

# UU MATTERS



The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
An Emerging UUA Congregation

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## February is an Important Month for MVUUF Committee and Membership Matters!

**M**any of our committees have been holding meetings, beginning the important process of developing budget requests for the upcoming year. Not only do these initial meetings help our fellowship establish a working budget, they help us create a nurturing and sustainable church community for everyone.

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.

During the February 4<sup>th</sup> workshop, we hope the committees will be able to better prepare a budget request to present to the board for the upcoming fiscal year. *All budget requests must be turned in to the board by March 4, 2007.*

If your committees have not been meeting or preparing for the budget request deadline, this workshop will also be a good time to discuss meeting times and arrangements.



## Upcoming Services

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

- ☼ February 4: Shannon Green will lead an inter-generational service discussing the poetry of Langston Hughes and other influences from the Harlem Renaissance.
- ☼ February 11: Adam Stone will lead this service entitled, "Abraham Lincoln and Spirituality."
- ☼ February 18: Dennis Arnold will lead this Open Reading Service. Please bring a short reading to share with the congregation. Shannon Green will lead a children's program in celebration of the Chinese New Year.
- ☼ February 25: Paul Oakley will lead this service entitled, "Learning to Live in a Spiritual Community."

If you would like to lead a Religious Education Program February 11<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, tell Shannon.

## Keep Mt. Vernon Beautiful Recycling Program, Your Help Is Needed.

Recycling volunteers are needed at the Keep Mt. Vernon/Jefferson County Beautiful recycling center. The center is open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday. Vito and Beth volunteer on the third Saturday of each month. Additional volunteers are needed most during the busiest time each Saturday—from about 10:30 a.m. to noon. Even a half hour of help would be very valuable and most appreciated. For more information, please see Vito or Beth.

## Are You Considering MVUUF Membership?

If you have been attending services at MVUUF and are considering membership, please feel free to ask a board member any questions you might have about what it means to be a member, or what process that entails.

## Open Minds

The MVUUF Open Minds Discussion Group will hold its regular meeting on February 21, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship. The group will continue its discussion of global warming, with a viewing of Al Gore's update to *An Inconvenient Truth* and a viewing of Bill McKibben's presentation at Bioneers 2006, entitled "Global Warming: A Climate of Fear and Opportunity".

## Meditation Group

This meditation group, led by Nina Peacock, plans to meet at the fellowship every other Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. In February the group will meet for meditation on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

This group meditation is open to everyone who has an interest in meditation and relaxation. Several different meditation techniques are used.

## Chalice Group

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

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the Chalice Group will discuss "Small Group Covenants," as was originally scheduled for the January topic. 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.



## Board of Trustees Meetings

The MVUUF Board of Trustees meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The board will meet again on February 7<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The board will be discussing many important issues in the upcoming months including committee updates, budget proposals, and general church business. Minutes from past meetings are always available in the church library.

Board meetings are always open to everyone who wants to attend and are a great way to get more involved in church matters.

*"When I do good, I feel good;  
when I do bad, I feel bad.  
That's my religion."  
~Abraham Lincoln*



## 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

*"A man may fulfill the object of his existence by asking a question he cannot answer, and attempting a task he cannot achieve."*

*~Oliver Wendell Holmes*

## Thank You!

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

- ☺ Nina Peacock and Luke Crawford for volunteering as Lay Leaders during services for the first time.
- ☺ Dennis Arnold for the generous use of his late wife's artwork for the sanctuary.

## 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 or committee member know!

- ☐ The Fellowship is in need of general housekeeping. If you are willing to help with this, tell a member of the WAH committee.

## Fellowship Contact Information

**I**f 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:
  - Shannon Green, Cochair  
[moonstander@charter.net](mailto:moonstander@charter.net)
  - Glenda Eubanks, Cochair  
[gatherings@mvn.net](mailto:gatherings@mvn.net)
  - Vito Mastrangelo, Cochair  
[bethnvito@mvn.net](mailto:bethnvito@mvn.net)
  - Paul Oakley, Treasurer  
[poakley0615@charter.net](mailto:poakley0615@charter.net)
  - Dennis Arnold  
[dennisarnold2@gmail.com](mailto:dennisarnold2@gmail.com)



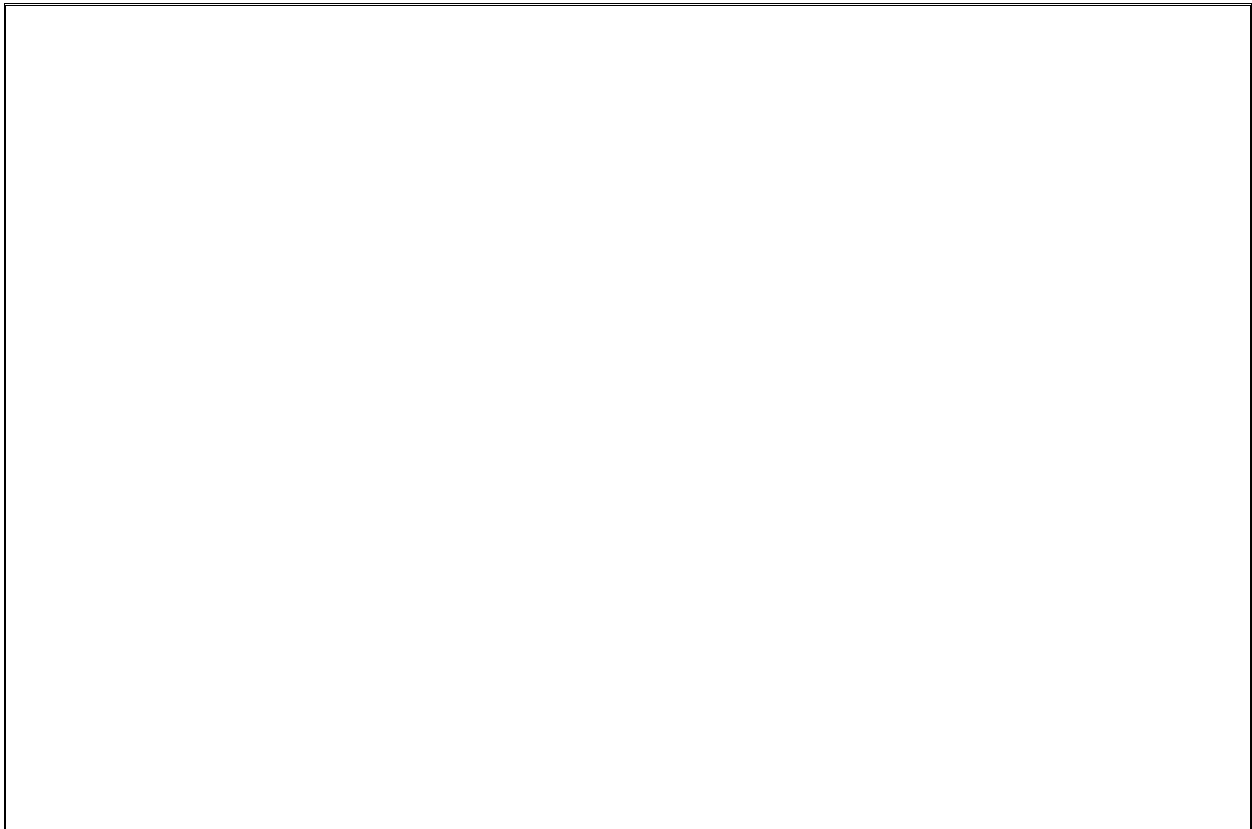
## UU KIDS MATTER

What makes you happy?

When you go outside, what makes you feel good?

What is the most beautiful thing you have ever seen?

Draw or write about it here in this box,  
and then share it with somebody!

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for children to draw or write their responses to the questions above.