



# UU Matters

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The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
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## Sunday Morning Service Schedule

(Mt. Vernon UU Fellowship services are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. All Sunday morning services are held at the fellowship building and are open to the public unless otherwise stated. If you are interested in leading a service or delivering a sermon, please use the Service sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.)

**7 March:** "Gratitude" Paul Oakley will lead this service.

**14 March:** "Starhawk" Debbie Czarnopys-White will lead this service.

**21 March:** "The Flame and the Chalice"

Rev. Bill Sasso of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship will present this sermon.

Rev. Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, has challenged our movement to become a "religion for our time." What does that mean, and how are we supposed to change in order to do that? Within Unitarian Universalism, as within most religious movements, different forces exist in tension. The difficulty is to determine which aspects of the present and the past we are called to carry forward, and which others may be transformed or disregarded. Join Bill as he grapples with this question of the future of our movement!

**28 March:** "Happy Birthday! Five Years and Counting . . ."

Rev. Bill Sasso of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship will present this sermon.

Some of us were there, and others have arrived since then, but it was late March of 2005 that the first Wednesday evening "informational meeting" was held. We began to explore the possibility of forming a Unitarian Universalist gathering here in Mt. Vernon. This interactive service will revisit and celebrate the history of this congregation, and review what we know of the earlier Mt Vernon Universalist church, which met from roughly 1900 to about 1940. Bring your memories, your gratitude, your sense of celebration, and your belief in the possibilities of the future!

# Other Upcoming Events

(All Upcoming Events are held at the fellowship building and are open to the public unless otherwise stated.)

## **3 March:** Board of Trustees Meeting -First Wednesday of Each Month-

Meeting open to anyone interested in MVUUF business.

Board of Trustees: Nina Peacock, co-chair; Kelly Taylor, co-chair;

Diane Schwitz, co-chair; Adam Stone, secretary; Angela Czapiewski, treasurer.

## **5 March:** Drum Circle -First Friday of Each Month-

Bring a drum or other percussion instrument to play at this relaxed and informal drum circle, or simply come to listen and enjoy the good vibrations.



Photos by Paul Oakley

## **14 March:** Social Justice & Action Taskforce -Second Sunday of Each Month- -Following Social Hour-

Join this group to learn about and discuss social justice concerns and actions. This group discusses issues that affect local, national, and global communities. This group seeks out various projects and issues to take action on as individuals, as a group, and/or as a congregation. (You may want to bring a sack lunch.)

# Other UU Matters

## **Submission Guidelines:**

All submissions for UU Matters must be emailed to Luke Sanford Crawford, at [LukeSanfordCrawford@yahoo.com](mailto:LukeSanfordCrawford@yahoo.com), no later than the last Monday of the month preceding the month that you want the submission published. Submissions for the March edition must be emailed no later than **29 February**.

## **Service Leaders/Speakers:**

If you are leading a service or speaking in a service, you need to email Luke directly with the title, date, and synopsis of your service/sermon.

## **Other Meetings:**

If you are coordinating a special meeting or event that is open to the public, you need to email Luke with the date and description of the event.

## **Programming Committee:**

Someone from the Programming Committee should email Luke a list of upcoming service leaders and speakers each month.

## **Personal Submissions:**

UU Matters could be an opportunity for you to share your personal work relating to UUism, to the MVUUF congregation, or to liberal religious thought in general. Please consider sharing your photography, poems, short stories, "deep thoughts," etc. Send submissions to Luke.

"Why not let people differ about their answers to the great mysteries of the Universe? Let each seek one's own way to the highest, to one's own sense of supreme loyalty in life, one's ideal of life. Let each philosophy, each world-view bring forth its truth and beauty to a larger perspective, that people may grow in vision, stature and dedication."

- Algernon Black

## Note from Adam Stone, MVUUF Secretary:

Dear fellow MVUUF members,

The Board of Trustees has set **Sunday, May 16, 2010**, immediately following the regular Sunday service, as the date and time for the Annual Membership Meeting. Please attend if you are interested and able!

Three important matters, and relevant timelines, that will be considered at the meeting:

1. The approval of the Welcoming Congregation Covenant and the accompanying revisions to the Bylaws. I have attached, as PDF documents, copies of the proposals submitted to the Board by the Task Force, and approved by the Board for membership approval. Members will be asked to approve these documents at the May meeting. The documents have not changed substantively since they were first circulated to the members in October 2009; nevertheless, please look at them again, and if you have any concerns or questions about the documents, please address them to the Board of Trustees as soon as possible, preferably no later than **April 15, 2010**.
2. The approval of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, which begins July 1, 2010 and ends June 30, 2011. If you are a chairperson, co-chair, or member of a committee, please meet with the other members of your committee to formulate your budget request for the coming year. All budget requests must be submitted to the Board of Trustees by **April 15, 2010**. The Board will use the requests to create a proposed budget that the members will vote on at the May meeting.
3. The election of officers to the Board of Trustees. Opportunities exist for members to step forward and serve a one-year term on the Board! If you are interested in doing so, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (myself and Beth Brennan), and we can tell you more about serving on the Board. All members are welcome to assist MVUUF in this capacity!

If there are additional items members would like to have placed on the agenda of the May 16, 2010, meeting, please let me know and I will add them.

Thank you, to each of you, for your continued participation in, and support of, MVUUF!

Sincerely,

Adam E. Stone

Adam E. Stone, Secretary, Board of Trustees

“Religion is not something separate and apart from ordinary life. It is life – life of every kind viewed from the standpoint of meaning and purpose: life lived in the fuller awareness of its human quality and spiritual significance.”

- A. Powell Davies

**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 the 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](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/MVUUF)

**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](http://www.mtvernonuuf.org)
4. By emailing our fellowship: [information@mtvernonuuf.org](mailto:information@mtvernonuuf.org)



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