

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.

October 4th: *Open Reading Service.* This service will be an open reading service with no designated leader. Please bring short readings, thoughts, music, artwork, or other appropriate material to share with the congregation.

October 11th: *Topic to be announced.* Shannon Green will lead this service with a topic to be announced. After the service, the fellowship will host its regular social hour, but will follow that with the first official meeting of the newly formed taskforce for Social Justice and Action. This is an informal task force and everyone is invited to participate and learn about and discuss current social justice issues happening locally and beyond.

October 18th: *Open Reading Service followed by Membership Meeting.* Adam E. Stone will coordinate this Open Readings Service. Please bring short readings, thoughts, music, artwork, or other appropriate material to share with the congregation. Following the service there will be a membership meeting in the sanctuary, featuring discussion of becoming a Welcoming Congregation and of how members and regular attendees can become more involved with the various committees that enable the fellowship to function.

October 25th: *We are still in need of a volunteer to lead this service.* Please sign up to lead the service by placing your name on the sign up sheet at the sanctuary entrance near the offering bowls.

All Sunday services are followed by a social hour with coffee and other refreshments in the fellowship basement immediately after the service.

November 1st Service: *Special Guests The Image Spinners ~ Our Open Lives: Experience, Change, Growth and Becoming.* The *Image Spinners* is “an eclectic circle of women writers” exploring and celebrating the richness of their life experiences in diverse ways, while utilizing a variety of genres such as poetry, fiction, and memoir to shape the experiences into meaningful patterns and tapestries. Themes and concerns reflected in their writing naturally cover many of the Unitarian Universalist principles, although this is not their main purpose in creating and expressing.

During the service, several *Image Spinners* will read from their work, thus sharing with the community their interpretation and depiction of the threads of life that connect us all.

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.



"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on,
and produce so pleasant an effect on
the feelings, as now in October."

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

Other Upcoming Events at MVUUF:

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 2nd @ 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

October 7th: Board of Trustees Meeting. Members of the Board of Trustees 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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

NEW REGULAR EVENT

October 11th: circa 11:45 a.m., (following social hour). *Social Justice & Action Taskforce* will meet in the sanctuary to learn about and discuss social justice concerns and actions. This group will discuss issues that are affecting both our local communities and our national and global communities. Over time the group will seek out various projects and issues to take action on as individuals, as a group, and/or as a congregation. *Bring your own lunch to this meeting.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

October 18th: MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW SERVICE. All members of the Mt. Vernon UU Fellowship are asked to attend this meeting to discuss upcoming matters pertaining to MVUUF including our next steps toward becoming a welcoming congregation and opportunities to revise or update our current committee member lists.

October 21st @ 6:30 p.m. Open Minds Discussion Group.

TOPIC: Finding Your Passion (led by Debbie Czarnopys-White). Open Minds meets monthly 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

Other MVUUF Matters:

Note from Donna Beaumont regarding her Mingling of the Waters service:

“The "mingled waters" have been strained and boiled and are stored in a glass jar in the fridge at MVUUF for use by anyone who wants to include some in a service.”

Thank you Donna!

Are you considering MVUUF membership? Please ask a Board of Trustees member for a prospective member folder, or a membership form.

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 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.