

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:

June 1st: *Thinking Like a Mountain: Towards a Council of All Beings.* Beth Brennan will lead this service.

June 8th: *What is Peace?* Paul Oakley will lead this service.

June 15th: *Open Reading Service.* Angela Czapiewski will lead this open reading service. Please bring a short reading, musical piece, artwork, or thought to share.

June 22nd: *Exploring the Summer Solstice.* Shannon Green will lead this service in recognition of the Summer Solstice, which is also known as Midsummer. Look for updates regarding a possible drum circle and/or celebration to be held in conjunction with this service.

June 29th: *Service Title TBA.* Glenda Eubanks will lead 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 otherwise stated. Please email information@mtvernonuuf.org for information about any service or event.

June 4th @ 6:30 p.m.: *Board of Trustees Meeting.* Board of Trustees members: Nina Peacock: Cochair; Luke Crawford: Cochair; Glenda Eubanks: Cochair; Adam Stone: Secretary. The Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30. Open to anyone interested in fellowship business.

June 6th @ 7:00 p.m.: *Drum Circle.* Bring your drum or other percussion instrument to the fellowship for a drum circle and friendly gathering. Drummers of all experience (or no experience) are invited to attend. If you don't have an instrument, you can use one of ours! Future drum circle gatherings will be held on the first Friday of each month.

June 11th @ 6:30 p.m.: *Welcoming Congregation Workshop.* The Taskforce for LGBT Concerns will host Welcoming Congregation Workshops on the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month. This is cooperative effort by the members of the congregation to make our fellowship an official Welcoming Congregation, and to be better at welcoming all members of the community to our fellowship, specifically those people who are also sexual minorities. Even if you haven't been to a workshop before, or don't plan on attending every month, please make an effort to attend at least one or two of the upcoming workshops.

June 18th @ 6:30 p.m. *Open Minds Discussion Group.* This group meets for discussion on third Wednesday of each month to discuss a variety of topics. Everyone is welcome. Contact Vito Mastrangelo for more information about this discussion group and topics.

July 31st @ 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. See Nina Peacock for more details.

What a man does, that he has. What has he to do with hope or fear? In himself is his might. Let him regard no good as solid but that which is in his nature, and which must grow out of him as long as he exists. The goods of fortune may come and go like summer leaves; let him scatter them on every wind as the momentary signs of his infinite productiveness.

-=Ralph Waldo Emerson=-

Other MVUUF Matters:

WINTERFAITH planning in progress. The programming committee is actively working towards planning for Winterfaith. For more information about Winterfaith, please visit our website at www.mtvernonuuf.org. Keep an eye out for updates regarding planning sessions for Winterfaith.

Are you considering MVUUF 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: *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:

1. By Mail: The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 1600 Isabella Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
2. By Phone: (618) 241-9644. Please leave a voice mail message.
3. By visiting our website:
www.mtvernonuuf.org
4. by emailing our fellowship:
information@mtvernonuuf.org
5. (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 also to the many members and friends who work tirelessly to keep our community thriving!