



UU Matters

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The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

~A Welcoming Congregation~

1600 Isabella, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864; (618) 241-9644

Sunday Morning Service Schedule

(All Sunday morning services are held at 10:00 a.m. at the fellowship building and are open to the public. 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.)

3 October: Donna Beaumont will lead this service.

10 October: Gail Devilbiss will lead a service entitled *Compassion for Animals*. This will be an intergenerational service. Gail will explore the relationship we have with our companion animals. After a short service we will have a blessing of the animals. Attendees are welcome to bring their furry or fuzzy companions, or if you prefer a leash or a favorite toy in their honor. Please, if bringing your companion, travel safely with your friends. We ask that you have cats well secured (carrier if you have one) and leashes on the dogs. This is just to get them safely indoors. Remember new territory can spook your friend. There will be a table set up for memorials; we will take time to recognize companions that have departed us. There will be room for a photo or memento if you wish to share. Gail will accept donations of dog and cat food on behalf of the humane society. Blessed animals will receive treats. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend the blessing of the animals. P.S. Proxy stuffed animals will also be blessed if your young child has one that's dear to them.

17 October: Shannon Green will lead this service.

24 October: Glenda Eubanks will lead this service.

31 October: A volunteer is needed to lead this service.

Other Upcoming Events

(All Upcoming Events, held at the Fellowship Building, are open to the public.)

1 October: Drum Circle
-First Friday of Each Month-
-7:00 p.m.-

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.

6 October: Board of Trustees Meeting
-First Wednesday of Each Month-
-6:30 p.m.-

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.

10 October: 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.)

27 October: Meditation Group
-Fourth Wednesday of Each Month-
-6:30 p.m.-

No description available

Other UU Matters

Newsletter Editor Needed (note from Luke S. Crawford)

Dear friends,

I regret to inform you that it is my intention to resign as editor of this newsletter, UU Matters, at the end of this year. I will finish Volume 5 (2010), but Volume 6 (2011) will need to be the responsibility of someone else. Classic Hindu philosophy delineates four stages of life (student, householder, anchorite, and ascetic). I am experiencing a personal transformation from student to householder; hence, I would like to spend more time on lucrative activities and recreational activities with my family. Please, if any of you are interested in being editor for Volume 6 of UU Matters, let me know as soon as possible.

Peace & Love,
Luke S. Crawford

Newspaper Announcement Submission Guidelines

Submissions for the Friday "church news" sections of both the Sentinel and the Register-News are due on the Wednesday morning prior to the service or event. If you are leading a service, or planning a fellowship event, please email your information to Beth at: bethnvito@mvn.net by (at the very latest) 8 a.m., on the prior Wednesday. It need not be complicated--a few sentences would be fine. (Also, please let Beth know if you do not wish for your name to be included in the press release.) Many new attendees have told us that they found MVUUF through these articles in the newspaper, so this is an important way to let people know what is happening.

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

All submissions for UU Matters should be emailed to Luke at LukeSanfordCrawford@yahoo.com. Submissions for the November edition must be emailed no later than **Monday, October 25**.

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

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

UU Matters is an opportunity for you to share your personal work relating to Unitarian Universalism, to the MVUUF congregation, or to liberal religious thought in general. Please consider sharing your photography, poems, short stories, "deep thoughts," etc.

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

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

“I care not much for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it.”

- Abraham Lincoln