ORDER OF SERVICE

"Our most foundational covenantal commitment is to belong to each other." –Rev. Eric Baron
Question of the Day: What does covenant mean to you?

The Chime Calls Us to Silence

Welcome Meredith, Director of Membership

Prelude Jeff, Music Leader
We Welcome You
Danny Daniels
(Modified Lyrics)

Call to Worship Rev. Kellie

Chalice Lighting

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn
#346 Come Sing a Song with Me

Story for All Ages

Singing the Children Out
#414 As We Leave This Friendly Place

Joys & Sorrows
#402 From You I Receive

Meditation & Prayer

Anthem
Crowded Table
The Highwomen

New Member Recognition
(Please see Insert)

Sermon
Covenant as a Spiritual Practice

Invitation to the Offering
50% of today's collection plate will be donated to: the Minister's Discretionary Fund, which provides assistance to people with short-term needs, especially MVUUF members & friends.

Offertory Rebecca, Soloist
Instrumental

Closing Hymn
Pass the Light
Jan Elicker and Clif Hardin
(Scan the QR Code for a digital copy of the sheet music.)

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Sharing the Benediction

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Thank you to our Hospitality and Production team members:
CQ, Jen, Kris, Maureen, Maury, Shiela, Tim

Featured Value*: Interdependence*

We honor the interdependent web of all existence. With reverence for the great web of life and with humility, we acknowledge our place in it.

We covenant to protect Earth and all beings from exploitation. We will create and nurture sustainable relationships of care and respect, mutuality and justice. We will work to repair harm and damaged relationships.

THIS WEEK AT MVUUF

Today, December 14th

CUUPS Discussion Group: Join our Pagan group, Chalice of the Willow, for their monthly discussion group. Today, at 2:30 PM, in the Chapel.

Membership Committee: The Membership committee is meeting at 2:45 PM today in the conference room. Anyone interested in growing community at MVUUF is welcome to join!

Wednesday, December 17th

Sharing Stories Book Group: Join the book group online at 10:30 AM to discuss "The Emperor of Gladness" by Ocean Vuong. Zoom link can be found on our website.

Saturday, December 20th

CUUPS Yule Celebration: Join our Pagan group, Chalice of the Willow, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM in the chapel as they celebrate Yule! The celebration will include a ritual and potluck dinner.

Every Week

Scripture Study: Explore sacred texts from the world's religions at 8:45 AM, online, every Sunday. Zoom link can be found on our website.

Women's Group: This small group ministry for women meets at 10 AM, online, every Sunday. Zoom link can be found on our website.

Table Talk: Join our Director of Membership, Meredith Plummer, for lunch on Mondays and/or Fridays at 12:00 PM to build connection and community. Lunch is BYO (bring your own). No Table Talk DEC 19th, DEC 26th, DEC 29th, JAN 2nd.

~ Our joint Christmas Eve Service with St. John's UCC is scheduled for 7 PM ~

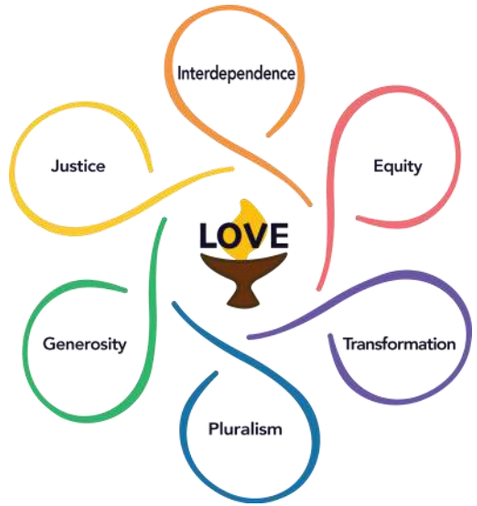
Our Vision

We strive to embrace every mind, body and spirit—without exception.

Our Mission

We covenant to practice compassion, forge connections, and pursue justice.

Covenant as a Spiritual Practice
(New Member Recognition)



Sunday, December 14, 2025

Rev. Kellie Kelly & Meredith Plummer

Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

mvuuf.org

Youth Group begins in the Parlor at 1:00 PM. Children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade begin in the Worship Service before going to Children's Program after the Story for All Ages. The Nursery is open and available to all children from 6 months old through Pre-K.

Families should plan to pick up their children at 2:15 PM.

New Member Ceremony

Rev. Kellie, Minister:

Today we formally welcome new members of the Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. New members, please come forward.

May you find here guidance and companionship on your spiritual journey, and a source of caring, joy, challenge, and commitment in your lives. Welcome into this covenanted community of faith, hope and love.

Antonia, Board President:

On behalf of the Board, I welcome you into this, our liberal religious community. We do not ask for a creedal confession as a sign of your membership; instead, we invite you into covenant. In return, we pledge to you our support and care.

Everyone:

Meredith: We welcome you into the Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, our beloved community, with faith and hope. Here is a place to grow in heart, mind, and spirit.

New Members: Thank you, it is good to be here.

Rev. Kellie: Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a congregation bound by covenant. Covenant calls us to center love in all encounters. Will you pledge your love and goodwill to this community?

New Members: We will.

Antonia: At Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, we journey together in our search for truth and as we seek to work for peace and justice. Nothing we do can be done alone or in isolation. Will you pledge your time, talent and treasure to our shared journey?

New Members: We will.

Congregation: Your commitments gratify us, your energies enliven us, and your presence renews us. With your pledge of care, service, and support, we look forward to our future together.

New Members: Thank you, it is good to be here.

Meredith:

As I call your name, please come forward and receive this rose. Roses are significant to Unitarian Universalism. When we dedicate our children to the community of the congregation, when our High School Seniors bridge our of Religious Education, we each of them a rose. And, now, we are giving you a rose as well. May this rose signifying your promise to become an active and supportive member of Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Theresa Harrington

Amanda Riegel

Adam Siens

Jessicah Taylor

Emily White

P.J. Brito

Rev. Kellie:

Do we welcome our new members?

Congregation:

We do, with great rejoicing!

Congratulations to the New Members of 2025

Theresa Harrington

Amanda Riegel

Adam Siens

Jessicah Taylor

Emily White

P.J. Brito

CHALICE OF THE WILLOW
(CUUPS)

Yule Celebration

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
6:00 - 10:00 PM
IN THE CHAPEL

RITUAL & POTLUCK DINNER

ChaliceOfTheWillow@gmail.com | MIAMI VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP | 515 E. 3rd St. Dayton, OH 45402

MIAMI VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 25, 2025
1:00 - 3:00 PM | Figment Studios
Scan the QR code below to bring a side dish.

ALL WELCOME

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT MVUUF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Updated! 2025!

THURS NOV 27
Thanksgiving Dinner
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
@ Figment (434 E. 3rd St.)
Members, Friends & Visitors
All Welcomed!

SAT DEC 6
Cookie Decorating party
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
@ Chapel
Let's decorate cookies while we watch a Christmas Classic.

SUN DEC 7
Wassail & Cookies
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
@ Sanctuary
Singing, Cider & Cookies, need I say more?

SAT DEC 20
CUUPS Yule Overnight
NEW TIME: SAT DEC 20th 6—10 PM
@ MVUUF
Welcome baack the sun with ritual, food & community.

WED DEC 24
Christmas Eve Service
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
@ Sanctuary
Combined Christmas Eve Service with St. Johns UCC.

THURS DEC 25
Christmas Dinner
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
@ Figment (434 E. 3rd St.)
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More information and other events (like Parents Night Out) can be found at www.mvuuf.org.