



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.)

1 September: Ellen Silverman and Susan Trotter will lead this service.

8 September: Debbie Czarnopys-White will lead this service on *Blessings Received from Animals*.

15 September: Mike Miller will lead the service, *My Spiritual Odyssey*.

22 September: Diane Schwitz will lead our Sunday service.

29 September: David Jeter will lead a service on *Godless Spirituality*.



Other Upcoming Events

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

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

11 September: 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 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.



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

UU Women's Retreat in October

UU Women's Connection Fall Retreat - "Singing in Sacred Circle" is October 18-20 on the shores of Lake Michigan at DeKoven Retreat Center in Racine, WI. The keynote speaker will be [Shelley Graff](#) - feminist singer, songwriter, guitarist and Singing in Sacred Circle facilitator. For more information go to the UU Women's Connection website: www.uuwomensconnection.org If you love finding your voice in so many ways, please consider joining us. We'll have opening and closing ceremonies with workshops, wonderful food and time to explore the Lake Michigan area. Contact Debbie Czarnopys-White for more information - bdcw@frontiernet.net or 201-3753.

Sparkling after Cleaning Day

Thank you to Debbie White, Theresa Rowe, Ellen Silverman, Susan Trotter, Nina Peacock, Mike Miller, David Jeter, Greg Gibbs and Marji Gibbs for straightening and shining up the Fellowship building on Saturday August 24 before the annual Mingling of the Waters ceremony.

Good job! Good companionship and conversation. And good food!



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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 **Tuesday, September 24**, for the October 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 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