

February 21, 2026

Friends,

I loved those glimpses of spring this week, but we're back to winter it seems. I also love knowing that more warmth is not far away.

This week's forum: Dr Christine Boston, Forensic Anthropology

Next week's forum: -Michelle Brooks - "Historical Hotels in the City of Jefferson"

This week's Sermon - "How I Find God" by Rev. Tim Kutzmark
February 15, 2026: Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno

Tim was a recipient of a 2020 "Way of Peace" Award from the Fresno Center for Nonviolence for his work coordinating a series of Friday night vigils for "Allies of the Black Lives Matter Movement" in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. He is a certified instructor of Kundalini Yoga, teaches several different forms of meditation and spiritual practice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY7yq45Xlls>

This week's UU Moment -Question about Rev Jo wearing a clerical collar, By Rev. Joanna Fontaine Crawford

Rev. Joanna Fontaine Crawford has been the lead minister of Live Oak since August 2014, after serving at the multi-site First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston. A born and raised Unitarian Universalist, Rev. Joanna grew up in Spring, TX, attending the University of Texas at Austin and having a career in marketing before getting "the call" and attending seminary.

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

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

Dear UUFJC Members and Friends,

We have scheduled our annual Election of Officers for March 22, and our congregation's Annual Business Meeting for May 31, both during our normal service time. Although they may seem mundane, these are both opportunities for all of our members to learn about and be involved in issues facing our Fellowship. Members can even raise issues for discussion that they feel are important. However, the biggest item, as always, will be the introduction, discussion, and approval of the next year's budget.

I mention this not just for its own sake, but because according to UUFJC's by-laws, only members in good standing who have been such for at least 70 days may cast votes in either the Election of Officers or the Annual Meeting. Clearly it is already less than 70 days until March 22, but it happens that it is 70 days from March 22 to May 31. It does seem that we have several friends and visitors who have been attending somewhat regularly and participating in the life of the congregation, but have not yet officially become members. Joining is a very personal decision based on one's stage of spiritual growth and comfort level with the fellowship as a spiritual community, but I hope that anyone considering joining will also consider the opportunity, and responsibility, that full voting participation affords. In the past, I know that some have hesitated to officially join because our congregational dues to UUA were based on membership numbers, and joining would only increase them. This is no longer the case. Our UUA dues are now calculated based on certain portions of our budget, and are unaffected by small fluctuations in our membership.

If you are interested, becoming a member is simple. Just speak to a Board member expressing your wish to become a member. They will arrange for you to sign our membership book. This can be done publicly, during a service, but if this is not what you wish, it is absolutely not necessary. You will also need to speak to our Treasurer, Bob Antweiler, to discuss a pledge plan.

I have been very pleased to see so many newcomers at UUFJC recently, and I look forward to seeing more of you and your contributions in the future, whether as Members or Friends.

Rich Burdge
UUFJC Board President

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March 28th

12-2pm



50 State Nationwide Protest

Lunch After Services- Please join us for lunch after the service this week at Oscar'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.

Caring Committee

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

Yoga every
Tuesday @ 11 am

Meditation Group
Meets
Every Wednesday
7 pm

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

Drum Circle
will meet the 2nd
Monday of the
month from 7-8 pm
Next meeting is
March 9.

Intergenerational Book Club
The Satanic Verses
by Salman Rushdie

Join us for stimulating conversation

March 8, 2026 at 2 pm

Blessings Always,

Mary Jo LaCorte
UUFJC Administrator

For more events, see our online calendars:

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[Community Events](#)

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[Building Use \(other\)](#)

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