

UU MATTERS



The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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An Emerging UUA Congregation

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**Mt. Vernon UU Fellowship services begin at 10:00 a.m.
on Sunday mornings. Please join us!**

Upcoming Services:

March 2: *God Has Seventy Faces*; Paul Oakley will lead this service.

March 9: *Would Jesus Vote?*; No, Jesus, — citizen of an occupied country—did not get the chance to vote. His life was, however, highly political, a fact often glossed over. Just what should we render unto Caesar? Or the President, for that matter. . . Current research into the historical Jesus provides some answers. Dr. David Breeden will serve as guest minister for this service. Dr. Breeden has a Master of Fine Arts from the Iowa Writers' Workshop and a Ph.D. from the Center for Writers at the University of Southern Mississippi. He will be graduating from Meadville Lombard Theological School with a Master of Divinity degree in June. He has published four novels and ten books of poetry. He retired from a career as an English professor and is currently an intern minister at Eliot Unitarian Chapel in St Louis, Missouri.

March 16: Open Reading Service. *We are still in need of a volunteer to coordinate this service.* Open Reading Services are held on the third Sunday of each month. All who attend are invited to bring a short reading, musical piece or other thought to share with the congregation on these Sundays.

March 23: *We are still in need of a volunteer to coordinate this service.*

March 30: *We are still in need of a volunteer to coordinate this service.*

MVUUF is a lay-led congregation. Fellowship services are planned and/or led by fellowship members. If you are interested in planning or leading any future service please contact a member of the programming committee (Glenda Eubanks, Shannon Green, or Paul Oakley). Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

All listed events are held at the fellowship building and are open to the public unless stated otherwise. Please email information@mtvernonuuf.org for information about any service or event.

March 5th @ 6:30 p.m.: *Board of Trustees Meeting.* Board of Trustees members: Nina Peacock: Cochair; Luke Crawford: Cochair; Glenda Eubanks: Cochair; Paul Oakley: Treasurer; Adam Stone: Secretary. The board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30. Open to anyone interested in fellowship business.

March 7th @ 7:00 p.m.: *Drum Circle.* Bring your drum to the fellowship for a drum circle and friendly gathering. Drummers of all experience (or no experience) are invited to attend. Future drum circle gatherings will be held on the first Friday of each month.

March 12th @ 6:30 p.m.: Welcoming Congregation Workshop; The Taskforce for LGBT Concerns will host this Welcoming Congregation Workshop and make plans for future workshop dates and times. Please join us for this important Fellowship activity.

March 16th @ 11:45 a.m.: *The Religious Education Committee Meeting.* The committee will meet to discuss plans and goals for children's programming in 2008. The RE committee plans to meet in the RE classroom on the 3rd Sunday of each month following social hour.

March 19th @ 6:30 p.m.: *Open Minds Discussion: Topic to be announced.* Open Minds meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

March 27th @ 6:30 p.m.: *Meditation Group.* Emphasizes the use of guided meditation and visualization with time for reflection and discussion following the meditation. Meditation Group meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Other MVUUF Matters:

Building Donation Accepted! Thank you to all members of the Fellowship who attended our special membership meeting on February 17, 2008, or who cast an absentee ballot, to vote on whether to accept the donation of our building from the Farrar family. The membership voted unanimously to accept the generous gift of the property located at 1600 Isabella from Marjorie Farrar, who was Randy's mother. Closing on the property is tentatively set for Monday, March 3, 2008.

Volunteers Needed for City-Wide Cleanup Team! Interested in being a member of the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's team during the Mt. Vernon City-Wide Cleanup on Saturday, May 3, 2008? Speak to Adam Stone, who is coordinating the creation of our team. It's a great way to serve the community!

Annual Membership Meeting Coming May 4, 2008! If you are a member of the Fellowship, please save this important date on your calendar! At our annual membership meeting, which will follow immediately after the regular Sunday service, we will be giving away two \$5 gift certificates to Ryan's, but to win, you must be present! We will conduct important business at the meeting, including voting on proposed changes to our bylaws, the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and electing a new Board of Trustees. All Board of Trustees terms are for one year, so if you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Adam Stone or Beth Brennan) as soon as possible to find out more. Our current Treasurer, Paul Oakley, has indicated that he will not seek another term on the Board. Board service is a great way to actively participate in the governance of our Fellowship!

Winterfaith Angels on Assignment Drive a Smashing Success! We collected \$700 for Angels on Assignment during our Winterfaith fundraising drive! Thank you to everyone who contributed, and a special thank you to those guest speakers who asked that the honoraria to which they were entitled be donated instead to Angels on Assignment.

Considering Membership? Please ask a Board of Trustees member for a prospective member folder.

Treasury Matters: Financial contributions may be made in the offering basket located on the round table at the back of our sanctuary. If you would like to mail contributions instead of putting them in the offering basket, you may mail them to: MVUUF, 1600

Isabella, Mt. Vernon, IL, 62864. Please make checks payable to MVUUF. If you would like your offering to be used for a specific purpose, please clearly mark that purpose on the memo line on your check or on the envelope in which you place your offering.

UU Matters Newsletter Submissions: Like the new streamlined version of UU Matters? Future MVUUF Newsletters will follow a similar format. *If you have news or notices that you would like placed in upcoming editions of UU Matters, please send them to information@mtvernonuuf.org by the 15th of each month, for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.*

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 visiting our website:
www.mtvernonuuf.org
- ▶ by emailing our fellowship:
information@mtvernonuuf.org
- ▶ (MVUUF Board of Trustees members can be reached using the fellowship voice mail or email)

We want to offer a special welcome to the many new visitors we have greeted lately, and to all of those who have recently become members of our fellowship! Your participation in fellowship activities is essential!

Thank you!



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