

UU MATTERS



The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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Mt. Vernon UU Fellowship services are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

April 5: *Topic TBA.* Angela Czapiewski will coordinate this service.

April 12: *Hope.* Glenda Eubanks will coordinate this service.

April 19: *The Moral Obligation to Be Intelligent.* Walter Lazenby will coordinate this service. This service will not be an open reading service. Third Sunday open reading services will resume in May.

April 26: *Intergenerational Service for Earth Day.* Shannon Green will lead this service celebrating our care for the Earth and our seven principles. This service will be intergenerational and all ages are invited to stay for the entire service! (Note: the Mt. Vernon City Wide Clean-Up is the following Saturday, May 2. Contact Shannon if you are interested in being on a clean-up team for that morning.)

May 3: *Fellowship Development and Growth.* Special Guest Dori Davenport Thexton will join us to coordinate this Sunday morning service. Dori is the Faith Development & Growth Director for the Central Midwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Dori is also available earlier in the weekend to help our fellowship with issues concerning growth and stability of our fellowship. *Be on the lookout for more details concerning Doris' visit!*

May 10: *Women's Spirituality.* Nina Peacock will coordinate this service.

May 17: *Open Reading Service.* Adam Stone will coordinate this month's open reading service. Please bring a short reading, musical selection, artwork, or other thought to share. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW SERVICE:** At this point, the only items on the agenda are the approval of the proposed budget and the election of officers. If you wish to add anything to the agenda, please contact Adam Stone! If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please contact either Adam Stone or Beth Brennan.

May 24: *First Annual International Unitarian Universalist Women's Convocation.* Debbie Czarnopys-White of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship will join us to lead a service to discuss her experiences at the International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women's conference *Weaving Global Partnership's to Enrich Women's Lives* earlier this year in Houston, Texas.

May 31: *The Tower of Babel.* Paul Oakley will coordinate this service.

Services at Mt. Vernon UU Fellowship are led and organized by members and friends of our fellowship. If you would like to volunteer to lead and/or organize a service, please use the sign-up sheet on the back table of the sanctuary. We can help you plan and organize a service!

*"We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers.
They see things in the soft haze of a spring day or in the red fire of a long
winter's evening. Some of us let our dreams die, but others nourish and
protect them, nurse them through bad days
till they bring them to sunshine and light."*

~Woodrow T. Wilson



Other 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.

April 1, May 6, June 3 @ 6:30 p.m.: Board of Trustees Meeting. Board of Trustees members: Nina Peacock: Cochair; Kelly Taylor: Cochair; Glenda Eubanks: Cochair; Adam Stone: Secretary. The Treasurer position remains open. Meeting open to anyone interested in fellowship business. **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

April 3, May 1 @ 7:00: Drum Circle. Bring a drum or other instrument to play at this relaxed and informal drum circle, or simply come to listen. **FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

May 13 @ 6:30: Welcoming Congregation Workshop. Part of 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. **THERE WILL BE NO GLBT WORKSHOP IN APRIL.**

April 18, 7-9 p.m.: Big Brother Big Sister Bowl for Kids Sake Fundraiser, NuBowl Lanes in Mt. Vernon. See Vito Mastrangelo for more details. MVUUF will be sponsoring a lane at this event! Please come out and support this great charitable organization at its annual fundraising event!

April 22, May 20 @ 6:30 p.m. Open Minds Discussion Group. Open Minds meets to discuss a variety of topics. Everyone is welcome. Contact Vito Mastrangelo for more information about this discussion group and topics. **THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

May 17: Annual Membership Meeting to Follow Morning Service (approval of proposed budget; election of officers; other agenda items to be announced).

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.

Library Matters: The MVUUF Library catalogue is now available online. The catalog can be accessed at www.librarything.com/catalog/MVUUF

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:

By Mail: MVUUF, 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 also be reached using the fellowship voice mail or email.)