



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.)

2 September: Gail DeVilbiss will present a Labor Day Service: *Pearl Buttons and their Role in Union Labor History*.

9 September: Learn more about the Sikh Religion. Listen to music, prayers and an informative and enlightening pre-recorded interview from members of the St Louis Sikh Study Group recently aired on St Louis NPR.

16 September: *Shared Service*. The shared service is an open reading service with a minimal structure. If you have music, art, a special reading, thought or poem to share, please do! Shared services have come to life with a diverse group participating. Selections will be available on September 2 and September 9. Please join us.

23 September: *Kenya-Coming Back Changed*. Welcome to Shannon Green and Lacey Gibson from Carbondale, to share this service with us.

30 September: Mike DeVilbiss, *Free Will and Determinism*.

7 October: Welcome to Luke Crawford, visiting from Mexico, who will lead the service.

Other Upcoming Events

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

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

Meeting is open to anyone interested in MVUUF business. **Board of Trustees:**
Donna Beaumont, co-chair; Debbie Czarnopys-White, co-chair;
Gail DeVilbiss, secretary; and Walter Lazenby, treasurer.

9 September: Buddhist Meditation
-Second Sunday of Each Month-
-9:00 a.m.-

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

9 September: Social Justice Interest Group
-Second Sunday of Each Month-
-11:30 a.m. following Social Hour-

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

26 September: Meditation Group
-Fourth Wednesday of Each Month 6:00 p.m.-
For information, check with Nina Peacock.

A member will lead the group in a meditation activity.



Water Sharing August 26



Hunting for Hymnals

A recent inventory of hymnals found some missing. Undoubtedly, some were out in order to prepare for leading a service. If you are not currently using a hymnal in your possession for that purpose, please return it to the Fellowship. And if you have reason to hang onto a hymnal for a while longer, please let Paul Oakley (poakleyo615@charter.net) Mike DeVilbiss, or Donna Beaumont know that you have it so we can determine how many have been lost and how many remain.

From the Programming Committee:

October 14th theme will be Animals: The Rescuers. Our annual Animal Blessing will also be part of this service. Gail and Diane will work together for this service. anyone wishing to join them is welcome- just let them know or e mail- vegaddict1@aol.com.

Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 11, and Nov 25 services are open and in need of a leader.

Drum Circle

The Drum Circle is taking a rest. If you feel inclined to set up a new time for relaxed and informal drumming, please contact Debbie Czarnopys-White.

From the Publication Committee

When our web page domain expires, it was recommended to look into other price options. If you have web domain expertise or suggestions to share, please contact marji.gibbs (at) gmail.com .



Advancing human rights is the work of many joining hands

The UUSC Link

The UUSC is an independent human rights organization, supported by 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.*

Advocacy is a critical part of how UUSC makes change in the world. But we need your help! By taking action, you raise awareness of social justice and apply moral and political pressure where it is needed most.

The UUSC website, under the tab “what we do/public policy,” informs members and friends of action alerts. Action alerts featured this month include Save Fair Trade (in opposition to Fair Trade USA’s move to lower standards for products labeled as Fair Trade), \$2.13 an Hour is Unfair (urging Congress to raise the tipped minimum wage); End Discrimination at Darden Restaurants (telling Darden Restaurants that exploiting workers is unacceptable), and Voice Your Support for the Occupy Movement (sign an open letter in support of the principles of the Occupy Movement).

More information and suggested letters on each of these issues, and more, is available on the UUSC website. Write a letter, tell a friend. Word of mouth is critical to building support for human rights and change.

To learn more about UUSC, take a look at the Opportunities for Service bulletin board, visit the UUSC website www.uusc.org or Facebook, attend a meeting of the Social Justice Interest Group each second Sunday after social hour, and watch this space at *UUMatters*.

Donna Beaumont, UUSC Local Representative



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, for the time being, to Gail at: vegaddict1 (at) aol.com 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 Gail 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(at)gmail.com. Submissions for the October edition are due by **Tuesday, September 28**.

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 round bowl on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to mail a contribution, please mail 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

For more information about the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship or to be added to our mailing list, please contact us in one of 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