

# UU MATTERS



The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
An Emerging UUA Congregation

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## Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary MVUUF!

The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will celebrate its Second Anniversary at its March 25<sup>th</sup> service. Paul Oakley and Angela Czapiewski will help us learn some new music from *Singing The Journey*, the new supplement to our hymnal, and we will hear from some of our members about what our fellowship has come to mean to them. *If you are interested in speaking at this service, please tell Paul at least one week in advance so he can fit you into the order of service!*

After the service, we will host a potluck luncheon downstairs. Please bring a dish to share with everyone. Dennis Arnold has graciously offered to donate wine to be served with lunch for this event!

It feels so good to say that

MVUUF has been in existence for two years now. From the early vision of our founding member Randy Farrar, to the hard work of so many of our members that has followed, our fellowship has become an important part of not only our own lives, but the city of Mt. Vernon as well. We provide the citizens of Mt. Vernon and the surrounding communities a home where all people have a voice. We believe and share the idea that whatever one labels one's faith, or what one chooses to believe, a home exists in which to share those beliefs, so long as they are shared in the spirit of love and fellowship.

Let us not only celebrate the first two years of our existence, but the many long years we will be a part of the Mt. Vernon Landscape as well!

*Save The Date: March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Service and PotLuck*

## Upcoming Services

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

- ☼ March 4: Walter Lazenby will deliver a message entitled "Repairing the World Together." Paul Oakley will coordinate the rest of the service.
- ☼ March 11: Kathleen O'Laughlin from the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship will join us for a Women's History Month service entitled, "The Religion of Elizabeth Cady Stanton." Shannon Green will coordinate the rest of this service.
- ☼ March 18: Vito Mastrangelo will lead this Open Reading Service. Please bring a short reading to share with the congregation. Vicki Doetsch will lead a children's program.
- ☼ March 25: Angela Czapiewski and Paul Oakley will lead us in a special second anniversary musical service. This service will be

intergenerational in nature. Please join us downstairs for an anniversary potluck and wine luncheon after the service.

If you would like to lead an upcoming service, or want to share an idea for a service, please let Shannon Green or Paul Oakley from the programming committee know. We have many resources on hand to help you plan a service!

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## *Other Upcoming Events...*

### **Meditation Group**

**T**his meditation group, led by Nina Peacock, plans to meet at the fellowship every other Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. In March the group meeting dates are March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Chalice Group

**O**ur 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 for you.

March 14th we will attempt for the third time to cover the topic of small group covenants! Hopefully the weather will cooperate with our busy schedules and we can get this topic done.

## Open Minds

**T**he MVUUF Open Minds Discussion Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held on the Vernal Equinox.

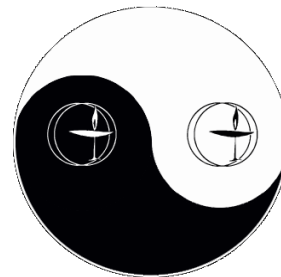
“The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live.” ~ Mortimer Adler

## Board of Trustees Meetings

**T**he 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 March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The board will be discussing many important issues in the upcoming months including committee updates, budget proposals, and the upcoming May Membership meeting and Board of Trustees Election. If you are interested in serving on next year’s board of trustees, tell Beth or Adam from the Nominating Committee.

Board meetings are always open to everyone who wants to attend and are a great way to get more involved in church matters. Minutes from past meetings are always available in the church library.



### Treasury Matters

A monthly treasurer's report is now available with the board of trustee meeting minutes in the church library. See Paul Oakley if you have any questions about the report.

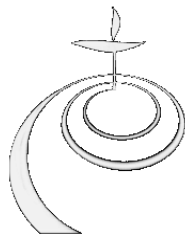
Financial contributions can be made at the fellowship building in the offering basket located at the church entrance. If you would like to mail contributions instead of putting them in the offering basket, you may mail them to:

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.



### 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. It would be great if we could get some regular help from the members of our fellowship to support this important community service!

For more information, please see Vito Mastrangelo or Beth Brennan.

“We covenant to affirm and promote Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part” ~ Seventh Principle, Unitarian Universalist Association

## 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:

- ☺ Adam Stone, Isaiah Green, and Vito Mastrangelo for shoveling the sidewalks and parking lot during February's snowstorm.
- ☺ Paul Oakley and Walter Lazenby (and Friedrich Nette!) for taking it upon themselves to so thoroughly vacuum and straighten the sanctuary. It was much needed and much appreciated.
- ☺ All the committee members for taking the extra time to work on the budget proposals! Way to go everyone!

## 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!

- ☐ Do you have a small, portable cd player that could be used by the Religious Education program? If so, please bring it to a member of the RE committee (Shannon, Vicki, Angela, or Glenda).



## Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

### Mission Statement:

Embracing Diversity,  
Welcoming Everyone,

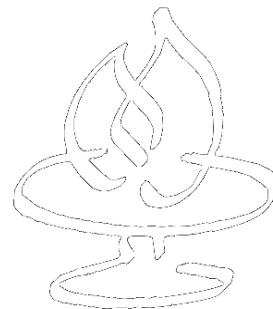
We, the members of this fellowship,  
agree to affirm and promote the  
seven principles of the Unitarian  
Universalist Association,  
and to strive to:

- enable spiritual,  
intellectual, ethical,  
and emotional growth  
for all ages,
- work for  
compassionate  
justice, and
- respect the  
interdependence of  
all existence

## 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:
  - 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

Can we design an "Official Chalice of the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Religious Education Program" ?

Let's start by each designing our own chalice and then combining our ideas. There are lots of chalices in the newsletter, and here are a few more examples:



Draw your own ideas here and bring them to church!