

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:

October 5th: *Topic To Be Announced (TBA)*. Luke Crawford will lead this service.

October 12th: *Be Who You Are: Intergenerational Service*. Shannon Green will lead this service for all ages. We will reflect upon our familiar parting words, "*Be who you are and may you be blessed in all that you are.*" The message will include themes of who we are, who we can be, loving ourselves, and living by the first principle of affirming the inherent worth and dignity of each person. Our UU children's principles summarize the first principle simply as "*Each Person is Important.*"

October 19th: *Open Readings*. Angela Czapiewski will lead this open reading service. Please bring short readings, thoughts, music, or artwork to share. Open Reading Services take place on the third Sunday of each month.

October 26th: *Prayer Introduction: What We Already Do*. Donna Beaumont and Paul Oakley will lead this service on the topic of prayer. Future services will discuss prayer as well, including the November 30th service.

November 2nd: *Topic TBA.* Angela Czapiewski will lead this service.

November 9th: *Topic TBA.* Nina Peacock will lead this service.

November 16th: *Open Readings.* Adam Stone will lead this open reading service. Please bring short readings, thoughts, music, or artwork to share. Open Reading Services take place on the third Sunday of each month.

November 23rd: *Thanksgiving.* Luke Crawford will lead this pre-Thanksgiving service. Homemade bread will be served; people should feel free to bring homemade breads of their own to share.

November 30th: *Prayer: Chapter One.* Paul Oakley will lead this service.

December and January: *WINTERFAITH SERVICES BEGIN! Look for updates and service schedules soon!*

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). We have many dates still open following Winterfaith. Thank you!



MVUUF Library Matters

EXCITING UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY!

Beth has started to enter MVUUF's rapidly growing library collection into a web-based catalog called LibraryThing. If you have internet access, you will eventually be able to browse the library's entire collection from home. So far, about one fourth of the library's approximately 450 books are entered. It will be a work in progress for a while, but can be used in the meantime, as it grows. The books are being entered from the newest donations backwards.

The catalog can be accessed at:

<http://www.librarything.com/catalog/MVUUF>

If you click on < use it > for the suggested style (located in the upper left of the web page), you can see the local call numbers for books, which will make finding them on the fellowship shelves easy. Clicking on a book title or author, you can see descriptions and reviews. Hint: there are some great resources if you are planning to lead a service or looking for a contribution for an open readings service!

Once the majority of the collection is entered, a periodically updated list can be printed and placed in the library for those who do not have internet access.

You are welcome to borrow books and other materials from the library. If you borrow materials, please remember to sign them in and out on the sheet in the library. As a friendly reminder: currently there are a number of books that have been checked out for an extended period of time. If you have materials that you are not actively using, won't you please return them so others may use them. If you have any questions please talk to Beth. Happy browsing!

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.

October 1st & November 5th @ 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.

October 3rd & November 7th @ 7:00 p.m.: *Drum Circle.* Drum circle gatherings will be held on the first Friday of each month. Bring a drum or shaker of your own, borrow one of ours, or just come to listen! See Luke Crawford or Angela Czapiewski for more details.

October 8th & November 12th @ 6:30 p.m.: *Welcoming Congregation Workshop. Topic for October: Racism & Homophobia/Heterosexism.* The Taskforce for LGBT Concerns will host Welcoming Congregation Workshops on the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month. These workshops are a cooperative effort by the members of the congregation to make our fellowship 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.

October 15th & November 19th @ 6:30 p.m. *Open Minds Discussion Group. Topic for October: The Upcoming Election Ballot.* Open Minds meets on the 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.

TBA: WINTERFAITH Planning Meeting. The programming committee is actively working towards planning for Winterfaith, an Interfaith Series of Services that will begin in December 2008 and continue through January 2009. For more information about Winterfaith, please visit our website at www.mtvernonuuf.org.

October 23rd & November 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. See Nina Peacock for more details.

Other MVUUF Matters:

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

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!