

December 6, 2025

Dear Friends,

In this season of giving, receiving, hustle and bustle, freezing cold mornings and long dark nights, please remember to rest well, eat well and take care of you and your needs.

**This week's forum:** Dr Gary Kowaluk, Lincoln University, "A history of prisons and punishment."

**Next week's forum:** Cody Cox, Coyote Hill Foster Care Ministries.

**This week's Sermon-**"Generosity and Hope" by Reverend Tracie Barrett, November 17, 2024

This sermon explores the deep connection between generosity and hope—how they sustain and empower one another. Through acts of giving, kindness, and compassion, we create ripples of change, fostering a more just and loving world. How can we cultivate generosity in our daily lives? And how does hope keep us moving forward even in difficult times?

Rev. Dr. Tracie Barrett lives in Orlando, Florida, with her husband and three cats. She considers herself a UU Evangelist, sharing the good news about our liberal and liberating faith. She graduated with her M.Div. from Meadville Lombard Theological School in 2017 and was ordained into the ministry that same year. She received her Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH, in 2024, and her thesis, *Why Relationship Matters: Covenant, Discipleship, and Congregational Accountability in Unitarian Universalism*, was published that same year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPO9lfI8ad0>

**UU Moment** - Religious & Spiritual Life for Unitarian Universalists by chasethesnake.

D. Chase W. is originally from a small town in Alabama and joined the military in 2019. In 2023, they were honorably discharged from the military and have been pursuing music full-time since. They grew up in a religious environment and became fascinated with spirituality, religion, and philosophy at a very young age.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8\\_CA\\_2ZFB4Q&t=304s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_CA_2ZFB4Q&t=304s)

Join us on Sunday,  
December 21  
For a special  
Winter Solstice  
Service



Pot Luck  
To follow!

Our social action committee will be collecting food donations for the Salvation Army. Please bring what you can to put in the bins inside the Fellowship.

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

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

The UUFJC meditation group meets every Wednesday at 7 pm

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

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).

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

Chair Yoga with Alberta  
Every Tuesday  
@ 11 am  
by donation

All members are welcome to attend our board meetings.  
The next meeting will be on December 28 after the service.

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