



# The Searchlight

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## February Worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 2**

**“Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is”**

**Rev. Molly Housh Gordon**

Join us for this year’s Stewardship Sunday to explore what “Moving Together” means when it comes to our financial lives. How can we find a deep sense of sufficiency, and how can we use our resources – of money, time, and energy – to show what we care about? Join us also for a beautiful offering from the choir and a musical surprise.

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

**“What Moves You?”**

**Rev. Molly Housh Gordon**

Join us this Sunday to explore all the ways we are called to move together in this moment of upheaval and shifting ground. How are we following our hearts to embody our commitment and show up in movements for justice?

**Sunday, Feb. 16**

**“Let It Be a Dance”**

**Rev. Molly Housh Gordon & Jamila Batchelder, DRE**

We all move in different ways, and our values may guide us in different directions, yet we can create a beautiful complicated dance together when we cooperate. Join us ready to move at this intergenerational service.

**Sunday, Feb. 23**

**“Moving the Center” Pulpit Conversation**

**Rev. Molly Housh Gordon & Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson**

Join us for a special pulpit conversation between our Minister, the Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, and our Sabbatical Minister, the Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson, as they discuss their hopes for the sabbatical period (May 11-Sept. 8). What would it mean for UUCM to move our cultural center away from the assumptions of whiteness? What transformation comes to our communities when we center the leadership of leaders of color?

**2019-2020 worship theme – Living Our Mission:**

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

**February’s theme is:**

## **MOVING TOGETHER**

*“Universalists are often asked to tell where they stand. The only true answer to give to this question is that we do not stand at all, we move. We grow and we march, as all living things forever must do. The main questions with Universalists are not where we stand but which way we are moving, not what positions we defend but which way we are marching.”*

– Rev. Lewis B. Fisher, 1921

Unitarian Universalism is a faith on the move. This is true in the sense that we are always evolving – never content with a static answer or a final destination. It is also true in the sense that we believe our faith must be enacted, made real in the world by what we do. Our mission statement, though, makes a subtle distinction that feels important. When our mission claims that we move together to heal the world, it is not we alone who initiate the movement. Our mission statement reminds us that we *are moved*, prompted by radical welcome and deep connection as the driving force to our action. We are moved, stirred in heart, by our love for others, and it is in that context that we act and evolve.

The metaphor is ripe for our reflections: We move when we grow, we move when we *do something* to live our values, we are moved when our hearts encounter harm to loved ones or delight with loved ones, and we are a part of movements when we join with others to grow and act, guided by the stirrings of our hearts.

Join us in church this month to move and be moved together.

– Rev. Molly

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**Our website address is**

**<https://uucomo.org>**

Visit for information on church activities and our online calendar of events.

Forum  
February 2020  
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, 474-4510.

**Sunday, Feb. 2:** Wende Wagner, Operations Coordinator of the University of Missouri Concert Series, will present a history of the 112 years of the program and an update on the current season.

**Sunday, Feb. 9:** Dr. Julie Plax will present the story of the 18th century French painter, Elisabeth Vigee-Lebrun.

**Sunday, Feb. 16:** Connie Johnmeyer will present "Doors and Other Blessings on the Camino di Santiago," relating the experiences of her second trip to walk through Spain.

**Sunday, Feb. 23:** Vicki Russell, retired publisher of *The Columbia Daily Tribune*, will present an update on the life of former newspaper publishers.

**Adult RE  
Brainstorming Session**

**2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29**

Do you have topics you would love to teach? Or are there things you want to learn more about?

The Adult Religious Education team is hosting a brainstorming day Feb. 29 at the church. We want to create a path for the future of our Adult RE classes and offerings, and we want your input so we know what topics our members would like to teach, share and learn.

Please consider attending, bringing your passions and talents, to build a program that will serve the needs and desires of our congregation.

**February Adult RE Workshop  
Black Hermeneutics, Liberation  
Theology, and Womanism**

**The Rev. Dr. Clanton C. W. Dawson, Jr., Ph.D., Facilitator**

**Sundays, Feb. 9, 16 and 23  
9 to 10 a.m.**

**UUCC Sanctuary**



*Rev. Dr. Dawson writes:*

In Detroit, Mich. in the summer of 2003, various prominent black church leaders convened to discuss the "State of Black America: The State of the Black Church." Participants included Cornel West, Jacklyn Grant, Cain Felder, Noel Jones and James Cone. During a lengthy discussion on various topics, James Cone suggested that the fundamental problem in dealing with the relevant economic, social, and political issues that confront the Black Church is that the Black Church lacks a coherent and relevant theology that is reflective of a church born in struggle. Cone stated, "We must be about the task of constructing a Black Theology that is sensitive to the needs of Black people, and reflective of our understanding of God in the world. Without it, we have no voice."

Seventeen years after the conference, the question of what is the voice of the Black Church looms large. To date no coherent Black Theology has emerged.

Several questions will be discussed:

- In the wake of Eddie Glaude's essay, "The Black Church is Dead," does the Black Church exist in contemporary society?
- What is Black Liberation Theology? Is it the same as first generation Black Liberation Theology, and should we attempt to construct a new Black Theology?
- What are Black Hermeneutics, and how is it necessary to be "sensitive to the needs of Black people, and reflective of our understanding of God in the world"?
- Why do we need a Black Womanist Theology?
- Does a Black Theology impede the quest of transcending race and moving toward an inclusive, pluralistic Church, as well as a multicultural society?

All are invited. No registration is required, and childcare will be provided. We hope to see you for these very instructive sessions on a topic unfamiliar to many of us.

**Mindfulness Meditation**

**9:30 a.m. on Sundays**

Join us for Mindfulness Meditation every Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. We meet in the Centering Room – or the Fire Circle when the weather is good. 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.

# Rev. Molly's Sabbatical Plans

I am very grateful to announce that this summer, at the end of my eighth year of service as minister of our congregation, I will be taking a four-month sabbatical from May 11 (the day after our Flower Communion Service) to Sept. 8 (in time to resume the pulpit for the first Sunday of the church year).

## What is a sabbatical?

Sabbatical is a long tradition in ministry and academia alike, allowing for an extended time of study, reflection, rest, and renewal... all ingredients for effective ministry. In our Unitarian Universalist tradition, sabbatical leave is part of the congregation's covenantal agreement with their minister, who generally earns one month of sabbatical per year of service up to a limit of 6 months.

## What will you be doing with your sabbatical?

I know this opportunity for extended renewal is a rare gift in our American culture of overwork and grind, and I am humbled and grateful for the chance to recharge my batteries in this way. I hope to do a lot of reading to renew my wells of preaching fodder and take on a writing project that is tickling my brain. I plan to return refreshed and full of new ideas and rekindled energy!

## What kind of support will we have during the sabbatical?

The board has been saving for sabbatical coverage since I arrived. As well as our usual robust summer lay-led worship and excellent volunteers, we will have a part-time sabbatical minister to fulfill my executive and pastoral capacities and preach twice per month.

*I am very pleased to announce to you that the Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson has been hired as our sabbatical minister.* The Rev. Dr. Dawson is a progressive pastor, professor of philosophy and religion, prolific columnist, and a regular and beloved guest preacher and teacher here at UCC. I am elated that he is available to work with us in this way – to guide the congregation and to provide new perspective to our ministry during this period.

## Does sabbatical benefit the congregation?

Yes! A sabbatical can be a time of mutual growth and exploration for minister and congregation alike, as the congregation has the chance to benefit from different perspectives and ideas.

For this sabbatical period, as well as fulfilling the roles listed above, Rev. Dr. Dawson will specifically be working with the congregation on its desire to grow in radical welcome and multiculturalism. Join us for worship on Sunday, Feb. 23 for a pulpit conversation in which Rev. Dawson and I will discuss our hopes and wonderings regarding this work.

## Will you be around during sabbatical?

I will be on full leave from all church duties and will not be available for anything church-related, including pastoral care. But I will mostly be in town as my family members go about their usual lives. It is very likely that we will run into each other around town, in which case, I will be very glad to say hello in my private citizen capacity. I know that I will miss seeing your faces week after week!

## I have more questions.

Ask me at [minister@uucomo.org](mailto:minister@uucomo.org) or 573-442-5764.

## January 2020 – Building Task Force Feedback Session

What are the things you would most like to see if we were more fully living our mission of radical welcome and deep connection? This was the question asked, and the BTF listened. The session on Jan. 26 elicited more than 40 comments, and many comments were echoed by others. Attendees shared their dreams for UCC. The list below is just a sample – to view all the comments, please visit <https://uucomo.org/uucc-building-task-force/>.



Accessibility	Meeting spaces	Parking
Energy efficiency	Flexible spaces	Deeper connection
Community outreach	Elevator	Sacred spaces
Beauty	Bigger sanctuary	Safety
Quiet, meditative spaces	Respect our outdoor space	Social justice

We value your input. Please contact a BTF member (Kevin Fritsche, Patty Daus, Rosie Geiser, Larry Lile, Jeanne Murphy, Barbara Rupp) if you were unable to attend the meeting. In addition to listening, the BTF provided a summary of Rachel Maxwell's report, architectural plans that will be revised, and a possible timeline. Please visit <https://uucomo.org/uucc-building-task-force/> to view the slideshow and the comments.

# Our presence and our strengths

by Mindy McPherson, 2019-20 President

At the end of January, we marked 69 years since the first sparks and conversations were had that ultimately led to the organization of our beloved UUCC community. Our celebrations included the annual Founders' Day Service Auction, a cake reception and a Building Task Force Input Session. This collective work leaves me in awe of the many efforts and talents that were shared as a part of that joyous occasion. What an amazing collection of visionaries, organizers, volunteers, supporters and friends we represent!

Reflecting upon the strengths that we each bring in support of the realization of our collective mission, I'm reminded of a story that Jamila Batchelder recently told. She reminisced about a family that was scurrying away from a church potluck because they forgot to bring a dish to share. Jamila's message to that family, and more broadly to us as a church family, is that we don't need to bring the fanciest, most elaborate dish to the potluck. We don't need to worry if our contribution is a bag of chips, a 2-liter bottle of soda or nothing tangible at all. Our presence is the most treasured gift to this beloved community.

With that in mind, I ask you to consider when you will share your presence in the coming times at UUCC. What strengths and talents do you have, or might you uncover within yourself, that will advance our mission throughout this year and beyond? As we embark more fully on the path toward living our mission by improving our physical space, I encourage you to join in this work.

One of the significant recommendations made by Rachel Maxwell in the Final Next Steps Weekend Report is that a Capital Campaign Team be recruited (See page 9 of the report linked at <https://uucomo.org/uucc-building-task-force/>).

Perhaps you have reflected upon the report and have already identified a role that aligns with your skill set. Perhaps you've looked at the list of potential Capital Campaign Team positions and felt a bit overwhelmed or unsure how to utilize your strengths in this effort.

Regardless, I urge you to focus on the invitation to be a part of this important work. It is your presence, your spirit that moves our mission.

## Founders' Day Service Auction a big success!

The third annual Founders' Day Service Auction held Saturday, Jan. 25 was a big success. Approximately 66 attendees bid on 56 offerings while enjoying delicious appetizers and desserts and listening to great music from Alan Arnold and Neil Minturn. The talents our members donated are amazing and included photo restoration, baking, cooking, grilling, childcare, e-bike instruction, massage, yoga, whiskey tasting, preparation of wills, music performances, gardening, artwork, and writing skills. Our members offered an evening of poker, of non-traditional board games, a night at an Airbnb, a day at the lake, a vacation in Maine, original artwork, a study in forensics, Cardinals tickets, parking for a MU football game, and MU theater tickets. We have experts who will provide lessons on using a pressure cooker, weaving, music, math, and American Sign Language. Thanks to the efforts of many, the auction raised approximately \$5,300 for the church's general operating fund.

This great night is made possible by many hands, and the Founders' Day Auction Team members are so thankful to all who contributed services, time and talents with auction donations or food or help setting up and cleaning up. We have ideas to make next year's Founders' Day Service Auction even better. Finally, a shout-out to the businesses that support us: Broadway Brewery, Maggie's Bar and Grill, Ragtag, True/False Film Festival and Patchwork Farms. We can't wait for next year!

## Rev. Molly's office hours

Rev. Molly's weekly Community Office Hours are at Kaldi's Coffee downtown from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays. She is also always happy to meet by appointment. You can schedule an appointment by email to [minister@uucomo.org](mailto:minister@uucomo.org). Please reach out if you'd like to chat about life, find your place in the church, process something difficult, find a listening ear, or discuss a project!





## Festival of Sharing February 2020

This month the focus is on the “Missouri Baby Bundle Pack.” Each box will consist of the following items:

- 2 receiving blankets
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 sleepers
- 3-pack of onesies
- 4 diaper pins (if cloth diapers are enclosed)

In 2019 there were requests for 1,552 packs statewide, but only 1,175 were provided. In particular, agencies do not usually have a large supply of diapers.

Collection boxes are available in the church greeting area.

– Bonnie Johnson, Festival of Sharing Chair

## Honduras Trip Report

A group of ten members and friends of UCC spent a week in Honduras from Dec. 28 to Jan. 4 building latrines and deepening ties and friendships with people in the Rio Cangrejal Valley. As they worked on the latrines, they learned more about the hardships people in the valley face. They also had many opportunities for laughter and companionship.

A group of activists from Guapinol joined them to tell them of their struggles to defend their land from mining companies. The poverty the majority of people in Honduras suffer as a result of the depth of corruption and criminal activity of the government is staggering. To learn more about the trip and to see pictures, go to: <https://uucomo.org/blog/2020/01/01/honduras-service-trip-reports/>

It will be another three years before the Honduras Ministry Team goes back to Honduras. In the meantime, the team will be in close touch with their friends in the Valley. The team will continue to raise funds for the health clinic in El Pital. The healthcare and educational systems are in shambles in Honduras, so providing funds for basic necessities at the clinic is of vital importance. The team would like to fund a few more latrines and continue supporting the microfinance organization Adelante.

– Allie Gassmann, Honduras Ministry Team Chair  
[alliegassmann@socket.net](mailto:alliegassmann@socket.net)

## February Music at UCC

As Black History Month approaches, the choir’s focus will turn to music from African and Black traditions.

On Feb. 2, the choir will be performing a piece entitled “Sisi Ni Moja” by Jacob Narverud. “Sisi Ni Moja” is Swahili for “We are one” and emphasizes togetherness and community.

The following week, the choir again will be singing. This time, we will be singing “I Choose Love” by Mark Miller, which focuses on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s anti-violence methods to effect change.

On Feb. 16, the children’s choir will be performing two selections. One will be “We Shall Overcome” which is a song born out of slavery that confronts the atrocities faced during that time. This will be paired with a poem that speaks to the journey we still have to take in order to one day attain equity, equality and peace. The children also will be singing “Nothing but Peace Is Enough,” a song that declares we will not be satisfied nor stop our collective and individual fights for peace until it is achieved for all.

I hope you will enjoy these meaningful musical selections as much as the choir members enjoy rehearsing them for you.

– Jeremy Wagner, Director of Music Ministry

## Walk on the Wild Side

1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23



The Green Sanctuary Team is sponsoring monthly walks on the fourth Sunday most months throughout the year to explore the beauty of local woods and creeks (Gans Creek, Three Creeks and Mark Twain National Forest). Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23.

Shrug off your civilized self for a short time and come with us into the peace of wild things.

The walks are suitable for reasonably fit 10- to 70-year-olds. Children are very welcome. There will be plenty of stops along the way. For more information, talk to Peter Holmes.

## Dinners for Eight Supper Club

We welcome new singles or couples to our membership. Please send a request for information to Linda Lou Brown at [brownlindalou@icloud.com](mailto:brownlindalou@icloud.com), or call me at 447-3939. These in-home dinners in January, February and March may be the link you are looking for to strengthen your connections at UCC.

## ***UUCC Welcoming Team offers...***

### **For our newcomers: “Getting to Know UU” (for those who want to know more about us)**

The first Sunday each month in the minister’s office after the 10:30 a.m. service for about 30 minutes. Childcare is provided.

## **Membership classes in February**

If you feel ready to become a member of UUCC, you are invited to join us for these membership classes offered by our Welcoming Team:

- Feb. 2 – 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. – History of Unitarians and Universalists
- Feb. 16 – 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Getting Involved at UUCC

A vegetarian lunch will be provided. Childcare can be provided with one week’s notice. RSVP to 573-442-5764 or [uuchurch@uucomo.org](mailto:uuchurch@uucomo.org).

## **February 2020 news from the Social Action Team**

**Abolish Cash Bail!** The Social Action Team is joining with Race Matters, Friends, Missouri Faith Voices and many others in calling for an end to cash bail. We believe this is an inherently unjust system. Individuals eligible for bail are freed to resume their lives if they have the means to post bail, whereas individuals without means remain in jail, jeopardizing jobs, homes and relationships. Join us as we explore this issue in depth over the coming year, and watch for details next month.

Initial learning opportunities on this topic will be provided at the **Race Matters, Friends meeting** Wednesday, Feb. 12. Come at 6 p.m. for a potluck followed at 6:30 by a presentation and discussion at **Bethel Baptist Church** 201 E. Old Plank Rd. The presenter, via computer linkage, will be Sharlyn Grace, of the Chicago and National Bail Fund Networks, who will talk about “abolishing (in contrast with reforming) cash bail.”

**Faith-to-Action Collections** scheduled in February are:

- Feb 1: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
- Feb 9: Centro Latino de Salud
- Feb 23: First Chance for Children

Brief information on each of these organizations can be found on the church website, under the Social Action Team section.

If you are unable to attend church service or Forum that day, you can send in a check any time in February. Make the check out to UUCC, with FTA and the organization’s name in the memo line, and the Church Administrator will include it in our church’s total donation.

## **A standing invitation from the UUCC Social Action Team**

We invite all church members and all friends who have an interest in social justice to join our Social Action Team. Help us shape and strengthen our work. There are five aspects of our social justice work:

1. **Direct Service** (*e.g.* Loaves and Fishes, Room at the Inn)
2. **Fundraising** (*e.g.* through Faith-to-Action, fundraisers such as the Honduras Trivia Night, sales of artisan crafts, etc. to support social justice work)
3. **Education** (learning about systems of injustice, our role in them, and how to effect systemic change)
4. **Advocacy and Witness** (*e.g.* work with Race Matters, Friends, showing up at City Council, Solidarity Network events, working with Missouri Faith Voices, the Sanctuary Team, letters to congressional representatives, work with MADP, the Center Project, etc.)
5. **Community Building and Deep Connection** (to sustain ourselves in the work, but also to create the world we want to see)

Please consider participation in any of our subcommittees or teams such as the Anti-Racism Subcommittee, Economic Justice Subcommittee, Honduras Team, Sanctuary Team, the Missouri Faith Voices work, or the Green Sanctuary Team. Together we create the change we want to see while being who we want to be in the world.

## Programs and Events

### Kaleidoscope Pagan gathering

**6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20**

Come celebrate the rebirth of the Earth – bunnies and eggs and Nature courting. Celebrate all things new and joyful and wonderful.

Join Kaleidoscope as we celebrate Ostara, the spring equinox, on March 20 at 6:30 p.m. We meet at the church. We will join in ritual, followed by a potluck and friendship. All are welcome, no matter what their personal paths.

### UU Life Writers

#### Spring Meetings:

Feb. 1 and 15  
March 7 and 21  
April 4 and 18  
May 2 and 16  
June 6

UU Life Writers is in its 20th year of writing mini-memoirs – fascinating stories all culled from our experiences. The spring theme will focus on “Inheritances.”

We have inherited characteristics – maybe money, power, place in community – but what have we inherited that has shaped us? Our stories just might give us insight into who we are today.

All are welcome – just bring pen/pencil, notebook, paper and stories. Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Centering Room with coffee and writing warm-ups.

### UUCC Caring Ministry

We need many hands and caring hearts! Email Meredith Donaldson at [mjdonlsn@gmail.com](mailto:mjdonlsn@gmail.com) or call the church office at 573-442-5764 to volunteer.

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### Conversations, Etc. Noon Wednesday, Feb. 12

Conversations, Etc., the UUCC women’s group, will meet at the church at noon Wednesday, Feb. 12. Bring a brown bag lunch

Come and enjoy the company of friends. Questions? Call Melinda Farhangi at 573-445-6326.

### UUCC Book Discussion Noon Saturday, Feb. 8

The UUCC Book Discussion group will meet at noon, Saturday, Feb. 8 at Surah Korean Cuisine, 3510 I-70 Drive SE. Bring a book you have read to discuss briefly.

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

### X-ennial Supper Club 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16

If you are somewhere in your 20s-40s and interested in new connections with fellow UU Churchers, join us at the church for this potluck-style dinner and socializing at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

Child care and pizza for kids will be provided. Please bring a dish to share if you can!

### Get your UUCC Social Action Team T-Shirt!

Your \$20 helps UUCC with our many social action projects.

Contact Caya Tanski, Allie Gassmann or Sarah Wolcott for more information or to place your order.

### UUCC provides Loaves and Fishes meal on third Sundays

**Feb. 16 this month**

UUCC provides the evening meal at Loaves and Fishes on the third Sunday each month – Feb. 16 this 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. Email Diane Suhler at [drsuhler@ccis.edu](mailto:drsuhler@ccis.edu) for more information.

### Men’s Group 8 a.m. Feb 8, 22 and 29

The UUCC 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 at 573-864-8574 or [millerwi@missouri.edu](mailto:millerwi@missouri.edu).

### Non-toxic Masculinity Men’s Group

**7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3**

The Non-Toxic Masculinity Men’s Group meets at the church at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. The group serves cis-gendered, straight, white men who are working to detoxify their masculinity and privilege so they can stop doing damage to others and become active allies of marginalized groups.

For more information, contact Jeff Ordway.

# Reflections

Our theme for February is "Moving Together." This theme is well-timed for our annual UUCC tradition of a Valentine's Day dance! But what comes to my mind most is the feeling I have when I am working collectively with a group to complete an everyday chore, like cleaning a kitchen or loading boxes up into a truck – the way many individuals can work together as a whole, each contributing in their own way, to do something of value for all – something more than any of us could do alone.

I was very fortunate to get to experience a time like this in our recently completed RE project of cooking, serving, and cleaning up for a Loaves and Fishes meal together. It was so moving to watch the children of our church move together to complete this big job. I look forward to seeing your families in February!

Sincerely,  
Jamila  
Director of Religious Education



Bring the whole family for this fun, family-friendly dance. The dance is free, but we will be collecting donations for an organization doing work that we love (TBD). This dance is hosted by the YRUU high school youth group.



Saturday,  
Feb. 15  
6-9 p.m.

**Jamila Batchelder**  
Director of Religious Education  
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573-442-5764  
Office Hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-noon

**Junior Youth Night**  
**6:30-8 p.m.**  
**Feb. 14**

Junior Youth will be preparing food for the Loaves and Fishes meal.



**RE Loaves and Fishes Team**

Did your family participate in our Loaves and Fishes project in January and love it? We are trying to get together an RE Family Loaves and Fishes team to meet after church on the third Sunday of the month to prepare food and then serve Sunday evening. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Jamila at [dre@uucomo.org](mailto:dre@uucomo.org).



**February Schedule**

**Feb. 2:** Service Sunday  
**Feb. 9:** Regular RE Classes  
**Feb. 16:** Intergenerational Service  
**Feb. 23:** Regular RE Classes



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