



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 August: *Open Reading Service.* Please bring readings, stories, music, or artwork to share. No need to sign up in advance. The Fellowship looks forward to what you choose to share. Open readings can become very special services.

11 August: Diane Schwitz and Debbie Czarnopys-White will lead this service on *Sacred Geometry*..

18 August: *Open Reading 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 made, please share with us.

25 August: Donna Beaumont will lead the annual *Gathering of the Waters* service.

Quick Reminder: Please save water from your summer travels for the *Gathering of the Waters* service on Aug. 25.



Other Upcoming Events

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

7 August: 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; Nina Peacock, co-chair; Terry Schwitz, co-chair;
Debbie Czarnopys-White, secretary; and Larry Sidwell, treasurer.

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

Buddhist meditation group meets downstairs. One need not be Buddhist to attend. For more information: Debbie Czarnopys-White
bdcw@frontiernet.net

11 August: 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.

24 August: Cleaning Day
-9:00 a.m. - Noon-

Bring your best cleaning CDs, music, and tools -- we can order pizza for noon. If you wish, bring any side items desired to accompany pizza.

27 August: Meditation Group
-Fourth Tuesday of Each Summer Month 6:00 p.m.-
Please note the change from Wednesday to Tuesday for the summer.
For information, check with Nina Peacock.





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.*

Wednesday, July 24, was the national day of action to raise the minimum wage. It marks four years since workers making the federal minimum wage last received a raise -- to \$7.25 per hour.

Unitarian Universalist Association President Peter Morales and UUSC President Bill Schulz issued a statement on July 18 on raising the minimum wage -- see portions of their message below.

We've been told we're in the middle of an economic recovery. But as we approach July 24, the national day of action to raise the minimum wage, we face the reality that workers who make minimum wage are not recovering -- they're barely putting food on the table. . . This is an outrage that our moral values insist be remedied. And there is a simple common-sense solution: we must raise the federal minimum wage to a living wage. . . Because the problem of income equality is so central to our moral commitments, we have together written and signed a statement in support of raising the minimum wage. Now we are asking people throughout the country to join us.

Sign our statement today and urge that workers be paid fairly:

<http://actnow.uusc.org/site/R?i=TiGtFRyfMPMM5bjAvdiv-Q>

The U.S. Congress is currently considering the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013... We ardently support this legislation, but it's just a starting point, and we have a long road to travel. We see this as much more than a political issue -- it is a moral imperative. We must be true to the values that we hold dear.

Read the entire statement at (http://actnow.uusc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=UUA_UUSC_Minimum_Wage_Statement&AddInterest=1023), and follow action on this issue and many others, at the UUA and UUSC websites.

To learn more about UUSC, take a look at the *Into Action* bulletin board, visit the UUSC website at www.uusc.org or on 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*

Sewing Day Saturday July 27

Sewing Day beginning at 9 a.m to work on projects for babies/kids of a Native American reservation.

Check with Debbie C-W for details
bdcw@frontiernet.net

Cleaning Day Satur- day August 24

Putting the coffee on! Bring your best cleaning CDs, music, and tools for our Cleaning Day, 9 a.m. – noon.

We plan to order pizza for noon. If you like, bring side items desired to go along with pizza.

Other UU Matters Newspaper Announcement 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 to Gail at: [vegaddict1 \(at\) aol.com](mailto:vegaddict1(at)aol.com) by (at the very latest) 8 p.m., on the prior Monday. A few sentences is fine. 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 Guidelines

Please email submissions for *UU Matters* to [marji.gibbs\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:marji.gibbs(at)gmail.com) by **Monday, August 24**, for the September issue. If you are leading a service or speaking in a service, please send title, date, and description 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





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