



September 19, 2025

Dear Friends,

What a beautiful celebration during our Water Communion last Sunday! Thank you Katherine, Lisa & Leslie and thanks to all that contributed. Looking forward to more celebrations to come.

I'm sending this out a day early as we have lots going on. Tonight is the very informal "get-together" beginning at 6:30 pm. Bring yourself, friends, partners or spouses and visit, play games, have fun! Tomorrow is another event at the Capital hosted by United We Stand Missouri. We will have table representation so wear your yellow LOVE t-shirts.

**This week's forum:** Our own, Betty Cooper, will speak on International Day of Peace; discussion will focus on the meaning and significance of that day.

**Next week's forum:** Darius Watson will speak on "National Politics, a long-term perspective."

**This week's Sermon-** The Future of Nostalgia by Rev. David Schwarz

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uR5m\\_9SJ-KM&t=1804s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uR5m_9SJ-KM&t=1804s)

UU Moment - Sunshine by Rev. David Schwarz

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**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 Panera Bread.

### **This Week's Joys & Concerns:**

\*\*Rita Dockery shares that her surgery went well on September 8, No additional cancer was found. Thanks to Carol & Mary Jo for food, etc. and to all who texted & phoned. So much love and joy! Blessings to all!

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.

### A message from Jefferson City Interfaith Climate Alliance

Friends

We have communicated with Senator Mike Bernskoetter about coming to our next meeting and having a dialogue about his bill on invasive plant species and hopefully other environmental issues. We are not intending to challenge him on specific issues as much as to use his wisdom to know how we might approach the legislators on these issues. Join us for the conversation. It will be on October 2nd at 6:30 in the St Ann Room at IC parish. Watch for signs but just go in the east side door of the church. Core Committee.

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).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

This past Wednesday, a large group of 5000+ protesters showed up at the Capital. Governor Mike Kehoe received a request from President Trump to change the gerrymandering of our state. One of the areas affected most, seems to be the Kansas City area. Bus loads of those citizens showed up on Wednesday to protest the change. This protest was held by RESPECT MISSOURI VOTERS.

This coming Saturday, September 20, there will be another protest at the capital and this will be hosted by WE STAND UNITED MISSOURI. I have reserved a spot on the Capital grounds for our table to represent the Unitarian Universalists Fellowship of Jefferson City. So wear your "I stand with love" shirt and join the rally. I was informed that all spots for the rally have been reserved.

This may be a little discombobulated, but I have spent most of the week in Springfield, Missouri welcoming the arrival of our new great grandson.

In love and peace  
Joan

Join the UUFJC  
meditation group every  
Wednesday at 7 pm

## **Book Club**

The October Intergenerational Classical Book Study is:

***Frankenstein***

by Mary Shelley

We will meet in the Forum Room

October 12 at 2 pm; join us for an engaging discussion.

The next UUFJC Board Meeting will be held on October 19, 2025, after the service. All are welcome to attend.

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  
October 13.

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](#)  
[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.

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.