

UU MATTERS



The Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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An Emerging UUA Congregation

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**Mt. Vernon UU Fellowship services begin at 10:00 a.m.
on Sunday mornings. Please join us!**

Upcoming Services:

July 6th: Vicki Doetsch and Luke Crawford will coordinate this service with readings related to themes of ecology.

July 13th: Nina Peacock will lead this service.

July 20th: *Open Readings.* Shannon Green will lead this open reading service. Please bring short readings, thoughts, music, or artwork to share.

July 27th: *James Luther Adams.* Special Guest Ken Starbuck will speak at this service regarding the religion and history of James Luther Adams. Adam Stone will lead this service.

August 3rd: *Being Compassion.* Paul Oakley will lead this service.

MVUUF is a lay-led congregation. Fellowship services are planned and/or led by fellowship members. If you are interested in planning or leading any future service, please contact a member of the programming committee (Glenda Eubanks, Shannon Green, or Paul Oakley). We have many dates still open in upcoming months. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

All listed events are held at the fellowship building and are open to the public unless otherwise stated. Please email information@mtvernonuuf.org for information about any service or event.

July 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.: *Board of Trustees Meeting.* Board of Trustees members: Nina Peacock: Cochair; Luke Crawford: Cochair; Glenda Eubanks: Cochair; Adam Stone: Secretary. The Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30. Open to anyone interested in fellowship business.

August 1st @ 7:00 p.m.: *Drum Circle.* THIS EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED IN JULY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY. Future drum circle gatherings will be held on the first Friday of each month.

July 9th @ 6:30 p.m.: *Welcoming Congregation Workshop.* Topic for July: We will watch a 98 minute film entitled *For the Bible Tells Me So.* (See end of the newsletter for more info about this film). The Taskforce for LGBT Concerns will host Welcoming Congregation Workshops on the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month. These Workshops are a cooperative effort by the members of the congregation to make our fellowship better at welcoming all members of the community to our fellowship, specifically those people who are also sexual minorities. Even if you haven't been to a workshop before, or don't plan on attending every month, please make an effort to attend at least one or two of the upcoming workshops.

July 16th @ 6:30 p.m. *Open Minds Discussion Group.* This group meets for discussion on third Wednesday of each month to discuss a variety of topics. Everyone is welcome. Contact Vito Mastrangelo for more information about this discussion group and topics.

July 20th @ 6:00 p.m.: WINTERFAITH Planning Meeting. The programming committee is actively working towards planning for Winterfaith, an Interfaith Series of Services that will begin in December 2008 and continue through January 2009. For more information about Winterfaith, please visit our website at www.mtvernonuuf.org. Please join us for this very important planning meeting. We will share everything we have done so far, and everything that still needs to be done!

July 31st @ 6:30 p.m.: *Meditation Group.* Emphasizes the use of guided meditation and visualization with time for reflection and discussion following the meditation. Meditation Group meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. See Nina Peacock for more details.

Other MVUUF Matters:

Are you considering MVUUF membership? Please ask a Board of Trustees member for a prospective member folder.

Treasury Matters: Financial contributions may be made in the offering basket located on the round table at the back of our sanctuary. If you would like to mail contributions instead of putting them in the offering basket, you may mail them 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.

UU Matters Newsletter Submissions: *If you have news or notices that you would like placed in upcoming editions of UU Matters, please send them to information@mtvernonuuf.org by the 15th of each month, for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.*

Fellowship Contact Information: If you are looking for more information about the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship or would like to be added to our mailing list, you can do so in 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
5. (MVUUF Board of Trustees members can be reached using the fellowship voice mail or email)

We want to offer a special welcome to the many new visitors we have greeted lately, and to all of those who have recently become members of our fellowship! Your participation in fellowship activities is essential! Thank you also to the many members and friends who work tirelessly to keep our community thriving!

SPECIAL FREE SHOWING!

This Month Our

GLBT WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, July 9th @ 6:30 PM.

Will Present The New National Award-Winning Film

-= FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO =-

Consisting of Interviews With 5-Very Normal U.S. Families

(Including Those of U.S. Representative Dick Gephardt

& Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson)

+ Bishop Desmond Tutu, & Rabbis & Ministers

of Mainstream Denominations.

Rave Reviews

For This Winner of 9-Nationwide Film Festivals:

"AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL FILM

EVERYBODY SHOULD SEE.

IT RESTORES YOUR FAITH IN PEOPLE."

- *National Public Radio*

"EYE-OPENING!"

- *Entertainment Weekly*

"MOVING!"

- *"O" Oprah Magazine*

"INSPIRING!"

- *Los Angeles Times*

"ENLIGHTENING!"

- Salt Lake Tribune

"ENTERTAINING!"

- Washington Post

"POWERFUL!

**A BRAVE & NOBLE EFFORT
TO HEAL A GAPING WOUND IN OUR SOCIETY!"**

- Salon.com

"BRILLIANT!

ABLY RESEARCHED & DEFTLY DIRECTED!"

- Miami Herald

"A TRIUMPH!

**PROVIDES A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF
HOW CHRISTIANS CAN ACCEPT HOMOSEXUALITY
WITHOUT BETRAYING THEIR BELIEFS."**

- Philadelphia Inquirer

It's 98-Minutes Short -

Very Interesting & Exceptionally Well Done!

We Encourage

EVERYONE

To Attend This Most-Special Event!