



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.)

2 January: Gail DeVilbiss will lead the fellowship in a Fire Communion/Ceremony, which focuses on looking back over the year that has ended, reflecting on what we wish to leave behind, and looking forward to the year that is just beginning, reflecting on what we hope to bring into our lives. Come and celebrate with us all of the possibility that this New Year holds!

Participants are asked to write down ideas, thoughts, feelings, events etc. that you want to leave behind in 2010 and ideas and hopes for the future. Participation in the Fire Communion is optional, but if you desire you can leave negative things in your life behind you and light a candle for the future. All ages welcome.

9 January: Shannon Green will lead this intergenerational service.

16 January: A volunteer is needed to lead this service.

23 January: Debbie Czarnopys-White will lead this service about "The Power of Gratitude." We will explore ways and reasons to offer gratitude to the living world around us and its people.

30 January: A volunteer is needed to lead this service.

6 February: Visitor Clayton Daughenbaugh will lead a service on Wilderness Spirituality, focusing on the spiritual aspects of wilderness. After a short break for folks to get coffee, he will conduct a short session, showing a DVD and discussing advocacy.

~Services with no designated leader will be Open Readings services.

Other Upcoming Events

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

1 January: 2011 Annual New Year's Day Potluck

12:00 noon

Bring food, games, music and friends, to welcome the New Year.

Hope to see everyone!

5 January: 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.

7 January: 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.

9 January: 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.)

26 January: Meditation Group
-Fourth Wednesday of Each Month-
-6:30 p.m.-

Members will lead the group in a meditation activity.

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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

Please email Submissions for UU Matters to marji.gibbs@gmail.com Submissions for the February edition are due by **Monday, January 24**.

If you are leading a service or speaking in a service, please 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, please 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," favorite quotes, etc.

Member News

Please email any member news for future issues to the address above.

**There are no extra pieces in the universe.
Everyone is here because she or he has a
place to fill, and every piece must fit itself
into the big jigsaw puzzle.**

Deepak Chopra



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

