

UUFJC Newsletter

September 5, 2026

Dear Friends,

Welcome to September! Looking forward to Water Communion on September 13 and cooler temperatures (hopefully!).

Marlene Bricker will be with us again on September 20 to give another sermon.

“No matter how hard the past, you can always begin again.” —*Buddha*

This week's forum - Michelle Brooks, “The historic dedication ceremony of the Missouri capitol”.

Next week's forum - Dr Darius Watson, LU Employment Academy & program initiatives.

Sermon - So IS Unitarian Universalism a Religion? Presented by Rev. Carol Bodeau on 9 Aug, 2026.

A few weeks ago, the Department of Defense dropped 180 faiths from its list of recognized religions, consolidating them into the two broader categories of "other religion" and "no religion." Unitarian Universalism was one of the traditions that was cut, so which of these new categories do we fit into? Are we an "other" religion or "no" religion at all? This is something UUs don't necessarily agree on, so let's consider both possibilities, and what they might mean for us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GL1hnaFNEY4&t=1130s>

Religious Education, 10:30 am - Children attending are welcome to join RE instructor Dr Samantha Porter for a lesson during the service hour. This month's theme is Beginnings.

Sunday, September 13, we will be celebrating with Water Communion. If you wish, bring water from a place that is special to you. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources. The water could be from anywhere; a place you've visited, or from your tap at home.

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 keep the following friends in your thoughts:

****Dabe Berry and Shay Ochoa:** they are headed out of state for a second attempt at major surgery for Dabe.

****John and Joan Kurtzeborn:** John is now recovering at home.

****Carol Bontempo:** as she recovers at Jefferson City Manor.

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

Intergenerational Book Club's
Next read

A Clockwork Orange

by Anthony Burgess

Discussion on Sept. 13, at 2 pm

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

CUUPS Meeting

@ the fellowship

Tuesday, September 15 @ 6:00 pm

**Contact Kurt Groner for info @
573-469-8240**

**Meditation Group
Meets**

**Every Wednesday
7 pm**

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**

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

Wishing you happiness, love & light,

Mary Jo LaCorte
Administrator