

ORDER OF SERVICE

Question of the Day: What is keeping you going right now?

The Chime Calls Us to Silence	
Prelude	Meg, Music Coordinator
<i>Hold On</i> By: Heidi Ann Wilson	
Welcome	Rachel, Worship Associate
Call to Worship	Rev. Kellie, Minister
Chalice Lighting	
Land Acknowledgement	
Opening Hymn	Jeremey, Accompanist
<i>#1053 How Could Anyone</i> By: Libby Roderick	
Story for All Ages	
Singing the Children Out	
<i>#414 As We Leave this Friendly Place (Adapted)</i> Words: Vincent B. Silliman Composer: J.S. Bach. <i>As you leave this friendly place, Love give light to every face, May the kindness you all learn, Light your hearts ‘til you return.</i>	
Congregational Life Moment	CQ, Board President
Anthem	
<i>Rainbow</i> By: Kacey Musgraves	
Sermon	Rev. Kellie, Minister
My Project Semicolon: Why Suicide Awareness and Prevention Still Matter	

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Invitation to the Offering	
50% of today’s collection plate will be donated to: The House of Bread, which serves free, hot, nutritious lunchtime meals to anyone in need, 365 days a year. For more information, visit houseofbread.org .	
Offertory	
<i>Fix You</i> By: Coldplay	
Joys & Sorrows	
<i>#1031 Filled with Loving Kindness</i> Words: Traditional Buddhist Meditation Music: Ian W. Riddell Adapted: Mark W. Hayes	
Prayer	
Closing Hymn	
<i>#346 Come Sing a Song with Me</i> Words & Music: Carolyn McDade	
Extinguishing the Chalice	
Announcements	Meredith, Dir. Of Congregational Life
Sharing the Benediction	

Thank you to our Hospitality and Production team members:
Chris, Jen, Jim, John, Katherine, Kris, Robin, Sheila, Steve

Featured Value: *Equity*

We declare that every person has the right to flourish
with inherent dignity and worthiness.

We covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain fully
accessible and inclusive communities.

THIS WEEK AT MVUUF

Scan QR code for more on these and other offerings.



Today

Donation Drive - Wesley Community Baby Shower: We're collecting baby items through October 4th for the Wesley Community Baby Shower! There are three ways you can give:

- 1) Purchase an item and place it in the collection bins, located by the nametags. Needed items include: baby socks, size 1 diapers, baby wipes, bibs, baby blankets, and baby safe stuffed animals.
- 2) Purchase an item from our Baby Registry at Target online (Scan First QR Code Below). The item will be shipped to Steve S. for inclusion in a gift basket.
- 3) Donate funds through MVUUF's online giving portal. Just select "Wesley Baby Shower" from the first drop down menu (Scan Second QR Code Below).

Fiber Arts Group: Calling all seasoned artisans and newbies, gather your latest fiber project and join our Fiber Arts Group today, in the Chapel, after service.

CUUPS' Full Moon Ritual: Join our pagan group, Chalice of the Willow (CUUPS), today at 6:30 PM to celebrate the full moon! Ritual followed by a potluck meal.

Every Week

Women's Group: This small group ministry for women meets at 10 AM, online, every Sunday. Scan QR code for zoom link.

Scripture Study: Explore sacred texts from the world's religions at 3:00 PM (NEW TIME), online, every Sunday. Scan QR code for zoom link.



Target Baby Registry: Wesley
Community Baby Shower 2026



Give to MVUUF

My Project Semicolon: Why Suicide Awareness and Prevention Still Matter



Sunday, September 27, 2026

Rev. Kellie Kelly

Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (mvuuf.org)

Youth Group meets at 1 PM today in the Parlor. Children (K—5th Grade) will be dismissed from service after the Story for All Ages. Pick-up is at 2:15 PM.

CW: Mentions of suicide. The sermon may not be suitable for children. Discretion is advised.
If you or someone you love is struggling, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available 24/7 by call or text, in English and Spanish. Call or Text 9-8-8.



MIAMI VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

WELCOME DINNER

FOR NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS
Meet Members & other New People!

Saturday, October 10, 2026
5:30 PM in the Chapel
We'll provide the food.

RSVP TO LIFE@MVUUF.ORG
THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH



Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
515 E. Third St., Dayton, OH 45402

Drum Circle

Drumming is Form of Meditation.
Tap into the Rhythm of Life!

Second Saturday of the Month
October through May | 10 AM to 11 AM | Chapel
Optional lunch at 2nd St. Market After
No RSVP Needed

Newbies Welcome!
Bring Your Own Drum or Sticks if Possible
Limited Number of Extra Drums Available
Questions? Email co-facilitator, Will, at
drummerwhb@att.net



Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

New Mom Baby Baskets

Nurturing New Beginnings

Guest Speaker: Quiana Bickham, Senior Program
Coordinator for Dakota Community Center

Activity: Making Gift Baskets for West Dayton's
Annual Community Baby Shower

An All Ages Social Action Offering
Sunday, September 10th @ 2:30 PM | Conference Room



How do recent bylaw changes affect governance at MVUUF?

Last (Third) in a series, from the board: Everything that’s not Stewardship

Now there are two kinds of committees?

- Permanent Committees: mandated by bylaws
- Committees of the fellowship: created as needed

The six Permanent Committees (mandated):

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| *Stewardship | *Leadership Development | *Committee on Ministry |
| *Personnel | *Right Relations | *Safety |

The Stewardship Committee: See the second installment of this board series.

The Leadership Development Committee: In January, members will elect its chair.

The Leadership Development Committee will:

- Support leadership potential in the congregation
- Provide leadership development workshops + related training
- Provide nominations for the Board and all other elected positions
- Current Nominating Committee folx will serve until their term ends.

The Committee on Ministry (CoM):

- Being re-sized to 4 members
- Two members appointed by the board
- Two members appointed by the minister
- The CoM selects their own chair from within its membership.

The Personnel Committee: Continue as it is.

The Right Relations Committee will:

- Assist all in growing into covenant with one another
- Guide the board on policy matters concerning covenant, relationships and conflict
- Provide assistance to heal relationships damaged through conflict, when needed (Including mediation)

The Safety Committee will:

- Implement safety strategies to support the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being of MVUUF (Both long-term and as-needed safety strategies)
- Help MVUUF assess and address risks

Changes Continue on Back ->

Bylaw Changes Continued

Who chairs the six Permanent Committees?

- The Committee on Ministry selects its own chair
- The 5 other mandated committees shall have a congregationally elected or board-appointed chair
- The term of office for chairs is 2 years

How is MVUUF’s board of trustees changing?

- Terms of 2 years
- Staggered terms will provide continuity
- The president will be elected from the previous board

What other bylaw changes are being implemented?

- Elect at the January 24, 2027 Congregational Meeting:
 - *Board Trustee C
 - *Right Relations Chair
 - *Leadership Development Chair
 - *Board positions
 - *Endowment positions

What other bylaw changes are being implemented?

- Appoint on March 1, 2027: official announcement of
 - *Safety Chair
 - *Stewardship Chair

What other bylaw changes are being implemented?

- Eliminate Robert’s Rules for Board Meetings, but
- Congregational Meetings will continue using Robert's Rules

Committees of the fellowship:

- Not mandated by bylaws
- Not permanent
- Congregation can create, restructure, and eliminate these
- Self-governing
- The leader has a regular point of contact on the board.
- Their purpose listed on MVUUF's website
- Subject to annual review

Now is an ideal time to consider taking on more of a leadership role!

- When Nominating or Leadership Development calls you, please say yes. MVUUF is Dayton's liberal religious community -- let's continue into the future.
- Help us be here for all who have not found us yet!
- Serve, thrive with us, and help heal our broken world.