

THE FORUM

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JUNE-JULY 2024



**The kiss of the sun
for pardon,
The song of the birds
for mirth,
One is nearer God's
heart in a garden
Than anywhere else
on earth.**

—Dorothy Frances Gurney

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WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR JUNE-JULY

SUN JUN 2nd	(multi-platform) 11:00 AM <i>What I Know For Sure</i> With Rev. Kellie
SUN JUN 9th	(multi-platform) 11:00 AM <i>Juneteenth</i> with Rachel Feltner
SUN JUN 16th	(multi-platform) 11:00 AM <i>Worship For All Ages: Flower Communion</i> with Rev. Kellie and Somaya Bernard, DRE
SUN JUN 23rd	(Zoom ONLY) 11:00 AM <i>GA Sunday</i> (streaming General Assembly Service) with Rev. Molly Housh Gordon
SUN JUN 30th	(multi-platform) 11:00 AM June Congregational Meeting (no service today)
SUN JUL 7th	Staff/Volunteer Holiday (no service today)
SUN JUL 14th	(multi-platform) 11:00 AM Guest Speaker
SUN JUL 21st	(multi-platform) 11:00 AM <i>Worship For All Ages: Butterfly Service</i> with Rev. Kellie & Somaya Bernard, DRE (service will be outside)
SUN JUL 28th	(multi-platform) 11:00 AM <i>A Celebration of our Yankee Home</i> with Rev. Kellie

CHILDREN & YOUTH RELIGIOUS ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE FOR JUNE-JULY

JUN 2nd	Nursery: K-5th Grade Class; OWL; no Youth Group
JUN 9th	Nursery; K-5th Grade class; Youth Group
JUN 16th	Nursery <i>Worship For All Ages: Flower Communion</i>
JUN 23rd	<i>Worship from General Assembly (online-ONLY)</i>
JUN 30th	Nursery; Congregational Meeting (no service today)
JUL 7th	Staff/Volunteer Holiday (no service today)
JUL 14th	Nursery; All Ages class
JUL 21st	Nursery; <i>Worship For All Ages: Butterfly Service</i> (service will be outdoors)
JUL 28th	Nursery; All Ages class

STAFF SUMMER VACATIONS

Rev. Kellie Kelly	out JUN 7th-14th, and JUN 17th-24th
Somaya Bernard	out JUN 23rd, JUL 28th
Jennie Freiburger	out JUL 4th-8th



STAFF STUFF

FROM REV. KELLIE

Dear Ones,

I don't have a column in this edition, so please look for my letter in the Congregational Meeting Packet. Also, I will be in California celebrating Matt's graduation June 7th-14th, and on study leave June 17th-24th; if there is a pastoral emergency, you can leave me a voice mail and I'll return your call.



With love and gratitude,
Kellie
847-804-4614

Want to know what Rev. Kellie has been reading? Click on her bookshelf link:

<https://bitly/kelliesbookshelf>

ADMINISTRATOR NOTES



It's hard to believe that the 2023-2024 program year is coming to an end! That means that Pledgers need to make sure their 2023-2024 pledges are paid in full. The deadline is Sunday, JUN 30th; but if you are paying online or sending a check through the mail, it would be great to make that final payment at least a week or so earlier than the deadline, to make sure that the payment is counted for the correct pledge year.

And as always, if using a check, simply write the pledge year in the "memo" area.

Thanks for your continued generosity to MVUUF!
—Jennie Freiburger, Fellowship Administrator

CYRE NEWS



What a truly wonderful program year we've had! I am so thankful for you all for making this program possible. We will finish out June with our current ongoing classes. The k-5th class will finish up with their CartUUns lesson plan and the youth group will continue with their youth led discussions. For July the youth group will have one big outing or get together; we're still working out the details of the where and when, but we will let you know as soon

as we do! As far as classes go we will be combining all classes into one, though this class will be outside! With our big move coming up we wanted to guide the children in creating keepsakes from the wetlands and labyrinth to take with them. For the youth group, we are inviting them to take pictures to document our time at the fellowship. We will provide them with disposable cameras to capture what is important to them at the fellowship, and put them all together in a scrap book for all to enjoy.

I know that there are a lot of mixed feelings about our move coming up. For myself included! Even as someone who is very excited about the move, and what it will bring, and the challenge of practicing our faith as a people of change. I am looking forward to seeing the good in the move, but every time I come to the building I notice a new little thing that I will miss. I will miss the labyrinth, which I have walked many, many, many times. I will miss our playground that I have the honor of watching not only my children, but all of our children find joy in. While I'll miss these things and cherish them while we are able, they seem small in the bigger picture of what we'll be taking with us. We will be taking with us the thing that is most important to our faith, our community. During neighboring faiths when I was in high school, we visited a church service that ended up being about raising money to expand their already enormous building. Throughout the entire service, the Pastor repeatedly said "It's not about the building!" though it was very clearly, a service, all about their building. My friend who was in the class with me, took that sentence and used it as often as he could, to the point that I would have been happy never to hear those words, strung together in that exact way ever again. But 15 years later, thinking about this move, and the friendships I've made and experiences I've had over the years in this space, it seems to fit the most. "It's not about the building." That friend I found in RE as a youth is still one of my closest friends to this day, even while we live 500 miles apart. So it was never about the building. I am ready for our next adventure together, and to see what amazing things we can do as a community.

—Somaya Bernard, Director of Religious Education, re@mvuuf.org

RULES FOR CHILDREN IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE

One. If you find that you're sitting in front of a child and they can't see, try leaning to the side.

Two. If the children seated behind you are rustling papers, hand them a few crayons.

Three. If there is a baby that is crying, offer to take the baby from their parent and walk to the back of the church and rock the child for a while. The parent really needs a break.

Four. If the teenagers are whispering give them some Smarties. The rustling and crinkling will replace their whispering.

Five. If an adult complains to an usher about the noisy children near them, offer to trade seats with that adult and then apologize to the parents of the children.

Six. When a child is running around giving everyone high-fives during greeting your neighbor make sure to give them an extra fun high-five, and then high-five the next five adults you see.

Seven. If a child has worn tap shoes to church and is dancing on the wood portion of the floor, slip the sheet music for *The Entertainer* to the pianist and roll with it.

Eight. When children can't hear due to an adult wearing a squeaky puffy jacket, offer to assist them in removing it and hang it up.

Nine. When the three-year-old insists on standing on the front pew turned backwards facing the congregation, give them a pair of very dark glasses. That will prevent the child from catching any adult's eye, which may lead to distracting the adult.

Ten. When a child in front of you is very squirmy, and then they finally turn around, take it in stride and play Got Your Nose until he turns to the front again.
—adapted from a post by CB Beal, *Justice and Peace Consulting*

*Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes
on the grass under trees on a summer's day,
listening to the murmur of the water, or
watching the clouds float across the sky,
is by no means a waste of time.*

—John Lubbock

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS ENRICHMENT

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Sunday Mornings, 9:00 AM, on Zoom

If you are interested in learning about different religions, and especially in the writings from those different religions, then you should consider attending our weekly Scripture Study. This group meets every Sunday morning, beginning at 9:00 AM, on Zoom. Feel free to contact John Bierman, at johnbierman78@gmail.com if you have any questions.

To join them on Zoom, use the link posted below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/424304843?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/424304843?pwd=RFcyeTlpR2J5bVRoZlI3TElEU3UzUT09)

[pwd=RFcyeTlpR2J5bVRoZlI3TElEU3UzUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/424304843?pwd=RFcyeTlpR2J5bVRoZlI3TElEU3UzUT09)

To join by phone, dial **1 312 626 6799** or **1 929 205 6099** and at the prompts enter Meeting ID: **424 304 843** and Passcode: **720015**

SHARING STORIES BOOK GROUP

4th Wednesday Each Month

Wednesdays, JUN 26th & JUL 24th, 10:30 AM, on Zoom

Our Sharing Stories Book Group usually meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday—on Zoom—to discuss a featured book.

in JUNE, they will discuss *Old Babes in the Woods* by Margaret Atwood; and in JULY, they will discuss *The Rachel Incident* by Caroline O'Donoghue.

If you'd like to join them, please use the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83229588801?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83229588801?pwd=RHlBM2Z4WnBXZzJyWnc3WmpRN3VuUT09)

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Joining by phone? Please dial **1 312 626 6799** or **1 646 876 9923** and at the prompts enter the Meeting ID **832 2958 8801** and Passcode: **224361**.

MOVING TASK FORCE

MOVING HELP NEEDED

Can you help with tasks to prepare for our move?

You can do so by sending an email to secretary@mvuuf.org to volunteer to help with the myriad of tasks! Please include your name and your preferred contact info (email, phone text, or phone call). Being willing to help as needed is great; if you have specific chores you'd like to help with, you can include that info, as well. As you can imagine, there are LOTS of tasks, such as sorting & labeling, packing, perhaps some errand-running (such as transporting small items), and more.



No need to email if you are already in touch with a member of the Moving Task Force for a specific task. As you may remember from the email of May 16th (Big News From the MVUUF Board!) the Moving Task Force is comprised of Board members and two New Home Task Force members (Maury Wyckoff and 23 Eakin).

—Lynn Buffington, Secretary, MVUUF Board

TENTATIVE MOVING SCHEDULE

Monday, AUG 5th	moving stuff to St. John's Church
Sunday, AUG 25th	<i>Worship For All Ages: Processional Worship Service</i> (starts on Yankee St., ends at 515 E. 3rd St.)
Sunday, SEP 1st	online-ONLY Worship Service
Sunday, SEP 8th	<i>Worship For All Ages: Water Communion</i> (first Worship Service at St. John's)
Sunday, SEP 15th	1st day of CYRE Classes

ONSITE GATHERINGS

TOURS OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Now that we know where MVUUF will be moving to...have you been wondering what St. John's UCC is like? Would you be interested in checking out their building?

We have scheduled four dates for tours of St. John's church:

Monday, JUN 10th, 6:30 PM;

Monday, JUN 17th, 6:30 PM;

Saturday, JUN 22nd, 11:00 AM;

and Monday, JUN 24th, 1:30 PM.

St. John's is located at 515 E. Third Street, 45402. No RSVP is needed to attend, simply show up at any of the dates/times above, and take a tour to find out more about St. John's UCC!

ACOUSTIC FOLK JAM SESSION

3rd Tuesday of Each Month

**Tuesdays, JUN 18th & JUL 16th, 7:00 PM,
in the Gathering Space**

Make sure to join us for some fun and fellowship, and LOTS of music! Feel free to bring any music/lead sheets or lyrics you'd like to share. Instrumentalists, singers, and "listeners" are ALL welcome!

*One must maintain a little of summer,
even in the middle of winter .*

—Henry David Thoreau

ADULT GAME NIGHT

4th Friday of Each Month

Friday, JUN 28th & JUL 26th, 7:00 PM, in the Sanctuary

Our new Adult Game Nights are a great way to play, laugh, and have together! Please join us for a fun evening of playing games and community building on the 4th Friday evening of each month.

What type of games? Whatever you'd like to play, whatever you'd like to bring—board games, card games, Magic the Gathering, Cards Against Humanity, Exploding Kittens...you get the idea. If you don't want to bring a game, we'll have plenty to share so we welcome you just the same. We'll also have Jaxbox for games with the whole group; make sure to bring your smartphone or tablet for Jaxbox games.

Please bring a snack and/or beverage to share. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Gemperline at 937-681-0136 (text preferred).

JUNE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, JUN 30th, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary and on Zoom/Facebook

Make sure you are planning to attend our annual June Congregational Meeting, which will once again be multi-platform, in the Sanctuary and on Zoom/Facebook, on Sunday, JUN 30th, beginning at 11:00 AM. There will NOT be a worship service on that day. To join on Zoom, use the info below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81521323250?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81521323250?pwd=YWgxKzlwRnJXZDFiTG9pT1ZYbWlrdz09)
[pwd=YWgxKzlwRnJXZDFiTG9pT1ZYbWlrdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81521323250?pwd=YWgxKzlwRnJXZDFiTG9pT1ZYbWlrdz09)

Joining by phone? Dial **1 312 626 6799** or **1 646 876 9923** and enter Meeting ID: **815 2132 3250** and Passcode: **003493** at the prompts.

Remember, attending Congregational meetings is a right and a privilege afforded to out Voting members, and one of the ways we can support our 5th Principle: *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations, and in society at large.*

We hope to see you there!

PAGAN EVENTS

BUILD YOUR OWN BOOK OF SHADOWS

Sunday, JUN 2nd & JUL 7th, 6:30 PM, in the Founders' Room

Have you ever thought of creating your very own Book of Shadows? This is a magical journal, and our pagan group, Chalice of the Willow (CUUPS), can teach you how to put one together.

They will have packets each month for you to fill out, so that you can create your own journal. It's a creative way to express yourself and find out more about paganism in the process.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Sunday, JUN 9th & JUL 14, 12:30 PM, in the Founders' Room

Our pagan group, CUUPS, has a discussion group on the 2nd Sunday of each month, beginning at 12:30 PM, in the Founders' Room. It's a great way to find out a bit more about pagan beliefs & traditions, and to converse with others in a comfortable, non-judgmental atmosphere.

LITHA/MIDSUMMER RITUAL

Sunday, JUN 16th, 6:30 PM, at MVUUF

Join CUUPS as they celebrate the summer solstice pagan-style during their Litha/Midsummer Ritual on Sunday, JUN 16th, beginning at 6:30 PM at MVUUF. The evening begins with the ritual, followed by a pot luck meal. The celebration is open to all.

FULL MOON RITUAL

Sunday, JUN 23rd & JUL 21st, 6:30 PM, at MVUUF

Join CUUPS as they experience their monthly Full Moon Ritual on a specific Sunday each month, beginning at 6:30 PM at MVUUF.

The evening begins with the ritual, followed by a pot luck meal. The celebration is open to all.

PHOTOS-CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, May 12th wasn't merely a special day for mothers...it was also the day that three of our youngest members celebrated their dedication to Unitarian Universalism. At right, Clover Hicks is pictured with her mom, Vivian Hogan, and Rev. Kellie.



Pictured at left are Evelyn Thompson with her children, Violet Thompson-Brewer and Phelix Thompson Brewer, alongside Rev. Kellie.



The children were wonderfully welcomed into the MVUUF family. And Evelyn became a member this day, as well! And don't you want to know what Phelix is thinking behind that cute expression!?!

PHOTOS-BRIDGING

The Bridging of Matt Coviello was part of the Worship Service on Sunday, May 26th. Rev. Kellie had a bit of trouble holding back her tears of love and pride as she celebrated this milestone with her son.



Matt looks so happy in this picture, don't you think? Maybe he's feeling all the love during the service...or maybe he's thinking about his trip to California for his graduation? Whatever the case, we're happy that he's happy, and we wish him

CONGRATULATIONS

on his bridging AND his high school graduation. Way to go, Matt!

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

SMART CHOICES

2nd Thursday Each Month

Thursday, JUN 13th & JUL 11th, 11:30 AM, MCL Cafeteria

This group of ladies has been getting together for quite a few years, celebrating birthdays & enjoying each other's company. They have a GREAT time and would like you to know that you're invited to join them!

They get together on the second Thursday each month, 11:30 AM, at MCL Cafeteria in Kettering. If you'd like more information, please feel free to contact Allie Petersen at allieoop777@yahoo.com.

WOMENS' GROUP

Sunday Mornings, 9:00 AM, on Zoom

This weekly group---which meets every Sunday---is open to all who identify as female, and they would love to have you join them for one of their interesting and thought-provoking discussions! To join the gathering online, click on the link below---

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/339923301?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/339923301?pwd=eFJVNWZaSTRPdHQ5NkM4REt2WTg3QT09)

[pwd=eFJVNWZaSTRPdHQ5NkM4REt2WTg3QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/339923301?pwd=eFJVNWZaSTRPdHQ5NkM4REt2WTg3QT09)

If joining by phone: Dial **1 312 626 6799** or **1 646 876 9923** and enter Meeting ID: **339 923 301** and Passcode: **042027** when prompted.

*Summer has filled her veins with light
and her heart is washed with moon.*

—C. Day Lewis

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JUNE-JULY'S FEATURED VOLUNTEER:

Bill Ross



The calm demeanor and friendly face of Bill Ross, this month's featured volunteer, has been seen by many MVUUF folks since 2000, when he "discovered" us. While "calm" and "friendly" are great attributes, there's an even better word to describe Bill: helpful. He's helped at MVUUF as an Usher, a Coffee Steward, a teacher and assistant in our Children & Youth Religious Enrichment (CYRE) Program, someone who helps with mowing the labyrinth and other grounds needs, as someone who is happy to fix broken things, and the list goes on.

You can even see it in his job title, Respiratory Therapist Assistant, when he worked at Kettering Health Dayton (formerly Grandview Hospital) until retiring in 2019. Being helpful is what Bill is all about. And don't think that once he retired that meant he'd be "stepping back" from MVUUF; if anything, he may be even busier now that he's retired!

He's currently serving as Vice President of our Board, as well as taking great notes for his position on the Social Action Committee. He has also served as an Endowment Trustee. And as one of our current Board members, he is also busy helping to prepare for our big move to St. John's Church, as well as being one of the people who make sure the checks I write every week are signed.

It's awesome to have a friendly, helpful guy like Bill Ross as a member of our Fellowship. His calmness, friendliness, and especially his helpfulness make MVUUF a great community. The next time you see Bill, thank him for all he does for MVUUF!

—Jennie Freiburger, Editor

SUPPORTING SOCIAL JUSTICE

WORTHY NOW: A CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR INCARCERATED UUs

Sunday, JUN 9th, 12:30 PM, in classroom #6

Do you have an interest in learning more about the challenges of prison life? Join us to learn about Worthy Now, a Church of the Larger Fellowship's program for incarcerated UUs.

Rev. Tom Cruse and Rev. Alice Diebel will lead a discussion on Sunday, JUN 9th, 12:30 PM, in classroom #6 (in the CYRE hallway). We look forward to learning with you!

WEST DAYTON ACTION GROUP

Tuesday, JUL 2nd, 6:30 PM, on Zoom

If you are concerned about the economic, health, and other disparities facing people living in West Dayton, please consider attending one of our meetings. They meet the first Tuesday of each month, on Zoom, to work on programs that benefit those living on Dayton's west side (tutoring, baby shower, book drive, etc.).

Contact Bob Lewis, bobslewis@hotmail.com, for more info.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday of Each Month

Thursdays, JUN 13th & JUL 11th, 6:30 PM, on Zoom

Our Social Justice Committee offers many different ways for you to "be the change" you'd like to see in the world: immigration action, improving conditions in West Dayton, tutoring projects, and the list goes on.

Feel free to join their next meeting by using the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022429356?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022429356?pwd=dmhiKzIzZzhvTTdwbTBpQ1JzWVlpdz09)
[pwd=dmhiKzIzZzhvTTdwbTBpQ1JzWVlpdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022429356?pwd=dmhiKzIzZzhvTTdwbTBpQ1JzWVlpdz09)

Joining by phone? Dial **1 312 626 6799** or **1 646 876 9923** and enter Meeting ID: **850 2242 9356** and Passcode: **613674** at the prompts.

TAPROOT: A NATIONAL BIPOC SPACE

2nd Thursday Each Month

Thursdays, JUN 13th & JUL 11th, 9:00 PM, online

The work of the spiritual community is complicated in the 21st century. The need for faithful leadership that is grounded and resilient is imperative. This is all the more true for leaders within our communities and congregations who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).

All too aware of this need, Congregational Life is excited to explore and co-create a network with congregational leaders that support them in this time in emergent ways through Taproot: A National BIPOC Space. BIPOC Leaders rooted in the Unitarian Universalist congregations are invited to take part in this monthly, virtual gathering.

To register online, visit:

<https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/m1w669841ox9xn1/>

AN INVITATION TO THE CASTLE

3rd Monday of Each Month

Mondays, JUN 17th & JUL 15th, 11:30 AM at The Castle

The Social Justice Committee invites YOU to join other members who are sharing their time & talents with The Castle! The lunch team needs more volunteers: each month, it designs a new menu and prepares a meal, dropping off items to The Castle by 11:30 AM on the 3rd Monday. Lunch is then served by the staff. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mary Lou Heitkamp at **937-291-1831** (home) or **937-615-7295** (cell) early in the month. She will then call you when they have set the menu, to determine which item you can provide (for 15-35 people). Try it for a month—you may just like it!

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

—Audrey Hepburn

REPARATIONS & RECONCILIATION

**Sunday, JUL 14th, 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary at MVUUF,
with a light lunch provided**

Our Social Justice Committee is hosting a Guest Panel to learn more about reparations and reconciliation regarding our BIPOC siblings. The committee will describe reparations for past harms that have been explored when UU congregations and others sell their properties. The panel will provide perspectives from two local BIPOC community members: Destiny Brown and Stephanie Van Hoose.



Destiny Brown

Destiny Brown is a community wellness advocate, founder of the Dayton Tenant Union, and Community Organizer with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE). Stephanie Van Hoose is the founder of REACH Indigenous Advocacy, is a tribally enrolled citizen of The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte T-MT. She is a culture bearer, and is the granddaughter and niece of residential school survivors. Please plan to join us for this enlightening discussion.



Stephanie Van Hoose

UPLIFT: UUA TRANSGENDER/NON-BINARY MONTHLY GATHERING

4th Tuesday of Each Month

Tuesdays, JUN 25th & JUL 23rd, 8:00 PM, online

Join the UPLIFT monthly gatherings focused on trans, non-binary, and other not (completely or at all) cis UUs. Join us to connect with other trans/non-binary UUs and co-create support & community across our faith. The gatherings focus on getting to know each other and on sharing our collective dreams, ideas, and talents for this space. Expansive definitions of trans, non-binary, and UU all apply. If you are interested in this space, and you aren't cisgender, it's a space for you! To join them, use this link: <https://www.uua.org/lgbtq/transnb>

DAYTON BLACK PRIDE FESTIVAL 2024

Saturday, AUG 3rd, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM, McIntosh Park

Get ready to immerse yourself in a celebration of love, unity, and empowerment at Dayton Black Pride! Dayton Black Pride is on a mission to create a vibrant and safe haven for our LGBTQ+ Black and Brown communities, fostering connections to vital resources while championing racial equity.

Mark your calendars for this event on August 3, 2024, from 10 AM to 4 PM at the heart of McIntosh Park (located at Edwin C. Moses Blvd. & W. Riverview Ave). It's a day bursting with energy, culture, and pure joy!

What to Expect:

- Live Performances
- Inspirational Speakers
- Community Connection
- Empowerment Workshops
- Delicious Food
- And so much more!

MVUUF will be a sponsor at Dayton Black Pride and will have a booth there. We need volunteers to celebrate Dayton Black Pride and to serve as MVUUF Ambassadors to inform participants about UUism, MVUUF, and our new address!

Jen Linck, head of the MVUUF Ambassadors, has created a signup on Signup Genius. To sign up, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4CAA92DA3F58-49697030-mvuuf>

If you have questions about serving as an Ambassador or need Jen to sign you up for the Dayton Black Pride event, you can contact her at:

jenniferhaynes4@gmail.com

THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS

This year during our annual Volunteer Appreciation Service on Sunday, MAY 19th, we honored 88 volunteers; out of 125 members, this means that over 70% of our members volunteered at MVUUF! Wow! Those who were honored are listed below:

Sheila Adams
Tom Adams
Claudia Bailey
Mary Ellen Beardmore
Kristen Beireis
Maddie Bernard
John Bierman
Gavin Bohrer
Jeff Bohrer
Jeremy Boulton
Abby Boulton-Dang
Zoe Boulton-Dang
Aime Boyd
Lynn Buffington
Art Busch
Em Butler
Iris Carter
Diane Colvin
Gary Courts
Matt Coviello
Van Dang
LM Davis
Sara Davis
Tom Davis
Dori Dick
Diane Dover
Andrew Dover
Sarah Dover
23 Eakin
Mike Fanelli

Sue Fanelli
Robin Farinet
Rachel Feltner
Susan Forman
Tim Gemperline
Nick Gezinski
Shirley Gezinski
Tate Grossmann
Lew Hann
Sharon Harmer
Demis Harper
Shannon Harper
Suncha Harris
Antonia Harter
Damian Haviland
Mary Lou Heitkamp
Ian Hogan
Vivian Hogan
Kurt Jacobsen
Jerry Jenkins
Dennis Kay
Bob Lewis
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Mollee McCourt
Adam McGough
Dave Nolin
Jacob Nolin
Maureen O'Meara
Jim Patton
Allie Petersen

Jim Poltrone
Tina Porter
Robert Porter
Catherine Queener
Jill Rap
Rachel Roberts
Bill Ross
Emily Schaefer
Ken Schory
Cameron Smith
Ann Snively
Lathe Snyder
Garlene Staton
Max Staton

Kris Steel
Steve Steel
Jo Anna Szymborski
Bonnie Thompson
Evelyn Thompson
Steve Thompson
Vicky Valerin
Bea Walther
Barb Weber
Andy Wilson
Donna Wilson
Maury Wyckoff
Rich Yarbrough
Kurt Zimmerman

Thank you so much for your service, volunteers!!!

If you still need to pick up your volunteer gift, please stop by the office after Sunday service or email Jennie Freiburger (admin@mvuuf.org) to arrange pick-up or mailing. We have a small notebook for you with a picture of our building on the cover and a few yummy shortbread cookies.

*Oh, the summer night, has a smile of light,
And she sits on a sapphire throne.*

—Bryan Procter

DEADLINE for the AUG 2024 FORUM

If you'd like to have an announcement published in the next edition of *The Forum*, please make sure to email your information to the Editor, Jennie Freiburger, at: **admin@mvuuf.org** by Tuesday, JUL 23rd.

ONLINE ACTIVITIES

TWO BOARD MEETINGS IN JUNE!

Saturday, JUN 15th and Sunday, JUN 23rd, on Zoom

Our Board meetings are open to EVERYONE, and time is set aside at the beginning of each meeting to answer any questions for Board members.

We'll have a **special** Board Meeting on Saturday, JUN 15th, beginning at 10:00 AM, on Zoom, to discuss the 2024-2025 budget. Our regular meeting will be held on Sunday, JUN 23rd, beginning at 2:00 PM. To join either meeting, use the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81521323250?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81521323250?pwd=YWgxKzlwRnJXZDFiTG9pT1ZYbWlrdz09)

[pwd=YWgxKzlwRnJXZDFiTG9pT1ZYbWlrdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81521323250?pwd=YWgxKzlwRnJXZDFiTG9pT1ZYbWlrdz09)

Joining by phone? Dial **1 312 626 6799** or **1 646 876 9923** and enter Meeting ID: **815 2132 3250** and Passcode: **003493** at the prompts.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

3rd Tuesday of Each Month

Tuesday, JUN 18th & JUL 16th, 7:00 PM, on Zoom

Our Pastoral Care Team is a group of lay leaders who volunteer their time to tend to the heart of our community. Led & guided by Rev. Kellie, they reach out to/work with individuals who are in need and reach out to the Team—for many different reasons. If you need their assistance, reach out to anyone on the Team at any time. Contact info is below; you can also reach them at: pastoralcare@mvuuf.org.

Mike Fanelli	937-231-6359	fanellimike@aol.com
Allie Petersen	937-672-5301	allieoop777@yahoo.com
Steve Steel	937-304-4087	steel.steven@yahoo.com
Maury Wyckoff	937-478-2993	mauryw651@gmail.com

PRODUCTION TEAM

4th Tuesday of Each Month

Tuesdays, JUN 25th & JUL 23rd, 7:00 PM, on Zoom

What does it take to produce a multi-platform Worship service? The Production Team definitely knows something about that, and includes Zoom host and co-host roles, as well as onsite A/V Booth and Mevo roles. Those interested in learning more about what the Team does—and potentially volunteering on it—are invited to join them!

To join them, use the link below:

[https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95267921276?](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95267921276?pwd=aFdkK1VuY1BZd0NWZlIEcHdPUHJKUT09)

[pwd=aFdkK1VuY1BZd0NWZlIEcHdPUHJKUT09](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95267921276?pwd=aFdkK1VuY1BZd0NWZlIEcHdPUHJKUT09)

Joining by phone?

Dial **1 312 626 6799** or **1 646 876 9923** and enter Meeting ID: **952 6792 1276** and Passcode: **051561** at the prompts.

COFFEE WITH THE MINISTER

4th Saturday of Each Month

Saturday, JUN 29th & JUL 27th, 10:30 AM, on Zoom

(June's date was moved due to the UUA's General Assembly)

Before COVID shook up our lives and the world, Rev. Kellie invited congregants to get to know her better by answering questions over a beverage (coffee, tea, water, or even a protein smoothie). Why did she become a Minister? Why does she love peanut butter so much? Come and learn the answer to questions like these and others asked by fellow congregants. Since Sundays have become packed with events and groups both before and after worship, Rev. Kellie will host Coffee with the Minister on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM. She has decided to do it via Zoom so our congregants who participate from home can participate fully. Pajamas are welcome!

To join the chat, use this link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95559512887>

If joining by phone, dial **1 312 626 6799** or **1 646 876 9923** and enter Meeting ID: **955 5951 2887** at the prompts.