



# UU Matters

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The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
~A Welcoming Congregation~  
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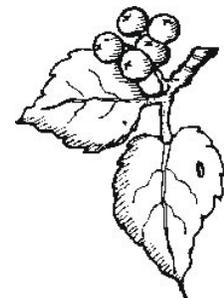
## Sunday Morning Service Schedule

(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.)

**29 May:** Donna Beaumont will lead open readings during the Memorial Day weekend. If you bring a reading or music to share, it does not have to be oriented to Memorial Day. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like to join in an outdoor social hour under the trees, weather permitting.

**5 June:** A volunteer is needed to lead this service.

**12 June:** A volunteer is needed to lead this service.



**19 June:** A volunteer is needed to lead this service.

**26 June:** LGBT Taskforce will host a Pride Sunday service.

~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 June:** Board of Trustees Meeting  
-First Wednesday of Each Month-  
-6:30 p.m.-

Meeting open to anyone interested in MVUUF business.

**Retiring Board of Trustees:** Nina Peacock, co-chair; Kelly Taylor, co-chair;  
Diane Schwitz, co-chair; Adam Stone, secretary; Angela Czapiewski, treasurer.

**3 June:** 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.

**12 June:** Buddhist Meditation  
-Second Sunday of Each Month-  
-9:00 a.m.-

Buddhist meditation group meets downstairs. You need not be Buddhist to attend.

**12 June:** Social Justice Action Taskforce  
-Second Sunday of Each Month-  
-11:30 a.m. following Social Hour-

Join this group to learn about, discuss, and take action on social justice concerns-- issues that affect local, national, and global communities. The group seeks projects and issues to take action on as individuals, as a group, and/or as a congregation.

Please see Debbie Czarnopys-White for details on an ongoing project to make dolls for distribution to some of those in need in our area.

**22 June:** Meditation Group  
-Fourth Wednesday of Each Month-  
-6:30 p.m.-

Members will lead the group in a meditation activity.



*Advancing human rights is the work of many joining hands*

## ***The UUSC Link***

The UUSC is an independent human rights organization, supported through the volunteer efforts and financial gifts of its members and supporters, and linked to UU congregations through local representatives. The four focus areas of its work include: *Rights in Humanitarian Crises; Civil Liberties; Economic Justice; and Environmental Justice.*

This month, I'd like to update you on UUSC's response to last year's floods in Pakistan. This report is from the *UUSC Local Reps Bulletin*:

Survivors of last year's devastating floods in Pakistan are still struggling to rebuild homes and restore livelihoods. With the generous support of UUs across the country, UUSC continues to help communities in Pakistan recover. UUSC is now working with two partner organizations in the southern districts of Punjab and Sindh — areas hard-hit in the disaster that have received little assistance. Together, we are reestablishing income-generation opportunities for flood-affected women in Baloch communities, where women have traditionally experienced some of the worst violence and exploitation in Pakistan. We are also improving the living conditions of Hindu minority families — who have been intentionally left out of the mainstream response because of their minority status — by diversifying income generation for women and helping families reinforce their homes with windows and doors.

UUSC's annual fund raising goal is \$580,000 by June 30. Here are some examples of how your monetary gifts can be used:

\$30 protects an orphaned Haitian child from abuse, trafficking, and prostitution.

\$65 pays for a small business loan for a woman in Kenya.

\$200 becomes \$400, buying a bicycle ambulance for a resettled village several miles from a health center in northern Uganda.

If you would like to learn more about UUSC, check out the website at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org), attend a meeting of the Social Justice Action Task Force, and watch this space in UUMatters.

~Donna Beaumont, UUSC Local Representative

## **Buddhist Meditation**

Join the newly formed Buddhist meditation group for sitting meditation on June 12th at 9 a.m., preceding the weekly service. One need not be Buddhist to attend.

## **MVUUF Directory**

Debbie Czarnopys-White is compiling a *voluntary* directory of our members. To be included, please submit any of the following information that you wish included to Debbie at [bdew@frontiernet.net](mailto:bdew@frontiernet.net) or by phone 787-2929 or in person on a Sunday: Name, Address, Phone, Email. For privacy, the Directory will be shared only with Mt. Vernon UUF members who are included in the directory.

**Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship** annual Social Action rummage sale will be held June 10 (noon-5 p.m.) and June 11 (8 a.m.-1 p.m.) at 105 N. Parrish Lane.

## New Board Elected at May 15 Membership Meeting

Donna Beaumont, co-chair; Debbie Czarnopys-White, co-chair; Sam Smith, co-chair; Gail DeVilbiss, secretary; and Angela Czapiewski, treasurer were elected to the MVUUF Board for the term beginning on July 1, 2011.

## Library Shelves

Thanks to Debbie Czarnopys-White for donation of funds to purchase three new bookcases for the Library.

## Upcoming WomanSpirit 2011 Conference

The Annual UUA Central Midwest District WomanSpirit conference will be held August 5 –7, 2011 in Michigan . For more information, see : [www.womenandreligion.org/](http://www.womenandreligion.org/)

## Gathering of the Waters

Please take a moment to collect samples of water from your travels and meaningful experiences this summer to be used in the Water Ceremony in late August or early September.

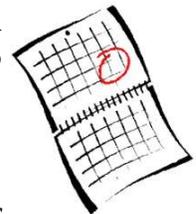


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## Other UU Matters

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:marji.gibbs@gmail.com) Submissions for the May edition are due by **Monday, June 27**.

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.

**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)

