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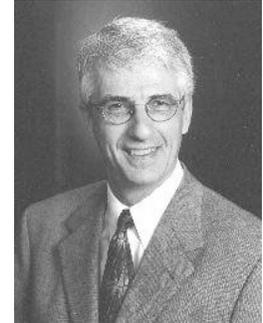
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# The Forum

### *Richard's Reflections*

Annie Dillard reminds us that "At any one time, the foam from breaking waves covers between 3 and 4 percent of the earth's surface. This acreage of foam--using the figure 4 percent--is equal to that of the entire continent of North America. By another coincidence, the U.S. population bears nearly the same relation to world population: 4.6 percent. The U.S. population, in other words, although it is the third-largest population among nations, is about as small a portion of the earth's people as breaking waves' white foam is to the planet's surface. And the whole North American continent occupies no more space than waves' foam."



*Rev. Richard Venus*

Ms. Dillard reminds me that in a time when the U.S. wants to run just about everything, and too often American's see their country as the leader, superpower and giant striding on the world's stage, it is important to note that we are outnumbered by 95 percent of the rest of the world. This is a perspective for this nation to keep before its leaders.

With only 4.5 percent of the world's population, the United States cannot survive without the help of others. While a military and economic giant, America has become what it is because of the assistance of others as well as its own ingenuity and power. As the Democrats, the Republicans and others hold conventions and boast of their ability to do many things, may they be reminded of the United States' place in the world as leader *and* beneficiary of the benevolence of others.

*Richard*

#### *Our Vision:*

*We are a welcoming spiritual congregation encouraging one another on our personal journeys, embracing diversity, nurturing community, and working together for social justice. We actively promote the liberal religious principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association.*

**Sunday Programs**

**Sunday, August 1—11:00 A.M.**

**“Biblical Roots of Christian Anti-Semitism.”** *The Rev. Chuck Thomas* will lead this service around a subject that has been with the world for centuries.

**Sunday, August 8—11:00 A.M.**

*The Rev. Elaine Strawn*, from the UU Church in Wooster, returns by popular request to lead this service.

**Sunday, August 15—11:00 A.M.**

**“A Bound Together Life Together.”** Buddhist guru and former MVUUF member *Calen Rayne* returns to bring a conversation about suffering and pain as understood from the Buddhist perspective.

**Sunday, August 22—11:00 A.M.**

*Becky Harding* will speak on women’s issues.

**Sunday, August 29—11:00 A.M.**

MVUUF youth member *Elizabeth Nguyen* will speak about her journey to become a Unitarian Universalist and her experiences with international youth and peacemaking.

This year our Sunday services will reflect the theme *Roots and Wings*.

**Our Staff**

**The Rev. Richard Venus, Minister**

Office Hours: By appointment (except Monday)

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Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs., 9:00—3:00 p.m.

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# Board Reports

Summary of the Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Board of Trustees Meeting for **July 15, 2004**.

*Jamie* called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Present: *Jamie McQuinn*, President; *Jim Faulconer*, VP; *Yolanda Crooms*, activities; *Gale Davidson*, PR; *Laurie Shows*, LRE; *Rich Robinson*, membership; *Joe Zimmerman*, operations; *Richard Venus*, Minister; *Carol Narigon*, Secretary; *Dan Narigon*, chair of the Finance Committee; *Don Shows*, visitor.

- Minutes of the June Board meeting were approved as written. (*Laurie* moved and *Gail* seconded).
- Discussed renaming of the Showcase Gallery.
- Discussed a program to put ribbons on name-tags to show activities done in the Fellowship.
- Discussed a Fellowship-wide Membership Service Campaign to ask people to make a commitment to a certain number of hours of service and finding a way of conceptualizing those hours.
- *Dan Narigon* reported that we ended last year ahead by \$7317.13 and said the Endowment Committee will be working on telling the congregation more about planned giving. *Dan* also reports that the representative of Chalice Lighter's knew we would use the money ahead of time. Money was included in building project funds.
- *Rich* asked if the Finance Committee could put together a "Finance 101" document for the Board.
- *Jamie* reported that *Judy Pickett* has resigned as treasurer. He has asked the Nominating Committee to make a recommendation so the Board can appoint a replacement.
- The Personnel Committee is interviewing candidates next week and hopes to bring a candidate for approval next month.

*Carol Narigon*, Secretary

## Membership News

### Orientation

Those exploring Unitarian Universalism and the Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship are invited to attend a monthly orientation session after the service on the third Sunday of each month. **Our next orientation will be August 15.**

### Caring and Sharing Committee

We are in need of volunteers to visit members who are ill or recovering from an accident. Volunteers will take food and/or flowers and follow up with the individual, as well as keep the congregation informed of the member's progress. If enough folks volunteer, we hope members will only have to visit once a year.

*Rich Robinson*, Membership Trustee

## Announcements

### Free Legal Consultation

Attorney *Mark Kalafatas* is available at the Fellowship on Monday evenings from 7-9 P.M.. Please call the Fellowship office, 436-3628, to make an appointment.

### Outside Work Day

On August 7, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. we will be having an outside workday at the Fellowship. No experience necessary! Primarily, we will be pulling weeds and spreading the rest of the mulch that was delivered this spring. If you have a wheelbarrow and the means to transport it, please bring it along. If you are new to the Fellowship, this is a great way to meet people while making a positive contribution. You may even have a little fun.

We will be hosting the UU Summer Olympics the following weekend, so it would be nice to spruce things up a bit in order to put our best face forward for our guests.

If you have any questions, please contact *Joe Zimmerman*. See you there!

## **Bent Spoon Winner Announced**

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the inaugural MVUUF Ice Cream Social and Homemade Ice Cream Cook Off was held. There was fierce competition with eight homemade entries from four cooks. Each attendee sampled the ice creams and voted for her or his favorite. The maker of the most popular ice cream will have her name engraved on the "Bent Spoon" award plaque, which will be kept on display at the Fellowship. This year's entries:

Bittersweet Chocolate Sorbet – *Ann Snively*  
Blackberry Lemon Ice Cream – *Suzanne Mackenzie*  
Homemade Peach Ice Cream – *Rich Robinson*  
Indian Ripple Ice Cream – *Adina Reeve*  
Low-Carb Peanut Butter/Chocolate Ice Cream  
– *Rich Robinson*  
Mocha Sherbet – *Adina Reeve*  
Nectarine Ginger Ice Cream – *Adina Reeve*  
Rum Raisin Ice Cream – *Suzanne Mackenzie*

The top three vote getters (and the recipes) are listed below.

### ***Third Place – Homemade Peach Ice Cream – makes 2 quarts - double or triple for size***

#### **Ingredients:**

1 cup sugar  
2 tbsp flour  
1 cup milk  
2 cups peaches, mashed  
2 tbsp lemon juice  
1/2 pint whipping cream

#### **Directions:**

Mix sugar, flour and milk and cook on medium heat until thick, stirring occasionally (can do this in microwave at 50% power). Add peaches, lemon juice and whipping cream. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to manufacturer's directions.

### ***Second Place – Rum Raisin Ice Cream***

#### **Ingredients:**

3 eggs  
1 cup cream  
2 cups milk  
1 cup of raisins  
1/2 cup rum  
1 tablespoon flour

#### **Directions:**

Soak raisins in rum. Cover and refrigerate for one hour. Bring milk to boil in saucepan, then lower to a simmer. In another bowl, beat eggs, sugar and flour together. Add milk, whisk together and let cool. Add cream and raisins and stir. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to manufacturer's directions.

### ***Bent Spoon Winner – Indian Ripple Ice Cream***

#### **Ingredients:**

1 cup heavy whipping cream  
1 cup milk  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
2/3 cup brown sugar  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup candied walnuts (recipe follows)  
1/2 cup thickened maple syrup (recipe follows)

#### **Directions:**

Mix cream, milk, pumpkin, brown sugar and eggs together in a sauce pan, beating well to mix. Bring to boil over medium heat, reduce heat to low, simmer for three minutes. Cool and chill. Freeze in a one-quart ice cream maker. After ice cream stiffens, a minute or two before it's done freezing, add in the candied walnuts. Scoop finished (soft) ice cream out of maker into chilled container. Pour thickened maple syrup into ice cream in ribbons, stir lightly to create ripples. Avoid stirring too heavily, since you don't want the maple syrup mixed in evenly.

#### **Candied Walnuts**

1/2 cup raw walnuts, chopped  
1/4 cup maple syrup, preferably Grade B (it's darker and more flavorful than Grade A)

Toast walnuts in a heavy, ungreased, non-stick frying pan, heating over medium heat. Watch nuts carefully to avoid scorching them. Add maple syrup and stir to coat all nuts. Boil rapidly until most of the liquid is gone. Remove from heat and cool in pan. Break up any large lumps.

#### **Thickened Maple Syrup**

1 cup maple syrup, preferably Grade B

Boil in heavy sauce pan until reduced in volume by half. A small quantity dropped into cold water will drop to the bottom and spread out, but won't immediately dissolve in the water. Cool to room temperature, but do not chill. (It will probably crystallize.) Just before use, stir vigorously.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### Attention New Members

The staff would like to invite you to a “meet the staff” breakfast on **Saturday, August 7** from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. All new members are welcome. Please RSVP to the office administrator if you are able to join us. If you have any questions please contact *Hillary Wagner*.

### August 14: UU Summer Olympics

Join our Summer Olympic Games, a UU-style summer retreat. We will be gathering together as we hold competitive fun games that tap into the strengths of many different demographics: young and old, athletic and intellectual, artistic and logical. Teams will be formed in groups of four. Sign up together or let us group you as individuals. Remember—there will be strength in diversity. Contact *Gail Davidson* (767-9918) or *Rich Robinson* (477-3239) for more information.

The Activities Committee will meet on **Sunday, August 15** from 6:30-8:30 P.M. at the Fellowship. This is a very social and fun meeting where we will be making plans for next year’s social activities. Bring your ideas and a dessert or snack to share (not a requirement to bring food, but it would be festive) and make a tangible contribution to the life of this great Fellowship! Contact *Gail Davidson*, Activities Committee chair, for more information.

## PR Committee News

### Comment Box

If you have any compliments, questions or concerns about what we do together at this Fellowship, please fill out a comment form available in the Gathering Space, and put it in the comment box or the offering plate. The members of the Board of Trustees will review all comments and redirect feedback to the appropriate area. We would greatly appreciate your feedback!

Look for the “Question of the Week” posted in the weekly bulletin and on the e-mail lists. If you have a suggested question, please forward it to *Gail Davidson*, PR Trustee.

### MVUUF Discussion E-mail List

After taking a several-year break from having an official e-mail discussion list, we will be setting this forum up again. It will be a moderated discussion forum, designed to keep us connected and build community. A clip board sign-up sheet will be passed during an August service and will be available in the Gathering Space. Contact *Gail Davidson* with questions or comments.

## Concerning Social Concerns

### Social Concerns Committee

The Social Concerns Committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 10** at the Fellowship at 7:30. **It regularly meets the second Tuesday of every month.** The committee welcomes new members.

### Helping Hands

The next lunch at The Other Place will be **August 14**. Please check the clipboards to see what food items are needed. You may also contact *Diane Dover* for more information.

### ESP Contributions

MVUUF members contribute to the Emergency Services Pantry to help persons who run out of food stamps or are unable to purchase necessities that food stamps won't buy. Canned goods, other non-perishable food items and disposable diapers (size 3 or larger) are always needed. Paper grocery bags with handles are also always welcome. Place contributions in the purple bin, marked ESP, in the kitchen.

### Music, Poetry and Dance for Social Justice

Musicians, poets and performance artists are encouraged to sign up for **Voices for Change**, a program supporting our gay rights and reproductive choice social action program for 2004-05 on **September 19, 2004**, at 1:30 PM at the Fellowship. Please prepare a three-to-five-minute piece that represents the topic, being mindful that the content must be appropriate for all ages. There will be a rehearsal one week prior to determine the flow of the show, time to be announced. During intermission we will hold an artists' reception. Please bring a dessert to share. Contact *Gail Davidson* for more information.

### Design Contest and Art Exhibit

Visual artists are invited to participate in an art exhibit and design contest to celebrate women's reproductive freedom and/or equal rights for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, our Fellowship-wide social action topic for 2004-05. All media are welcome including drawings, paintings, photography, mixed media, fiber and sculptures which speak about women in general, families, pregnancy, abortion rights, adoption, same-sex marriage, gay families, and sexual orientation.

All entries will be included in the **Voices for Change** art exhibit from **September 17—November 28, 2004**, if they can be hung. There will be an artists' reception at the **Voices for Change** performance on September 19, 2004. One design will be selected as a t-shirt design for the social action program. At least 12 additional designs will be included in our 2005 Social Justice Calendar, available in December. Winners will be notified by September 26, 2004.

Art exhibit entry forms will be available in the MVUUF Gathering Space or by calling Gail.

## Upcoming Group and Club Meetings

### MVUUF Book Club

The MVUUF Book Club meets one Wednesday each month at the Fellowship from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Those who wish to may come at 10:15 for some social time. Visitors and new members are welcome. For further information, call *Carol Vincent* or *Sylvia Wince*.

#### **August 18**

*Origin of the Species* by Charles Darwin

#### **September 22**

*Guilty Knowledge* by Clare Curson.

#### **October 27**

*Why We Get Sick* by Randolph M. Nesse, M.D. and George C. Williams, Ph.D.

### Evening Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Evening Book Discussion Group will be **Tuesday, September 28** at 7:00 p.m. at *Ann Snively's* house. We will discuss *Confessions of a Pagan Nun* by Kate Horsley. New participants are welcome. See *Ann Snively* if you would like more information.

**The First Thursday Theological Society** is taking the summer off, but will start again in September with a meeting on **September 2** at 7:30 p.m. in the Founders' Room. We are starting a new series of discussions based on *Articulating Your UU Faith* by Barbara Wells and Jaco B. Ten Hove. These discussions will focus on helping us effectively express our UU beliefs and our individual perspectives on them. MVUUF's new vision statement says that we "actively promote the religious principles of the UUA" and our goal for these sessions is to help people feel more confident in fulfilling this vision.

New participants are always welcome. Childcare can be arranged if requested in advance. Contact *Ann Snively* or *Richard Venus* if you would like more information.

### INTERWEAVE

INTERWEAVE, a support/discussion group for GLBT people and their allies, is now meeting on a new night. The group meets on the **third Wednesday** of each month at 7 P.M. in the Founders' Room at the Fellowship. For information, contact *Joyce Gibbs*.

### Smart Choices

We meet the second and fourth Mondays from 7:30—9:00 P.M. in the Founders' Room (sometimes in the MVUUF Library). We do something that is fun or thought-provoking or something that enriches our lives in some way. Everyone is invited to join us.

**August 9:** We will meet for a "check-in" then caravan to Smith Garden in Oakwood, stopping on the way for an ice cream treat at Graeter's Ice Cream Store.

**August 23:** We will each bring a yummy summer treat and share the recipes.

### Poetic Insights

We meet the **last Sunday of each month from 1:30—3:00 P.M.** to write impromptu prose or poetry, after being prompted by the leader. We share our thoughts and rough drafts at the end of about a half hour of writing. *Bev Wince* will provide the suggestion this month. Join us! It is fun to hear what others have written, even if you have not produced anything.

**COOT (Continuing Our Own Theology)** meets monthly on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 P.M. The group gathers to discuss theological issues and share ideas and fellowship (and occasionally have a good dinner). Newcomers are welcome.

### Aikido Group

Aikido is a defensive, Japanese martial art with deeply spiritual aspects. Classes are open to all at the Fellowship and are led by *Greg* and *Katie Reese*. They take place on **Saturdays** (9:45-11:00 A.M.) and some Monday evenings. Contact the Reese's to confirm times. **Beginners are welcome and there is no charge to MVUUF members who want to participate in the sport but not get a ranking in aikido.**

## *Lifespan Religious Education*

### Thoughts From Barb...

We do lots of good things here at MVUUF, and all of it relies on you, the members. Staff may have exciting ideas or suggestions, but actually bringing these to fruition requires the support and dedication of those of you whom we serve. I appreciate the time and effort you bring to our programs throughout the year.



*Barb Weber  
Director Of  
RE*

When it comes to creating a quality Youth Religious Education program, recruiting interested, caring teachers is one of my highest priorities. To that end, I bring you the following, adapted from Jean of the Washington Crossing, New Jersey, UU church.

### Top 10 Excuses for Not Teaching Youth Religious Education

10) *"I don't have any children in the program so I don't know any of the kids."*

The children make up about 1/3 of this community. Wouldn't you like to get to know them?

9) *"I'm no good at arts and crafts."*

The purpose of arts and crafts in religious education is to give the children another way, besides talking and reading, to understand the lesson. We are not really interested in what the finished craft project looks like. And we give you lots of help in thinking them up and can even help create models if you really struggle with this.

8) *"I like a nice leisurely Sunday morning. I don't want to have to get there early to prepare my lesson."*

If you read your lesson plan ahead of time, you can prepare in advance. Then arrive at church just 15 minutes early to finish last minute preparation

7) *"I don't have time to go running all over town to get story books and buy craft supplies."*

Most supplies and books that you will need are in the Prep Room.

6) *"My children don't want me to teach. It's embarrassing for them to have me in the class with their friends."*

It is up to you (and your children) whether you teach their class or a different class. It can work well either way.

5) *"I'm not a trained teacher. I'm a (\_\_\_\_\_) and I don't know how to lead a class."*

There is a teacher orientation in the fall that will give you the basics of classroom management. You will get lots of help and support from the RE staff and from the other teachers.

4) *"I don't want to give up going to the service."*

Each class has a teaching team so you will only be responsible for about a third of the Sundays. That means you can go to the service on other Sundays. You can get copies of the sermons you miss or read them on the web site. You can also listen to a CD of the service.

3) *"I have a crazy schedule. I cannot commit to every Sunday."*

You work out when you teach with the others on your team, so almost any kind of schedule craziness can be accommodated. (See number 4)

2) *"I'm new to Unitarian Universalism. If the children ask a question, I wouldn't know how to answer."*

What better way to find out about the history and traditions of Unitarian Universalism than to learn about them along with the kids? Many teachers have said they have learned as much as the children they taught.

We don't expect our teachers to have definitive answers to the harder questions about who we are and how to find our place in the world. The main goal of our RE program is to provide a safe and supportive community for our children to explore the questions that matter to them.

1) Finally, the number one excuse for not teaching RE:

*"That hour on Sunday morning is for me. I am here for my own spiritual growth and development."*

We come together as a community to support one another in our personal journeys and to be a force for good in the world. Restricting yourself to Sunday services or adults-only activities limits your potential for spiritual growth. There are insights, relationships, perspectives and experiences that can only happen if you reach out and embrace all of this UU community of which we are a part.

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I know you care about what happens with our youngsters on Sunday mornings. You have demonstrated that again and again. Please let me know if you would like to give teaching a try.

There are many rewards to teaching, and you will not know them until you are there for the experience. Come find a new way to grow your own Unitarian Universalism.

Together, we will continue to create even more good in our church and in our world.

May it be so,  
**Barb Weber**

**YRUU, our senior high youth group**, has suspended weekly meetings for the summer. They are planning a canoe trip this summer. Contact **Don Kazyak** for details.

### **Children's Charity**

During the Congregational Meeting, our youth religious education members voted to support the Ronald McDonald House during the next six months. Their Chapel collection will be used for this. Please talk with your youngsters about the McDonald House and help them remember to bring a donation. Children's offerings are taken during Chapel on the second Sunday of each month as well as in classes.

### **Amnesty for Religious Education Teachers and Others**

Summer is a great time to clean out hidden spaces at home. If you come across materials from our RE department, please return them. No questions will be asked. In fact, if you have had them long enough, we will thank you for storing them during our move last fall!

Along similar lines, people sometimes ask if we accept donations of old books, craft materials, etc. We very much appreciate your thinking of us as you uncover these treasures and are glad to accept them. If we cannot use items, we hope you will understand our donating them to other charities.

### **Magazines needed**

The RE Prep Room would appreciate the donation of some new magazines to cut up for collage projects. Please, no more than 3 or 4 of any type of magazine. Thanks!

### **New Teen Class in Fall**

For the first time, we hope to offer programming for our older teens on Sunday mornings in addition to our evening youth group. In response to requests from some of these youths' parents and following a meeting of parents, YRE committee members, and others interested, we will be providing a combination of activities. Two Sundays per month, the teens will have curriculum offered, one Sunday will be a social action week and one Sunday they will attend service.

Adding this programming is an ambitious undertaking. Please let **Barb Weber** know if you have ideas (maybe you?) of people who would be good at working with this age group.

### **Covered Mugs for Teens**

Many of our teens bring coffee or other drinks to their classroom on Sundays. To minimize spilling in the hallways, we are inviting them to bring in a covered (travel-type) mug, which they can mark with their names and keep in their room. Donation of a few extra covered mugs would also be appreciated.

### **Men's Group**

Men's Group meets the first and third Sunday of each month at 9:00 A.M. for fellowship and discussion. All men age 16 and older are welcome to attend. Childcare can be provided if requested in advance. Contact **Richard Venus** for more information.

## **Women's Group Summer Schedule**

### **Sunday 9:30 – 10:45 am, Founders' Room**

All women are welcome. Because of the increasing degree of intimate topics and honesty asked of participants, we are contemplating closing the group to new members during the month of September. Please join us this month as we journey to deeper places within our heart. Contact **Gail Davidson**, 767-9918, for more information.

### **August 1**

“Our Mothers, Ourselves.” This core relationship molds who we are to be as women.

### **August 8**

“Beauty: Mirror, Mirror on the Wall.” Female obsessions, thoughts, and feelings about our appearance.

### **August 15**

“New Paths to Power.” Identifying and reclaiming female power in our lives.

### **August 22**

“Giving Birth.” The process of bringing something from conception to manifestation is birthing, sharing our birth stories.

### **August 29**

“Menstruation: The Bleeding Time.” An honest exploration of this uniquely female experience.

### **September 5**

“Money: Making It and Spending It.” Sifting through our complicated relationships with money.

### **September 12**

“Menopause: The Wisdom Years.” Transforming this rite of passage from one of fear and misinformation to one of release and inspiration.

### **September 19**

“Climaxes and Contradictions: Talking About Sex.” The most and least talked about subject in our culture, claiming our female sexuality.

### **September 26**

“Death and Dying.” We need to hear ourselves talk about death, acknowledge our fears, and be present to others in the moment.

## **Community Class**

The Community Class is an adult group that meets every **Sunday morning from 9:30 - 10:45 A.M.** in the Kindergarten classroom for fellowship and thought provoking discussion. A chance to let your hair down, speak your mind or say nothing at all, without criticism. Up close and personal. Please join us!

### **Sunday, August 1**

“**Blue Collar Roots/ White Collar Life.**” We will examine the personal and psychological costs, social politics and professional hazards and rewards for those who have left the working class behind. The discussion is based on the book *LIMBO* by Alfred Lubrano, who rose from the streets of Brooklyn to become a successful journalist.  
Moderator: **Mike Nelson**

### **Sunday, August 8**

“**Galileo,**” from the Great Minds of Western Intellectual Tradition video series. We'll watch a thirty-minute video by Alan Kors, PhD, of the University of Pennsylvania and follow it up with a 45-minute discussion. A highly recommended, informative and thought provoking video presentation. Please arrive on time for this session.  
Moderator: **Mike O'Brien**

### **Sunday August 15**

“**How Do We Deal With Our Misconceptions?**” Since all of us in the group are less omniscient than God, we have surely had and probably still harbor some misconceptions. How do we deal with data that contradicts these firmly held misconceptions? Would you have refused to look through Galileo's telescope to see Jupiter's moons because your preconceived notions said were not there? During a flap about the burning of toxic wastes near Yellow Springs, one of the environmental leaders said, “There can be no scientific evidence whatsoever that would convince me that it was safe.” Bring examples from your own beliefs that were challenged by new and dissonant information.  
Moderator: **Tom Brown**

### **Sunday, August 22**

“**The Language Police: How Pressure Groups Restrict What Students Learn.**” A look at the anti-bias and sensitivity guidelines that govern much of today's educational publishing, creating sanitized, bland materials that sacrifice literary quality and historical and scientific accuracy in order to escape controversy. Based on the book by Diane Ravitch.  
Moderator: **Kathy Brown**

### **Sunday, August 29**

“**Outer Space - Should We Go?**” Last January, President Bush announced a new vision for space exploration, including human and robotic missions to the Moon, Mars, and beyond. Should space exploration be a national priority? What are the potential risks and benefits? Are human missions necessary?  
Moderator: **Walt Marconette**

**Notes from Hillary**

Planning is under way for the upcoming church year and we look forward to many exciting music offerings. As always, please let me know if you interested in participating in music at the Fellowship!



*Hillary Wagner  
Music Director*

Best Wishes,  
**Hillary Wagner**

**Deadlines Approach**

The deadlines for the upcoming issues of *The FORUM* are August 19 and September 16. Please submit your articles to the office manager at [forum@mvuuf.org](mailto:forum@mvuuf.org)

The deadline for the Sunday bulletin is 12:30 P.M. on the preceding Monday. If you plan to use the building for any reason, please schedule with the office. Not all building use is listed in the calendar published in our newsletter. Private use, building maintenance or other unannounced events may already be scheduled. Also, please be sure you have scheduled your event on the official calendar before you begin promoting your activity.

Thanks!  
**The office manager**

**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ FOR THE FELLOWSHIP**

You can help our Fellowship with very little effort -- and it won't cost you anything! If you shop at Kroger and/or Dorothy Lane Market, just use your "card" when you pay for your groceries. Here's how:

**Kroger:** If you haven't already, purchase your Kroger card at the Fellowship for \$5.00 or mail your order with a check for \$5.00 to the Fellowship. Then, at the store, use credit card, check, or cash to put up to \$250.00 more on the card. When you shop, just use the card like a credit card; and, when you run low, put more money on it. Kroger will send us a check for 4% of your purchases.

**Dorothy Lane Market:** If you don't already have a DLM card, get one at the store. Then sign up for their 2004 Good Neighbor Program. Check Charity #163 on the back of the form. Then, every time you present your DLM card at the check-out counter, the Fellowship will receive credit, and DLM will send us a check. You must re-register each year.

This will be even easier than purchasing certificates at the Fellowship, and you can pay with your credit card.

We still have a few Kroger and DLM "certificates" available at the Fellowship on which we received a 5% discount.

<b>MVUUF GROCERY CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM</b>				
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**MIAMI VALLEY UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Fellowship Calendar for August 2004**

**\* Schedule of Regular Sunday Offerings\***

9:30 a.m. Adult RE: Community Class Room 10

9:30 a.m. Women's Group

**11:00 a.m. Service & Youth RE**

Additions? Corrections? Changes?

Please notify the office manager ASAP.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> *See above for regular offerings* 9:00 a.m. Men's Group	<b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. Continuing Our Own Theologies	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Outside Workday 9:30 a.m. Meet the Staff Breakfast 9:45 a.m. Aikido Group
<b>8</b> *See above for regular offerings*	<b>9</b> 7:30 p.m. Smart Choices	<b>10</b> 7:30 p.m. Social Concerns	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:45 a.m. Aikido Group 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands lunch at the Other Place <b>UU Summer Olympics</b>
<b>15</b> *See above for regular offerings* 9:00 a.m. Men's Group 11:15 a.m. <b>ORIENTATION</b> 6:30 p.m. Activities Committee	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Continuing Our Own Theologies	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30 a.m. MVUUF Morning Book Club 7:00 p.m. <b>INTERWEAVE</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 p.m. MVUUF Board Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:45 a.m. Aikido Group
<b>22</b> *See above for regular offerings*	<b>23</b> 7:30 p.m. Smart Choices	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:45 a.m. Aikido Group
<b>29</b> *See above for regular offerings* 1:30 p.m. Poetic Insights	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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