

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 are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

June 7th: *Flower Communion Service.* Vicki Doetsch will coordinate this service in celebration of flowers. Please bring a flower to share with the congregation at this morning's service.

June 14th: We are still in need of a volunteer to lead this service.

June 21st: We are still in need of a volunteer to lead this service.

June 28th: *Toward a Comprehensive Vision of Human Interdependence, an Original Sermon.* Adam Stone will lead this service, in which he will examine themes of human interdependence in Zambian author Malama Katulwende's first novel, *Bitterness*. Adam will also play songs by Zambian singer Maureen Lilanda.

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.

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.

NO JUNE BOARD MEETING: *Board of Trustees Meeting.* The newly selected Board of Trustees will convene in July. Members are: Nina Peacock, co-chair; Kelly Taylor, co-chair; Diane Schwitz, co-chair; Adam Stone, secretary; Angela Czapiewski, treasurer. Meetings are open to anyone interested in fellowship business. **Next Meeting: July 1st.**

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

June 5th @ 7:00: Drum Circle. Bring a drum or other instrument to play at this relaxed and informal drum circle, or simply come to listen and enjoy.

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

June 10th @ 6:30: Welcoming Congregation Workshop. Topic: Bisexuality and Biphobia. Workshops are 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.

June 17th @ 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



My only sketch, profile, of heaven is a large blue sky,
and larger than the biggest I have seen in June
-and in it are my friends-every one of them.

Emily Dickinson

Annual Membership Meeting Recap:

On Sunday, May 17, 2009, the members of MVUUF held their annual membership meeting to select a new Board of Trustees and to weigh in on the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget proposed to the membership by the current Board of Trustees.

The following members were selected to serve on the incoming Board, which will begin its duties on July 1, 2009, and continue them through June 30, 2010:

Nina Peacock, co-chair

Diane Schwitz, co-chair

Kelly Taylor, co-chair

Adam Stone, secretary

Angela Czapiewski, treasurer

The membership also approved the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, and approved the formation of two informal task forces:

An informal social justice action task force will consider charitable giving and social justice action within and by the fellowship, and will report to the membership at a subsequent membership meeting in September or October 2009. If you are interested in joining this task force, please contact Vito Mastrangelo, Shannon Green, or Angela Czapiewski.

An informal mission statement revision task force will gauge interest among the membership in revising the MVUUF mission statement, which was promulgated in 2005. If you are interested in joining this task force, please contact Glenda Eubanks.

**Thank you to each member who attended the meeting
and provided input on the governance of the fellowship!**

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:

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 also be reached using the fellowship voice mail or email.