



# UU Matters

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The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

~A Welcoming Congregation~

1600 Isabella, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

## 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 fellowship hall.)

**4 October:** Gail DeVilbiss will lead this *Animal Blessing* service. You are welcome to bring your animal friends, either on leash or in cage please.

**11 October:** *Open Readings Service*. Please bring readings, music, creative endeavors, anything you would like to share. Open Readings can be some of our most special services.

**18 October:** *Open Readings Service*. Please bring readings, music, creative endeavors, anything you would like to share. Open Readings can be some of our most special services.

**25 October:** *Open Readings Service*. Please bring readings, music, creative endeavors, anything you would like to share. Open Readings can be some of our most special services.

**1 November:** Gail DeVilbiss will lead this service focusing on Day of the Dead celebration.

Please check the MVUUF [website](#) for updates to the schedule.



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# Other Upcoming Events

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

**7 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:** Greg Gibbs, Co-chair, Nina Peacock, Secretary; Terry Schwitz, Co-chair; Larry Sidwell, Treasurer, and Susan Trotter, Co-chair.

**11 October**                      **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](mailto:bdcw@frontiernet.net)

**11 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.

**21 October**                      **Open Minds Discussion Group**

-Third Wednesday of the Month 7:00 p.m.-

See description later in this newsletter. The public is welcome.

**27 October**                      **Meditation Group**

-Fourth Tuesday of the Month 6:00 p.m.-

-Upstairs in the Fellowship Hall-

For those who want to learn and practice a variety of visualization, meditation and relaxation techniques. For information: Nina Peacock at [peacock.nina@gmail.com](mailto:peacock.nina@gmail.com).

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## *Tenth Anniversary of Mt Vernon UUF, October*

By October 2005, Sunday services were being held each week. Nina Peacock's name appears in the records for the first time, attending Sunday service. As Nina and Glenda Eubanks recall, Nina was the president of the local Business and Professional Women organization and Glenda was on its Board. It is a tradition for women from the group to attend a religious service with their President. Nina did not belong to a religious community, so she accepted Glenda's invitation to come to the fledgling UU group service with her. A number of other BPW members attended with them, significantly swelling the attendance that Sunday. Randy was eager to know what other organizations Glenda belonged to!

The steering committee continued to address a variety of concerns, both housekeeping and institutional. Randy began to look into the possibility of selling the pews and purchasing more comfortable chairs. Members of the steering committee looked at such issues as creating bylaws, incorporation, and the like. Late in the month, the members hosted a Halloween celebration, intended to engage children in the neighborhood; response from the neighbors was thin, but members enjoyed the opportunity for fellowship.

### **Open Minds**

#### ***October Discussion: A Welcoming Congregation?***

The October 21 Open Minds discussion is on "A Welcoming Congregation? Churches and Welcoming LGBT People," led by Debbie Czarnopys-White and Roberta Price

The Social Justice Interest Group hosts the Open Minds discussion series on the third Wednesday of each month **at 7 p.m.** at the fellowship building, to encourage exploration and discussion of social justice and related issues. The series is open to the public. If you have a topic to discuss, concerning social justice, economic justice, environmental justice – or just being an informed citizen – please contact Donna or Vito.

The new sign looks super! Thank you to Nina Peacock for designing the new sign for the marquee in front of our building, and arranging the printing. Thank you to Terry Schwitz for installing it, and to Greg Gibbs for financial support.

Thank you to Terry Schwitz for his woodworking, crafting the Memorial Plaque, now visible at back of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to each and every volunteer who bustled and cleaned, repaired and pruned on Sept 20! Watch the bulletin board for Roberta's collage of cleaning day fun photos.

Thank you to Paul Eatherton for a long season of mowing.



**Mt. Vernon  
Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship**

*An Emerging UUA Congregation  
and a Welcoming Fellowship*

**Sunday Morning Services  
Begin at 10:00 A.M.**

*Everyone is Welcome!*

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# UU Women's Connection Conference



Fall Retreat, October 9-11, 2015  
at the DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin

**The Red Tent: Things We Don't Talk About (Women's Stories from the Red Tent)**

Featuring Special Guest: Dr. Isadora Gabrielle Leidenfrost

The current issue of UU Women's Connection newsletter *Voices of Women*, with the [conference brochure](#), is available at: [www.uuwomensconnection.org/](http://www.uuwomensconnection.org/)

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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 Monday morning prior to the service or event. **If you are leading a service, or planning a Fellowship event, please email your information to Debbie at: [bdcw@frontiernet.net](mailto:bdcw@frontiernet.net) by 8 p.m., on the prior Sunday.** A few sentences is fine. Many new attendees have told us that they found MVUUF through 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@gmail.com) by **Sunday, October 25** for the November issue. **Please email November dates for the website as soon as available.** 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.

## Committee Matters: *Committee co-chairpersons:*

Contact committee chair via [information@mtvernonuuuf.org](mailto:information@mtvernonuuuf.org)

### Nominating

Vito Mastrangelo

### Welcoming& Hospitality

Theresa Rowe  
Glenda Eubanks  
April Peyton

### Publications & Library

Nina Peacock  
Beth Brennan, Library  
Marji Gibbs, Web/newsletter

### Religious Education

Deb Czarnopys-White

### Programming

Donna Beaumont  
Gail DeVilbiss  
Glenda Eubanks  
Roberta Price  
Theresa Rowe

### Music

Angela Czapiewski  
Mike DeVilbiss

### Memorial

Deb Czarnopys-White

### Building& Grounds

Terry Schwitz  
Deb Czarnopys-White  
Vito Mastrangelo  
Susan Davis

### LGBT Concerns

Deb Czarnopys-White  
Roberta Price  
April Peyton  
Diane Schwitz

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## Other UU Matters

**Considering MVUUF membership?** Please ask a Board of Trustees member for a prospective member folder, or a membership form.

## Library Matters

The MVUUF Library catalogue is available online at [www.librarything.com/catalog/MVUUF](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/MVUUF) . Recent donations to the library have been added to the LibraryThing catalog and are now available on the shelves at the fellowship.

## 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.

## 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 visiting our website: [www.mtvernonuuf.org](http://www.mtvernonuuf.org)
3. By emailing our Fellowship: [information@mtvernonuuf.org](mailto:information@mtvernonuuf.org)

