recalcitrant+Pastor)

**UU Moment** - Living Our Values: Compassion and Equity

- by Jessica Dunn Safonof. [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=Living+Our+Values%3A+Compassion+and+Equity](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Living+Our+Values%3A+Compassion+and+Equity)

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

**Lunch After Services**- Please join us for lunch after the service. This weeks lunch will be at I Hop.



## **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>

\*\*Katherine Connelly shares that her brother, Richard Hanson fell and fractured his hip, had surgery and was then transferred to Heisinger West for in-patient physical therapy.

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.

### Caring Committee

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

Blessings Always,  
*Mary Jo LaCorte*  
Administrator

For more events, see our online calendars:

[UUFJC Events](#)  
[Community Events](#)

[Building Use \(other\)](#)  
[And visit us online at http://uufjc.org/](http://uufjc.org/)



HALLOWEEN  
HAPPENING!

**Join us for fellowship  
& fun**

**Friday, October 31, 6:30 pm**

**Serving chilling chili!  
Bring your favorite side**

[Virtual Gatherings.](#)

[Affiliated Events](#)

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

[Religious Education](#)

The UUFJC meditation  
group meets every  
Wednesday at 7 pm

Drum Circle  
will meet the 2nd  
Monday of the month  
from 7-8 pm  
Next meeting is  
November 10.

Chair Yoga with Alberta  
Every Tuesday  
@ 11 am  
by donation

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).

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



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