

UUFJC Weekly News

July 11, 2026

This week's forum: The Rev Chelsey Hillyer, First United Methodist Church

Next week's forum: Tammy Chute, Scholastic, "Opportunities for the Underserved."

Sermon - Becoming What We Believe, Intern Minister: Liesl Dees.

A religious life is not only about what we believe, but what we practice. We'll reflect on the sacred work of living our faith beyond Sunday morning—shaping lives rooted in love, justice, and compassion. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley July 5, 2026

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wdLqRKjM8g>

UU Moment- The American Creation Myth, Rev. David Schwartz
Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, In July of 2026, at the 250th birthday of America, we share this excerpt from a 2022 sermon on retelling the creation myth of our country: The essence of our national dream is not that we are or have ever been wholly a land of liberty, opportunity, and equality, but that we are working towards a destination we may not reach. Our aspirations to opportunity, freedom, and equality are no less real or worthwhile for our inability fully to realize them. The past wasn't failure, it was incomplete. And the present isn't failure either, it's just incomplete, too.

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

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

"Make your own Bible. Select and collect all the words and sentences that in all your readings have been to you like the blast of a trumpet."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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>

***Carol Bontempo is now at Jefferson City Manor. We continue to keep her in our thoughts for recovery.

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.

Our part-time minister, Rev Tom Bozeman, will be with us again from Sunday, July 26 - Sunday, August 2. He will have a workshop for the entire congregation on Saturday, August 1, from 9-1 pm. All are welcome to attend this workshop. He will also be available for 1 on 1 discussion by appointment.

Pot Luck to follow the service on July 26!!

Meditation Group
Meets
Every Wednesday
7 pm

Drum Circle
will meet the 2nd
Monday of the
month from 7-8 pm
Next meeting is
July 13.

Chair Yoga
Tuesdays - 11 AM
By Donation

Intergenerational Book Club's
Next read

Look Who's Back
By Timur Vermes
Book discussion on
July 12, 2026 at 2 pm

SALVATION ARMY UPDATE

The renovations continue and the dining room and kitchen are not yet complete. Therefore, we will continue to serve 15 dinners on our scheduled fourth Friday of this month.

The Salvation Army is having a summer fundraiser. One of the fundraisers involves ringing the Red Kettle Bell. Dates and times are available on their website. I have volunteered to work for one hour from 11am till noon at the Stadium Blvd Walmart. Please join me or sign up to help. Wear your Side With Love shirt!!

** their web site states they have been open to serve our community for 365 days a year for 29 years. When the renovation is complete, before winter, the number of beds available will increase from 31 to 62.

Submitted in the spirit of peace

Joan

Our Fellowship children will be making treat bags for animals in the shelter. If you are able, please bring in some treats for cats or dogs during the month of July to help the children with this project.

We Stand United Missouri invites you to join us for the Good Trouble Lives On rally at the Missouri State Capitol on Saturday, July 18.

The rally begins at 10:00 AM, followed by a march at 10:45 AM.

Featured speakers include:

—Jess Piper
—W.T. Edmonson
—Tony Michaels

This event is an opportunity to honor the legacy of John Lewis and stand together for civil rights, voting rights, and democracy. We would be grateful if you would share the event with your members and encourage them to attend.

More details can be found here: <https://we-stand-united.org/events>

Thank you for helping spread the word. We hope to see you at the Capitol on the 18th!

Sincerely,
Marcia Reed
We Stand United Missouri

Our next UUFJC Board meeting will be on Sunday, July 19 after the service. All are welcome to attend.

Caring Committee - please contact Mary Jo LaCorte by email at uufjc1@gmail.com or text to 573-680-9853.

With Happiness, Love & Light,

Mary Jo LaCorte
UUFJC Administrator

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