



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.)

4 November: Debbie Czarnopys White will lead a service entitled "*A Sense of Community*," exploring what community means regarding a sense of belonging, learning, contributing, and growing. In the experience of life's ups and downs, our support system or network or lack of same affects how we continue to strengthen and build our lives.

11 November: Paul Oakley will lead this service.

18 November: Members of the Social Justice Interest Group will lead this service, acknowledging the Thanksgiving holiday and introducing *Guest at Your Table*. Guest at Your Table is an annual UUSC tradition in which fellowship members take home a box and story booklet featuring people that UUSC has worked with recently. Share your blessings with these "guests" during the winter holiday season. The gifts will be returned at the Fire Ceremony on December 30 to help support the UUSC's human rights work.

25 November: *Open reading/sharing service*. If you have a poem or reading, perhaps an excerpt from a favorite book a special selection of music, a piece of artwork or creative work you have done, considering sharing with us. See the sign up sheet in the back of the fellowship hall. Please join us.



Other Upcoming Events

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

7 November: 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; Terry Schwitz,
co-chair; Gail DeVilbiss, secretary; and Walter Lazenby, treasurer.

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

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

11 November: 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.

18 November: Fall Membership Meeting
-After Sunday Service -
A brief meeting will be held to amend the bylaws.

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

The group will participate 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 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.*

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*.

Social Justice Interest Group Lap Quilt Project Saturday Nov. 10

All interested are invited to help in a lap quilt project on Saturday, November 10, at the Mt. Vernon UU Fellowship, from 9:00 to noon. The quilt will be approximately 36" x 55" All batting and backing material will gladly be accepted. Also portable sewing machines will be used, so please share for this event. Debbie has material for the tops. Sewing skills or just willingness to assemble and tie-off quilts will be appreciated. Completed quilts will go to a Native American contact, who will distribute them to her New Mexico reservation. Contact Debbie for more information- bdcw@frontiernet.net or 201-3753.

Upcoming Services

December 2 -Paul Oakley will lead this service

December 9 - Donna Beaumont will lead this service

December 16—Shared Fellowship Service

December 23 Paul Oakley will facilitate this service

December 30—Gail Devilbiss will facilitate a New Year Fire ceremony



New Flooring Downstairs

A special thank you and great appreciation to those who generously donated funds and time to update the flooring at the north of the basement: Bob White, Larry Sidwell, Greg Gibbs and Terry Schwitz.

Fall Membership Meeting

Nov. 18 Following the Service

Please attend a brief meeting, in order to make amendments to the bylaws,.

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Newspaper Announcement Submission Guidelines

Submissions for the Friday "church news" sections of both the Sentinel and the Register-News are sent on the Tuesday 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 p.m., on the prior Monday. 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 November edition are due by **Monday, November 26**.

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