

UUFJC August 29, 2026 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

As we put August to rest and delve into September and a new season, look forward each day as a new beginning. We start to imagine cooler temperatures, fall leaves, pumpkins, colorful mums and all that the season of autumn brings. Happy Fall to all!

This week's forum: Dr Egidio Chaimite, Fulbright Scholar
"Mozambique political science".

Next week's forum: Michelle Brooks, "The historic dedication ceremony of the Missouri capitol."

This week's Sermon: Direct Experience of Transcending Mystery and Wonder, Presented by Rev. Carol Bodeau, August 2nd, 2026

In an older version of our denominational bylaws, UUs identified a number of 'sources' of inspiration for our tradition. One of these was "direct experiences of transcending mystery and wonder." Many UU's experience mystical moments that are central to their spiritual journeys, so today we consider the place of mysticism in our living tradition.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUbfATo0TGs&list=PLhpRn-VdOsddT5CqBfE-eqLaCHMtkOsl8&index=4>

Children attending in-person are welcome to join RE Instructor Dr Samantha Porter for a lesson during the service hour. August's Theme: Being Mindful, September's Theme: Beginnings.

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

***Please send good wishes to Dabe Berry and Shay Ochoa. Next month they will be heading out of state for a second attempt at major surgery for Dabe. They're hoping for a better outcome than before, and Shay says they're both "pretty nervous".

***Joan Kurtzeborn's husband, John, has returned home after a stroke and rehab at Capital Region Medical Center. We keep them both in our thoughts for his recovery.

***Carol Bontempo was sent back to St Mary's Hospital on Wednesday this week. She was dehydrated and she was sent back to the nursing home on Friday. Please keep her in your thoughts.

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.

If you are interested in signing up for a 5 week session with Rev Tom Bozeman, please see the sign up sheet in the office or talk to a Board Member.

Caring Committee - for assistance, please contact Mary Jo LaCorte by email at uufjc1@gmail.com or text / call at 573-680-9853.

Chair Yoga
Tuesdays @ 11 AM
By donation

Meditation Group
Meets
Every Wednesday
7 pm

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 August to help the children with this project.

They will also be making essential bags for the Salvation Army guests. They could use deodorant, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, bar soaps, etc.

Drum Circle
will meet the 2nd
Monday of the
month from 7-8 pm
Next meeting is
September 14.

Intergenerational Book Club's
Next read

A Clockwork Orange

by Anthony Burgess

Discussion on Sept. 13, at 2 pm

Our next UUFJC Board meeting will be on Sunday, September 20, after the service. All are welcome to attend.

With Happiness, Love & Light,

Mary Jo LaCorte
UUFJC Administrator

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