



# The Searchlight

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## June Worship

**Sunday, June 3**  
**10 a.m. at riverside**  
**10:30 a.m. at church**

**“Down by the Riverside”**

**Peter Holmes & Green Sanctuary Team**

We’re taking church outdoors! Our main worship service on June 3 will be at 10 a.m. down by the riverside at Katfish Katy’s campground on the Katy Trail in Huntsdale. *For details and directions to the campground, see the article on page 4.* Those who cannot or would prefer not join us at the campground can hear the same worship content at the church at 10:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the main worship service will be moved to the church.

**Sunday, June 10 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson**

Join one of UUCC’s favorite guest preachers for a rousing and thought-provoking service. The Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson is pastor of Dawson Journeys Ministry and is a teacher of philosophy and religion at several area colleges.

**Sunday, June 17 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**“We Are Always, and Never, Enough”**  
**Rev. Molly Housh Gordon**

Join us for Rev. Molly’s return to the pulpit after her parental leave to explore our place in solitude and in community.

**Sunday, June 24**  
**Special Time – 9 a.m.**

**“Live from General Assembly”**

More than 3,000 UUs from all around the country will worship together at 9 a.m. June 24 just down I-70 in Kansas City at the annual UUA General Assembly. A strong delegation of our congregation will be there, and you can join them virtually as we will be live-streaming the service at UUCC. *Please note the service is at 9 a.m.* If you are interested in making the journey for G.A. Sunday morning worship in person, you can find more information at [UUA.org/ga](http://UUA.org/ga).

## Faith-to-Action nominations requested for 2018-2019

The UUCC Social Action Team is requesting nominations for Faith-to-Action Collection recipients for the 2018-2019 church year. The team is **accepting nominations immediately** and will review applications over the summer.

Nominations can be made on the UUCC website at <https://uuchurch.net/faith-to-action-nomination/> or on a paper form available as a PDF on the same web page or from the church administrator. If the paper form is used, put the completed form in the Social Action Team mailbox at the church or mail it to Social Action Team, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd., Columbia, MO 65201.

**Selection Criteria:** Nominees may be local, regional, national, or international organizations, programs or agencies that align with our church mission and vision. Preference will be given to local or regional efforts with which our congregation has an ongoing working relationship. For non-local efforts, preference will be given to those with an established connection to the UUA, UUSC or a regional UU ministry.

## Festival of Sharing planning begins

Our Festival of Sharing Team is beginning to plan for our church’s 2018 Festival of Sharing activities. This year 30 different denominations in Missouri are participating.

The team’s goal is to promote projects and programs that can make a difference in the lives of people in need. The Festival of Sharing booklet available in the Greeting Area provides information about 25 different projects you may enjoy participating in.

The team began meeting to plan activities on May 27. Future meetings generally will be held after the worship service and will be announced in advance. For more information, or if you need a ride, call coordinator Marian Hjelmfelt at 573-449-5118 or 573-999-2265 or email her at [hjelmfeltm@yahoo.com](mailto:hjelmfeltm@yahoo.com).

Read more at <https://uuchurch.net/festival-of-sharing/>.

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## President's Perspective

# *Thank you for the privilege of serving*

by Todd Iveson, 2017-18 President

This will be my last newsletter column as president. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve our congregation in this capacity and to share some of my thoughts about us in these articles. I will miss this but am excited to pass the baton to President-Elect Barbara Rupp, who I am confident will be a wonderful president.

In this final message, I want to encourage all of us to seek out ways we can each fulfill our ministries through service in this church. Many say that you get out of any endeavor what you put into it. I believe from my own experience that this is particularly true for participation in this congregation.

It is okay to be a religious consumer, dropping in on Sunday mornings for worship and youth religious education but with little other involvement in church life. We are here for you and welcome you when you grace our door. But I believe you are missing out on so much more that we have to offer you.

Through the many opportunities I have had to serve over the years, I have developed an understanding of the multitude of ways in which we serve our congregation and our community. I also have a much greater appreciation of the contributions each of you makes that help make this all possible. As a result, I

can also appreciate how my small contributions combine with all of yours. I am very proud of what we do together.

I want to put in a specific plug for service on our Board of Trustees. I believe firmly that our board and congregation are best served by having as diverse a board as possible, including age, race, gender, physical ability, theology and skills. There is no single "ideal" board member. If you are willing to listen, ask questions and speak out, you are a good candidate for the board. It is a job, but being on the board is the best way to learn about the many facets that make up UUC. You won't regret it if you choose to serve.

Thank you all for the privilege of serving as your president. In particular, I want to thank my fellow board members who have been so forgiving of my many shortcomings – Jenny, Sam, Patty, Peter, Mark, Gretchen, Mindy and Barbara – and also our wonderful staff members, who keep it all going for the rest of us – Rev. Molly, Kathie (we'll miss you!), Jamila, Marques, Arun and April.

P.S. This isn't goodbye. I still have another year on the board and plan to remain active in our congregation for many years to come. See you all around!

## Forum – June 2018

9 a.m. Sundays

*The UU Forum, an adult discussion group open to the public, meets on Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m. Conversation and light refreshments are offered along with the discussion. Forum coordinator: Bill Clark, 573-474-4510.*

**June 3** – Heather Carver, chair of the MU Theater Department, will outline the performance schedule for summer repertory and the coming 2018-19 season.

**June 10** – David Webber will join us to discuss a timely topic – to be announced.

**June 17** – Wayne Anderson will present a bit of World War II history you probably don't know.

**June 24** – Edge Wade, one of the nation's premier birders, will discuss her journey to log her 800<sup>th</sup> species in North America.

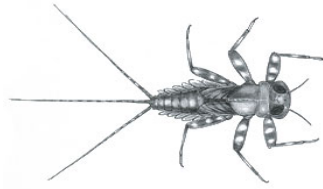
***Want to learn how  
to put up a tent?***

**Green Sanctuary  
Camping Skills Class**

**June 9  
10 to 11:30 a.m.**

**At the church  
All ages welcome**

# UUCC Stream Team



## Come and join the Stream Team in monitoring the health of Hinkson Creek

**June 16 – 1:30 p.m.  
Meet at the church**

We will be catching and counting macro-invertebrates (like the mayfly above) that live in the creek. We will also be measuring stream flow, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, nitrate content, pH level, conductivity and turbidity.

All ages are welcome to come and do some serious but enjoyable messing around in a creek together and to discover what lives there. Wear shoes that allow you to wade in the creek

If you have questions, contact Peter Holmes at 573-239-7789 or [pfolmes63@gmail.com](mailto:pfolmes63@gmail.com).

## Your Leave Team – [leaveteam@uuchurch.net](mailto:leaveteam@uuchurch.net)

Contact the team for administrative issues during Rev. Molly's parental leave



Jeremy Duke



Allie Gassmann



Jeanne Murphy



Maria Oropallo

### ***Our presence on the web***

Go to <https://uuchurch.net>  
for information on church activities  
and our online  
calendar of events

### **UUCC Mission Statement**

*In the spirit of courageous love,  
we forge a community of radical  
welcome and deep connection  
that moves us together  
to heal the world.*



# Green Sanctuary Team news

***Down by the Riverside – Worship and Potluck – Sunday, June 3***

**Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Team  
At Katfish Katy's on the Missouri River at Huntsdale**

***Worship Service – 10 a.m. • Potluck Brunch – 11 a.m.***

Come enjoy our annual get-together at Katfish Katy's Campground on the Missouri River – a chance to enjoy the company of our church members and friends in a beautiful spot on the banks of the river.

Linda Lou and Robert Brown no longer own Katfish Katy's, but the new owner has given us permission to use our usual site again this year. However, we will only be there on Sunday, not on Saturday.

There will be a portable toilet and picnic tables, but we will have to bring everything else. Please bring food and drinks for the potluck and folding chairs if you want them (we will have some benches). Also bring your own plates, cups and utensils. We will mainly be under the trees, like last year, but a sunhat might be a good idea.

If you have questions, email Peter Holmes ([pfholmes63@gmail.com](mailto:pfholmes63@gmail.com)) or Patty Daus ([pajods@gmail.com](mailto:pajods@gmail.com)).

## **How to Enter Katfish Katy's**

*There are now locked gates limiting access to Katfish Katy's Campground. Here is how to enter into and exit from the campground on June 3:*

When you drive through Huntsdale on Route O and approach the campground, you will see a metal gate directly in front of you that leads to the Station House Restaurant. ***Do not try to go through this gate.***

***Instead***, follow the road to the left (south) and enter by the next gate that leads to the boat ramp. Someone will be waiting between 9:30 and 10 a.m. at that next gate to let you in with a key card. Plan to arrive no later than 9:45 a.m. – this means leaving Columbia by 9:15 a.m. at the latest.

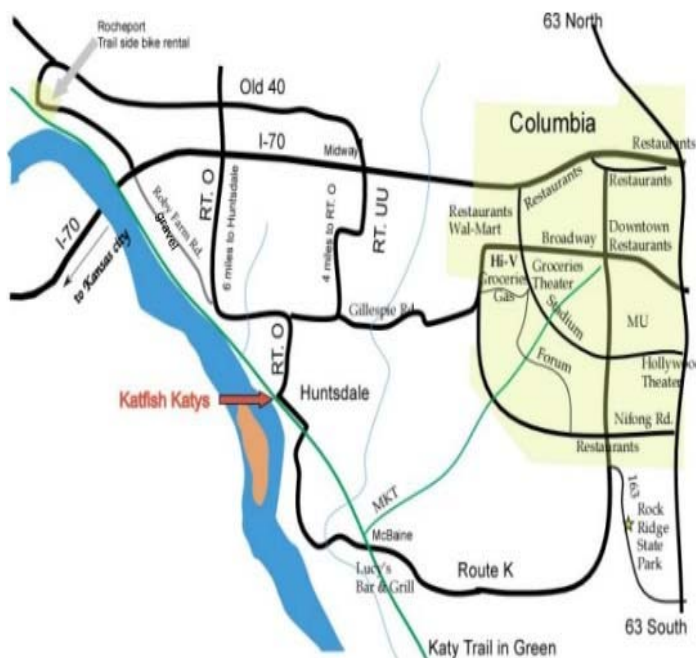
If you arrive later than 10 a.m. and there is no one at the gate, call Patty Daus at 573-529-9691 or Peter Holmes at 573-239-7789.

After going through the gate at the road, drive toward the boat ramp area. You will encounter a second gate that opens automatically for vehicles. After going through this second gate, proceed to the boat ramp area and then follow the road to the right until you reach the point where a road to the left goes over the levee and leads to the picnic/camping area where we will gather.

While the gate at the road requires a key card to enter the campground, it opens automatically for vehicles to exit.

## **Special Instructions for Cyclists**

If you are cycling on the Katy Trail, you will already be inside the gate from the road. You will encounter the gate leading to the boat ramp that opens automatically for vehicles, but it will not open for a bicycle. If no one is there with a key card to open this gate for you, there is a space where you can go around the fence on the left side of the gate.



### **Kaleidoscope Pagan gathering – June 16**

Join Kaleidoscope as the group celebrates the summer Solstice. The longest day and the shortest night are here. The Sun stands in his glory and full strength. Glory with him, this bringer of warmth, light, and hope.

Gather with us at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16 (*changed from the previously announced date of June 23*) at the church. We will join in ritual, followed by a potluck and friendship. All are welcome, no matter what your personal path.

### **Grieving Circle**

If you or someone you know would like to meet in a facilitated grieving circle, or you wish to be in a place where you can freely and safely express your grief, please contact Rev. Molly, Maria Oropallo, Barbara Carter or Greg Bergman.

All of our contact information is in the church directory on our website, or you can email [grieving@uuchurch.net](mailto:grieving@uuchurch.net).

### **For newcomers “Getting to Know UU”**

For those who want to know more about us.

First Sunday of each month in Rev. Molly’s office after the 10:30 a.m. service for about 30 minutes. Child care provided.

### **Conversations, Etc. – June 13**

Conversations, Etc. Women’s Group will meet at noon June 13 at the church. Bring a brown bag lunch and a snack to share if you wish.

If you have questions, call Pam Springsteel at 573-445-0642.

### **UU Book Discussion – June 8**

The UU Book Discussion group will meet at 5 p.m. June 8 at ABC Chinese Cuisine, 3510 I-70 Dr. S.E. Bring a book you have read to discuss briefly.

If you have questions, call Pam Springsteel at 573-445-0642.



### **Mindfulness Meditation**

Join us for Mindfulness Meditation at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the Centering Room or at the Fire Circle.

Meditators of all levels of experience are welcome. This is mainly silent meditation with some instruction, if needed, and with brief selected readings from eminent teachers.

For more information, contact Peter Holmes.

### **UUC provides Loaves and Fishes meal on 3rd Sundays – June 17**

UUC provides the evening meal at Loaves and Fishes on the third Sunday each month.

Please sign up on the church website to prepare food for this meal and/or to help set up, serve, and clean up.

Serving meals at Loaves and Fishes is a project of our Social Action Team.

If you have questions, email Diane Suhler at [drsuhler@ccis.edu](mailto:drsuhler@ccis.edu).

### **Men’s Group**

The UUC Men’s Group meets on the second, fourth, and fifth Saturdays of each month at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. The group is open to all men. There are no fees and no reservations are necessary.

The agenda is an open discussion of whatever is on the minds of those in attendance – and breakfast!

For more information contact Wiley Miller.

### **Hook & Needle Group**

Take a break and join our church’s Hook & Needle Group. Yarn, patterns and tutoring are available. The group meets at the church on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Marian Hjelmfelt at 573-449-5118.

# Reflections

This month, the theme of our church is the importance of making time for solitude in creating a community. I think all of us who have children appreciate the glorious solitude when your child finally lets you use the bathroom alone. It is incredibly important for us parents to find time for solitude, and also for our children. Particularly for those of us who are more introverted, solitude is necessary and important self-care for being part of a family, a church community, and a greater world community. It is important to take time to reconnect with ourselves, to find quiet to hear our inner voice, and to regroup and renew our energy. How can you help your child learn to appreciate solitude?



- Take the whole family to a place of natural beauty or interest, and spread out, each finding a spot alone to draw a picture or record what you see. Come back to share your individual discoveries. Try switching to each others' spots before comparing notes to see what you saw that was the same and what you saw that was different.
- Teach your child about journaling. Remind them that a journal doesn't have to be a record of everything you did in a day. It can be one thing that you are grateful for, or one emotion that you felt. Even a very young child can choose a color that a day felt like and draw with that color in a journal.
- Find time to just lie in the grass in the backyard, or floating on a raft in a pool or wherever you feel peacefully alone.

– Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education

## **Camping skills workshop and Thoreau (3rd-5th grade) campout – June 9 – 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.**

Our Green Sanctuary Team will host two events at UUCU on June 9. At 10 a.m. the team will be teaching a camping skills workshop where we will learn to pitch a tent. This workshop is offered to people of all ages in the church.

At 5 p.m. children of the Thoreau Class and their parents are invited to a campout in the church backyard. Dinner and s'mores will be made on the fire, flashlight games will be played, campfire songs will be sung, and then we will spend the night in tents. Children need to be accompanied by a parent for this event. Please RSVP by June 2 to [dre@uuchurch.net](mailto:dre@uuchurch.net) if you plan to come to the campout.



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and by appointment

**Watch for this in July!**

**Pie and Board Games**  
A monthly event for all ages! Bring your favorite board game, your favorite pie, or both, and join us for a time of fun and fellowship and pie.

**Childcare available upon request**

A stack of board games including Life, Payday, and Yahtzee, next to a pie.

## **June R.E. Schedule 10:30 a.m.**

- **June 3:** Down by the River Intergenerational Service (10 a.m. at riverside, 10:30 a.m. at church)
- **June 10:** First day of summer R.E. classes
- **June 17:** Summer R.E. classes
- **June 24:** Summer R.E. classes



# Reflections cont'd

We have come to the end of our regular R.E. year, and what a year it has been! So many great moments: All of the visits to religious communities in our Neighboring Faiths program; learning about the history and ideas of UUs in Thoreau; so many treks of discovery around the church grounds with Schweitzer; incredible art projects and teddy bear adventures in Potter; storytelling and creativity in Spirit Play; the YRUU youth conference and lay-led service; projects like the bake sale for ArchCity Defenders and our disabilities workshop in Service Sunday; so much zaniness in Junior Youth; our first ever K-2 OWL class. None of this would be possible without our dedicated volunteers. I hope you all know just how much you are loved and appreciated by this community.

## Thank you R.E. Volunteers!

### Spirit Play

Kathie Bergman  
Lisa Fritsche  
Megan Gore  
Corinne Mann  
Tracey Milarsky  
April Rodeghero  
Eva Vlachynsky

### Potter Class

Barbara Carter  
Jennifer Conforti  
Matt Conforti  
Jeremy Duke  
Kevin Fritsche  
Michelle Kelly  
Josh McPherson  
Mindy McPherson  
Michela Skelton

### Schweitzer Class

Jenny Bossaller  
Crystal Buffaloe  
Jack Draper  
Andrew Eick  
James Gordon  
Julie Ladehoff

### Thoreau Class

Kara Braudis  
Jack Draper  
Jeremy Milarsky  
Ruth Milledge  
Connie Ordway  
Maria Oropallo

Sara Shipley Hiles  
Lindsey Smith

### YUUTs

Scott Denson  
Anja Eick  
Anna Lingo  
Paul Litton  
Gretchen Maune  
Becky Scott

Caya Tanski-French

### Service Sunday

Amie Burling  
Tim Dickerson  
Suzanne Griffin  
Leanne Reese  
Gena Scott

### YRUU High School

#### Youth Group

Cortney Bouse  
Joe Collins  
Erica Majumder  
Kinjal Majumder

#### Junior Youth

Patty Daus  
Lisa Fritsche  
Qhyrrae Michaelieu

### K-2nd Grade OWL

Amie Burling  
Pack Matthews

### Summer R.E.

Heather Carver

Jack Draper  
James Gordon  
Anna Lingo  
Melissa McConnell  
Qhyrrae Michaelieu  
Tracey Milarsky

Erin Regneri  
Lindsey Smith  
Amber Sparks

### Nursery Staff

Ben Abernathy  
Ellie Abernathy  
Maya Bell  
Madison Bellamy  
Tricia Carver-Horner  
Eva Ewing  
Naomi Garson  
Leila Gassmann  
Megan Hayday

### Nursery CPR

#### Training

Sarah Smith

### R.E. Team

Amie Burling  
Andrew Eick  
Anja Eick  
Corinne Mann  
Tracey Milarsky  
Becky Scott  
Lindsey Smith

## R.E. Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon Noon June 16

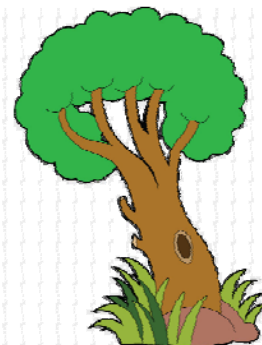


All R.E. Volunteers are invited to a luncheon at noon June 16 to celebrate the year in R.E. Children are welcome and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP by June 9 to [dre@uuchurch.net](mailto:dre@uuchurch.net).

## Summer R.E

The regular R.E. year has ended, but we still have R.E. all summer. We have only one worship service in the summer at 10:30 a.m., and we will have two classes at the same time – one for younger children and one for older children. Both classes will focus on our relationship with the earth and particularly with our own church grounds. We will spend as much time outside as we can.

We need summer R.E. volunteers! Email Jamila Batchelder at [dre@uuchurch.net](mailto:dre@uuchurch.net) if you would like to get involved.



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### **Our Staff**

#### **Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister**

On Parental Leave March 25-June 17, 2018

Office Hours after June 17:

Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. at church

Wednesdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kaldi's Coffee Downtown

By appointment (including evenings and weekends)

Email: [minister@uuchurch.net](mailto:minister@uuchurch.net)

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Email: [music@uuchurch.net](mailto:music@uuchurch.net)

#### **April Rodeghero, Sunday Morning Assistant**

Email: [uuchurch@uuchurch.net](mailto:uuchurch@uuchurch.net)

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