

## **UUFJC Weekly News - April 18, 2026**

There will be a board meeting today after the service. All are welcome to attend.

**This week's forum:** - Betty Cooper, Earth Day & Arbor Day

**Next week's forum:** - Dr Gabriel Delong, licensed psychologist.  
"Communication Skills"

**This week's Sermon** - The Risks of Possibility, Rev. Steve Sieck  
First Unitarian Church of Des Moines, Sunday Service April 12th, 2026  
Sometimes difficult experiences in life teach us to be cautious of embracing possibilities.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_CxQlxGdHI8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_CxQlxGdHI8)

**This week's UU Moment** - "Ordinary Days", Rev. Vanessa Rush  
Southern, First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco (August 14, 2022)  
Life is made up of ordinary days. And they are often some of the best days we have. A sermon musing on the ordinariness of a sweet life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMONCq0Q6gw>

**Children attending** in-person are welcome to join RE Instructor Dr Samantha Porter for a lesson during the service hour. April's Theme: Embracing Possibility.

**Lunch After Services-** Please join us for lunch after the service this week at Prison Brews.

### **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.

Intergenerational Book Club's  
Next read  
***The Brother's Karamazov***  
Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Book discussion on  
June 14, 2026 at 2 pm

Meditation Group  
Meets  
Every Wednesday  
7 pm

Chair Yoga  
Tuesdays - 11 AM  
By Donation

C.U.U.P.S.  
Covenant of UU Pagans  
Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the  
month  
@ the Fellowship  
Contact Kurt Groner for more  
information  
573-469-8240

Drum Circle  
will meet the 2nd  
Monday of the  
month from 7-8 pm  
Next meeting is  
May 11.

## VUFJC Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 31

\*\*We will be voting to change our Affirmation of Covenant from  
Love is the doctrine of this (Church)  
To  
Love is the doctrine of this Community

## **Litter Pickup**

Saturday, April 18, 2026,  
9 AM @ Parking Lot of Freshwater Church  
2500 Tanner Bridge Place  
Bring gloves & sun hat

Please contact Barb Koenig if you plan to attend @  
[bkoenig21905waltz@yahoo.com](mailto:bkoenig21905waltz@yahoo.com)

Or  
573-662-9837  
(Weather makeup 4/25/26)

### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

1. I was able to touch base with the Salvation Army this week. They have received news that the renovation of the dining room and kitchen will be completed in June. Until that time, they are only feeding the residents. Please let me know if you are interested in joining our Salvation Army team. We will have a short meeting after the service on Sunday in the kitchen to discuss doing something a little different this month.

2. We Stand United Missouri is celebrating Mayday on Friday, May 1, at Memorial Park from 4-9 pm. There will be music, food, and games. They hope to shine a light on worker's rights, including fair pay and paid leave.

We were asked to set up a table; I declined, but asked them to keep us on the list and to notify us in the future. We can still attend and support this effort.

For many years, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship had a table at summertime events to help adults with registering to vote and providing things for children as these are often family events. Juneteenth might be a good one for us to participate in.

If you have any talents like making balloon animals, face painting, etc., please let me know. Children's books are also appreciated.

THANK YOU for supporting the Social Action Committee.

WITH PEACE,  
JOAN

Caring Committee

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

Happiness, Love & Light,

*Mary Jo LaCorte*  
UUFJC Administrator

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[Community Events](#)

[Virtual Gatherings.](#)

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

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