



## June Calendar



<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Presenter/facilitator</i>
June 7	10:00	Our Interdependence: Prayer and Connection	Rev. Jo Green
June 14	10:00	Juneteenth: Its History & Its Promise	Rev. Dan Frye
June 21	10:00	Fairy Stories for UU's	Pat Barry
June 21	3:24 a.m.	Summer Solstice	
June 28	10:00	What Would Jefferson Say?	Rev. Terry Cummings

Rev. Jo explains: "In these times it seems true that we never know from one day to the next what our world is going to be like. After each tragedy we always hear someone say they're sending their thoughts and prayers. What is it that they think is helping and does it help? As Unitarian Universalists do we believe in prayer? This Sunday let us explore the different ways we affect our world, how what we do can make it better and how we can thrive in doing so."

Rev. Dan provides this regarding his service: "This Juneteenth reflection explores the long and painful journey from slavery toward freedom, while inviting us to consider what true liberation, dignity, and justice still require of us today. Together, we will remember a pivotal moment in American history, honor the resilience of those who endured oppression, and reflect upon our continuing moral and spiritual responsibility to widen the circle of human belonging."

Rev Terry says: "In 1777 Thomas Jefferson drafted what would become Virginia's Statute for Religious Freedom. The Virginia law declared that Americans "shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of Religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge or affect their civil capacities." The Virginia law was the model for the anti-establishment clause of the Second Amendment. As America prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 1776, the voices of those who claim that America is a Christian country, in substance if not in name, have become louder. In our last service before the holiday weekend, I will reflect upon freedom from religion being as important as freedom of religion." Rev. Terry will share her thoughts on why religious freedom is greatest when church and state are separate.