



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.)

6 October: *Open Reading Service*, led by Nina Peacock. 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.

13 October: *Open Reading Service*, led by Theresa Rowe.

20 October: *Open Reading Service*, led by David Jeter.

27 October: Debbie Czarnopys-White will coordinate our Sunday service, *Celebrating LGBT History Month*.



Other Upcoming Events

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

2 October: 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.

October: No Buddhist Meditation
Postponed to next month
-Usually 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

13 October: 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.



22 October: Meditation Group
-Fourth Tuesday of the Month 6:00 p.m.-
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.*

The effort to secure an increase in the minimum wage continues at the Federal, state, and local levels, and UUSC supports these efforts. If you have not yet read *Behind the Kitchen Door*, I encourage you to do so. We have two copies of this book, which is the UUA Common Read, in our fellowship library. In October, a study guide for either one or three sessions will be available. If you would be interested in a study group related to this book and the issues it addresses, please let me know.

UUSC is urging support for ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Individuals with Disabilities, which includes human right to water provisions. Learn more at <http://www.uusc.org/treatycalls>.

An ongoing emphasis of UUSC is **Choosing Compassionate Consumption**. It may seem early to be thinking about it, but the winter holidays will soon be upon us. Check out eco-friendly and ethically sourced merchandise at the UUSC store <http://shop.uusc.org/>.

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*



Save the Date

on **Nov. 17** for a congregational meeting after the service.

Music for Services



David Jeter is offering to play our keyboard for Sunday services should anyone wish to select music from our blue songbook, *Singing the Living Tradition*, for a service.

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 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 by **Friday, October 25**, for the November 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