

UU MATTERS



The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
An Emerging UUA Congregation

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Best Wishes For Happy New Year from MVUUF!

Please join us for our Second Annual New Year's Day potluck on January 1 at 2 p.m. at the fellowship building.

Everyone who comes is encouraged to bring a dish to share. Also, please feel free to bring a game to play or to invite a friend to spend the day with us.

Let us bring in the New Year together in a fun, friendly, and warm way!

Important Committee Matters, Budget Requests

As you are aware, several committees have recently been formed to help our fellowship function more effectively. Many of you have eagerly signed up to be on one or more of these committees, and may have

already begun working together.

One of the more pressing responsibilities of each committee is to present a budget request to the MVUUF Board of Trustees for the upcoming year. *All budget requests must be turned in to the board by March 4, 2007.*

In order to help committees understand this process and to work through any other questions relevant to committee work, *there will be a planning and informational workshop meeting at the fellowship on February 4, shortly after the morning service.* If you currently serve on a committee, this meeting will be vital in understanding your responsibilities to the fellowship. If you are not yet serving on a committee, this may be a helpful meeting for you in terms of choosing a committee to serve on. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Services

All Services begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Please Join Us!

- ☼ January 7: Nina Peacock will lead a service entitled, "Are We On The Road Less Traveled?" Adam Stone will lead a children's service hoping to inspire our young members to live with "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds."
- ☼ January 14: Volunteers are still needed to coordinate this service, in both the adult service and the children's service. Please contact a member of the board if you are interested in helping out with any or all of these services.
- ☼ January 21: Paul Oakley will lead this Open Reading Service. Please bring a short reading to share. Vicki Doetsch will lead a children's service on this day.

- ☼ January 28: Luke Crawford will lead this service entitled, "The Perennial Heresy." Adam Stone will wrap up the "Healthy Body, Healthy Minds" theme for Children's services this month.

*Another fresh new year is here
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!*

*This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest . . .
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!*

*I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!"
~William Arthur Ward*



In other matters...

Chalice Group

Our Chalice Group, also known as Small Group Ministry, meets from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us; we always have an open seat!

On January 10, the Chalice Group will discuss "Small Group Covenants." In small group ministries group members covenant to serve their congregations, their community, and their own group throughout the year. This month's topic will focus on the problem solving process of deciding when and how to fulfill these covenants.

Open Minds

The Open Minds Discussion Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. This is a lively discussion group; everyone is welcome and

encouraged to attend!

On January 17, the Open Minds discussion topic will examine the issue of "Global Warming". The movie "An Inconvenient Truth" will Be Shown.

Meditation Group

This guided meditation group, led by Nina Peacock, plans to meet at the fellowship every other Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. In January the group will meet for meditation on January 4th and 18th at 6:30 p.m. This group meditation is open to everyone who has an interest in meditation and relaxation.



Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing.

~Elie Wiesel



Board of Trustees Meetings

The MVUUF Board of Trustees meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The board will on January 3rd and February 7th. Board meetings are always open to everyone who wants to attend and are a great way to get more involved in church matters.

The board discusses many ongoing issues at each meeting. In January, the board intends to discuss the following issues: service schedules and treasury reports, committee updates, formation of a programming committee, budget & spending matters, and other relevant topics.

A Note from the Secretary:

In the MVUUF Library there is a binder which contains a record of the MINUTES OF THE MVUUF BOARD which has been approved at the last MVUUF board meeting. The record of the minutes of the monthly meeting is normally approved at the next board

meeting. Therefore the minutes in the binder will always be a month behind. If you have any questions concerning this month's meeting please contact a board member or the secretary

Treasury Matters

The Treasurer's report will be on the table at the back of the church on the first Sunday after the Board Meeting each month. If you would like more detail than it provides, feel free to ask me.

If you would like to mail contributions instead of putting them in the offering basket, you may mail them to:

MVUUF
c/o Paul Oakley
39 Webster Hill Est.
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Or to:

MVUUF
1600 Isabella Ave.
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Please make checks payable to MVUUF.

Blessings!

Paul Kent Oakley, Treasurer

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our members for making this fellowship what it is. Specifically, we would like to thank the following people:

- ☺ Beth & Vito for donating much needed bookshelves for the library and religious education classroom!
- ☺ The Building & Grounds committee for leaf clean up on the fellowship grounds; that's a big job!

Your Assistance is Requested in the Following Matters...

Every month we put out the call to our fellowship for needed items and volunteers. If you can help with any of the following items, let a board member know!

- Coffee is needed for social hour after Sunday services.
- Paper towels, toilet paper, and other such items are useful as well.

Fellowship Contact Information

If you are looking for more information about the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship or would like to be added to our mailing list, you can do so in the following ways:

- ▶ By Mail: The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
1600 Isabella
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
- ▶ By Phone: (618) 241-9644. Please leave a voice mail message.
- ▶ By emailing a member of the board:
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Nations and cultures all over the world celebrate the beginnings of a new year, or new beginnings in lots of different ways, and at different times as well.

A popular American tradition is to celebrate the New Year by declaring New Year's Resolutions. A resolution is something you want to change or do differently in the next year. Do you have any resolutions?

Can you write one here?
