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# The Forum

### *Richard's Reflections*

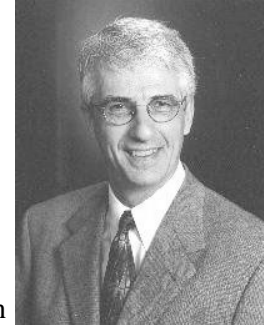
The story is told of a woman who watched a Holocaust survivor, many years after those horrific days, and describes how he ritually kissed a piece of rye bread and then ate it with great, almost holy, delight, calling out between bites the word for bread in every language he knew.

It is that kind of bread that the UU Service Committee provides here in the US and around the world—the sustenance that comes from a new well that brings clear water to an African village, or eggs from chickens raised on a local farm, or a teacher to a small village in the Philippines.

In Central Africa, the UU Service Committee assists women in Zaire to defend their human rights and become equal partners with men. A UUSC-supported health organization, the Mae Sot Clinic in Burma, provides critically needed reproductive health care for women. In Massachusetts, the UUSC is monitoring welfare programs and working for state-level reforms. The project has been expanded to California, Connecticut, New Jersey and Washington.

Beginning January 25, MVUUF began its yearly *Guest At Your Table* drive for funds to assist the Service Committee partner with organizers and laborers on these and many other aid projects. We at the Fellowship have organized this drive for many, many years, and each year the congregation's generosity is most gratifying.

This year I would like us to become a "Vision of Justice Banner Society," which means that more than 50 percent of the congregation becomes members of UUSC through the GAYT program. Membership requires a \$25 or more contribution. We have been such a society in the past, and I would invite us to be such again.



*Rev. Richard Venus*

*Richard*

#### **OUR MISSION:**

*The Miami Valley Unitarian Fellowship, a Unitarian Universalist congregation, is a community of individuals who honor human diversity and respect religious differences, and is a supportive, accepting fellowship where people of all ages may grow spiritually, intellectually and emotionally, and create ethical solutions to social problems by sharing time, talents, and personal resources.*

## Saturday and Sunday Programs

### Sunday, February 1—11:00 A.M.

**“Beyond Diversity 101.”** While Unitarian Universalists have readily, if sometimes warily or sporadically, joined the battles against racism, homophobia, and sexism, calls for economic justice are often greeted by uneasy silence. MVUUF peace and justice intern **Leslie F. Woodward** will explore some of the myths and misconceptions that hinder UUs from joining in the fight against classism and economic injustice.

### Saturday, February 7—5:00 P.M.

This Saturday Celebration will focus on the question of what is divine and what does each of us really want? "We consider bibles and religions divine-I do not say they are not divine; I say they have all grown out of you, and my grow out of you still; It is not they who give the life-it is you who give the life." --Walt Whitman.

### Sunday, February 8—11:00A.M.

**“The Three Pauls: Robson, Dunbar and of Tarsus.”** These men all have things to teach us about black history. **Richard Venus** will try to explain what that is.

### Sunday, February 15—11:00 A.M.

**Jeanette Filbrun, Hillary Wagner** and the choir will bring a journey through a small bit of black history in music featuring the choir. Pieces include works with text by Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Langston Hughes.

### Sunday, February 22—11:00 A.M.

**“Abraham, Martin and John—The One the Song Is About.”** **Richard Venus** will lead this service in which he talks about these heroic lives.

### Sunday, February 29—11:00 A.M.

**“Life Is A Movement Toward The Soul.”** Perhaps what underlies all of life is our soul, or “the” soul. **Richard Venus** will reflect on the meaning of this mysterious “center.”

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)

### **Office Manager**

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

### **Barb Weber, Director of Lifespan Religious Education**

Office Hours: Tue. 11—1:30 p.m., Sunday Morning

### **Hillary Gregg Wagner, Music Director**

Office Hours: By appointment



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# Board Reports

The MVUUF Board conducted the following business when it met **January 15, 2004** at the Fellowship.

Kathy called to order the meeting of the Board of Trustees in the Founders' Room of our building at 6:40 P.M.

Present: **Kathy Mays**, President; **Kathleen Turner**, Vice President; **Judy Pickett**, Treasurer; **Mary Anne Frey**, Secretary; **Richard Venus**, Minister; **Chuck Thomas**, Associate Minister; **Jamie McQuinn**, PR Trustee; **Carol Vincent**, Activities Trustee; **Maureen O'Meara**, Social Concerns Trustee; **Bill Wilson**, Operations Trustee; and **Laurie Shows**, LRE Trustee. **Barbara Czestochowa**, Membership Trustee, was not present. Also attending were **Barb Weber**, **Rich Robinson**, **Gail Davidson**, **Lee White**, and **Dan Narigon**.

- Discussed a report by **Chuck Thomas** and plans for making a transition to a governance model that is more suitable for our growing congregation. Board members (and interested others) will view a two-hour video on the "Carver model" of governance at the Fellowship on Thursday, January 29 from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and on Saturday, January 31 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 noon. The Board will meet to discuss this tape and ask Chuck questions on January 31 at 1:30 P.M.
- Heard a preliminary report from the Executive Committee in response to a Board request concerning our Endowment Fund. A committee is being set up to review our original "Agreement Establishing Miami Valley Unitarian Fellowship Endowment Fund" and get information and opinions from the congregation regarding policies and investment philosophy for our Endowment Fund. Websites where additional information could be obtained were identified.
- Received cost estimates from a contractor who will remove snow from and salt our parking lot and walkways.
- Asked the Right Relations Committee to prepare recommendations of policy and procedures of right relations and conflict resolution to present to the Board at a later date.
- Agreed to have a Book Exchange where individuals can donate books they think would interest other members, take books of interest to them, and leave donations as they wish (proceeds to go into the Fellowship's general fund).

**Mary Anne Frey, Secretary**

## Membership News

### 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. Please call Lynn Haven if you would like to be on this committee. If enough folks volunteer, we hope members will only have to visit once a year.

### 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 February 15.**

**Barbara Czestochowa, Membership Trustee**

## Treasury Notes

With 50% of the year completed, here's where we stand financially:

	<b>Dec. YTD Actual</b>	<b>Dec. YTD Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	123,778.99	104,924.94	118%
<b>Expense</b>	96,784.14	100,741.58	96%
<b>Net Income</b>	26,994.85	<2,903.44>	

December is a good month for us traditionally, mainly because we pay up on our pledges to get under the wire for income tax purposes. We're 18% over budget in income and 4% below budget in expenses as of 12/30/2003. Income includes the final payment of \$4,500 from **Theresa Neeley**.

Please contact me if you have any questions about my report.

**Judy Pickett, Treasurer**

## The Finance Committee Needs You

Have you ever wondered how you can serve the Fellowship? Are you interested in the financial operations of the Fellowship? Are you available to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month to consider fundraisers, plan the Annual Pledge Drive, create the budget for the next year, help shape the stewardship efforts that result in a fiscally healthy Fellowship? Well, wonder no more. The FC is just the place for you. Please contact me, **Judy Pickett** or **Jim Hudson** to express your interest.

# Announcements

## New UUs Program

New, long-time and not-yet-even members of the Fellowship are invited to a **class on UU history and polity Sunday, February 8**. The class begins at 7:00 P.M. with dessert and coffee, then conversation followed by structured discussion led by **Barb Weber** and **Richard Venus**. It ends at 9.15. If you're interested, please register on one of the sheets in the Gathering Space, or call the church office (436-3628). **Child care will be provided if requested in advance.**

## MVUUF Library News

### Library Committee

A library committee is now being formed. Currently, **Trudy Krisher, Alice Lizee, Mary Anne Frey, Gail Davidson, Lynn Haven, Barbara Czestochowa** and **Jolly Janson** are on the committee. The committee welcomes additional members.

### The Library

The books are unpacked and on the shelves; however, the newly formed library committee has plans to re-categorize the books and develop a system for checking books in and out. A regular note in the Forum will feature book news of interest to the Fellowship.

### The Book Nook

Building on the small supply of books left from the Holiday Bazaar, the library committee is proposing that book donations may be brought to the Fellowship and stored in bookcases beneath the mail slot area. Look for the Book Nook a few weeks from now.

Members will be able to purchase these books for a nominal amount. When the supply of books becomes too numerous, they will be set aside for the Planned Parenthood book sale.

If you need further information or have suggestions about library issues, contact **Trudy Krisher**.

Dear Fellowship friends,

Thanks to all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy following the death of my good friend, Toni Walder. Your support has meant a lot to me at this very sad time.

Sincerely,  
**Ann Snively**

## 🎵 *Notes from Hillary*



*Hillary Wagner*  
Music Director

Following the Saturday Celebration and potluck dinner on Saturday, February 7 please join the Renaissance Band and the Recorder Consort for a concert of music from the Renaissance period. The concert begins at 7:00 P.M. Feel free to don your medieval finery to add to the occasion! For more information contact **Hillary Wagner**.

While we are speaking of the Renaissance, mark your calendars for Sunday April 18, when we will host **Wind in the Woods**. This fully costumed Renaissance band will perform for our Sunday concert series.

Best Wishes,  
**Hillary Wagner**

## Concerning Social Concerns

### Social Concerns Committee

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

**The committee welcomes new members.** Please plan to attend.

### Helping Hands

The next lunch at The Other Place will be February 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 and other non-perishable food items and disposable diapers (size 3 or larger) are always needed. Paper grocery bags with handles as well as other sacks are also always welcome. Place contributions in the purple bin, marked ESP, in the kitchen. Thanks!

**Ellen Beck**

## 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. All are welcome. For further information, call *Carol Vincent* or *Sylvia Wince*.

Feb. 25

*Beach Music* by Pat Conroy

Mar, 24

*Harvest* by Tess Gerritsen

Apr. 14

*Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich

May 19

*Hornet Flight* by Ken Follett

June 23

*Jewell* by Brett Lott

July

*Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin.

### Evening Book Discussion Group

The Evening Book Discussion Group will meet **Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 P.M.** at *Kathleen Pennington's* house to discuss *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi. **In March**, the meeting will be on the 9th at *Diane Dover's*, and we will discuss *Ten Little Indians* by Sherman Alexie. New participants are welcome. Contact *Ann Snively* if you would like more information.

**The First Thursday Theological Society** will meet at 7:30 P.M. in the Founders Room on **February 5**. We will continue our discussion of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Copies of the background readings for this discussion are available from *Ann Snively* or *Richard Venus*. New participants are welcome. Childcare can be arranged if requested in advance.

### 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 meets the second and fourth Mondays every month in the Founders' Room **7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.** We explore and experience something at each meeting that will enhance our lives and/or promote healthful living. There are no dues and everyone is welcome! Contact person is *Lynn Haven*.

**February 9:** *Sal Adkins* will teach us how to make fancy egg shells. It is easy and all materials will be provided.

**February 23:** *Sylvia Wince* will teach us how to get our house clean and organized and how to maintain it with only 1 1/2 hours of work each day.

### Poetic Insights

You don't have to be a poet or even an amateur poet to attend this group! We write impromptu poetry or prose, after being given a stimulus or topic by the leader. In January, *Carolyn Sieber* led the session. We are invited to read our rough drafts aloud after writing for about a half hour or so. Those who wish to pass and just listen to others may do so. It's fun. Come and join us! The sessions are open to all. This group meets the last Sunday of each month in the MVUUF Library, from **1:30 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.** The **February 29** meeting will be led by *Ralf Grisard*.

### Meditation Group

Join us Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 at the Fellowship for Meditation Group. We open with a reading from *Everyday Mind* and then sit quietly for 25-30 minutes. We then have a brief teaching and discussion referencing a myriad of world religious/spiritual paths, followed by a closing silent meditation— sort of a pre-service centering if you will. All are welcome. Please contact *Calen Rayne* if you have any questions.

### 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....

One of the things **Barbara Moreda**, our new RE Assistant, is enjoying about the position is seeing how many people pitch in and help when we need them. That truly is a blessing we experience on a weekly basis. Your efforts build our community, and I thank you for your gifts. I particularly want to thank those who stepped in during my vacation last month. It is a wonderful thing to trust that you all will keep the program running smoothly!



*Barb Weber  
Director Of  
RE*

I am also delighted by the growing excitement about social action I see around the Fellowship these days. It seems there are an increasing number of people with an increasing amount of energy to devote to putting our faith into action.

I am particularly cheered by two developments. The first is the selection of a central focus for reaching out into our broader world. Concentrating our social action energy seems likely to allow us to make more of an impact. This is not to say that individual efforts should not be continued; I hope they will be. But using our Fellowship-wide voice will be an even more effective tool for change.

I am also excited by our plan for our YRE classes to “live their faith” this spring by working on the issue of hunger during Sunday school one Sunday a month. As Leslie Woodward explains elsewhere, each grade, hopefully with their parents, will participate in age-appropriate ways to fight hunger. We hope this will not only help those in need, but also help our young people know that their work matters and that “doing good” feels good.

What I find particularly encouraging about our new attention to social action is that I believe it represents a freeing up of the energy we have so long focused on getting into our new building. Now that we are here, I see this as the beginning of our being increasingly able to reach out with the passion of our UU faith. In turn, I believe that action will deepen our passion and will also draw others to us. Good things are happening. And to that I say,

May it be so.

*Barb Weber*

**YRUU, (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists)** is open to all from ninth grade through 20 years old. They usually meet at 6:30 on Sunday evenings. Welcome to **Alisha Dolbeer**, who joins **Don Kazzyak** as youth advisor. Contact **Don** or **Alisha** with questions.

### RE Prep Room

Since we only have one service now, RE staff rarely get to “go to church.” We are therefore putting together a group of volunteers to help in the prep room during services. We anticipate these volunteers would only give up about one Sunday service every six weeks and it will give them a chance to see what great things the kids are up to. This is a wonderful way to support Youth Religious Education if you are not comfortable teaching. We will provide training and be available for questions and any problems that arise. Please let Barb Weber know if you are willing to be part of this group. Your staff will be grateful!

### Juline Renfro Award

Congratulations to **Vinnie Marshall**, this year’s recipient of the Juline Renfro Award for service to Youth Religious Education. Vinnie has been a tireless and dedicated teacher in our second and third grade class, often teaching summers as well as large portions of the rest of the year. Vinnie has also worked very hard as a member of the YRE Committee and is a frequent volunteer at YRE special events. Our YRE department is fortunate to have Vinnie and we are very grateful for all of his hard work!

### Children’s Charity

While their parents participated in the January Congregational Meeting, our RE young people voted on a charity to donate their chapel donations to this spring. The children brainstormed several good suggestions and then selected the Humane Society.

Money will be collected in our monthly children’s chapel, as well as weekly in classrooms. Families may want to talk with their youngsters about the Humane Society’s work with animals and why they need our support.

All donations will be appreciated - coins add up surprisingly quickly. Since our June vote, the children collected about \$110 to donate to the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Project) to help families hurt by the war in Iraq. Thank you to all who helped the children remember this project.

**Please note that children’s chapel will be held this month on February 8.**

## **Announcing the Kids Caring Program!**

### What is Kids Caring?

Children and parents in the Religious Education program learning about social justice and helping others.

### How does it work?

One Sunday each month will be Kids Caring Sunday in the RE department. On that Sunday, children and parents will work on a social service or social justice project instead of their regular RE curriculum.

### What kind of projects are planned for the children?

We're still in the planning stages but projects being considered include writing/performing a play about hunger and homelessness in greater Dayton, a jump-rope-a-thon to raise money, sorting food for the Emergency Services Pantry, baking cookies for The Other Place and hosting an Empty Bowls supper for the congregation.

### Tell me more! How can I help?

Watch for inserts in your Sunday bulletin and updates on the MVUUF-News lists for upcoming details. Contact peace and justice intern **Leslie F. Woodward** for more information on how you can get involved. The more, the merrier!

**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.

### **Women's Group News**

Women's Group meets Sundays from 9:30—10:50 in the Founders' Room. On February 1, we will begin the UU curriculum *Spirituality in Everyday Life*, which focuses on ways we can develop our UU spiritual lives through rituals and ideas from other religions and customs. Cost for a copy of the curriculum is \$5. Contact **Gail Davidson** for a copy.

We will finish the year by focusing on a study of topics raised in Dan Brown's best-selling novel, *The Da Vinci Code*. More details will follow in the March Forum. Contact **Carol Narigon** if you have ideas you'd like to present.

**Our annual spring retreat will be held March 13 at the Fellowship.** Contact **Gail Davidson** if you're willing to help with this spiritually enriching event.

### **Men's Group**

Men's Group meets the first 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.

### **Community Class**

The Community Class is a group that meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 - 10:45 A.M. in the library 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, February 1**

**"Gender Roles/Issues"** How does it impact our current society? Where are we headed? Do we need a constitutional amendment regarding marriage? Should women play professional football with men? Do we want women on the front lines of war? Why haven't we had a female president of the United States? And who takes the trash out?

Moderator: **Sal Atkins**

#### **Sunday February 8**

**"Romance."** With Valentine's Day just days away, we'll talk about ways to keep love alive in relationships with our significant others.

Moderator: **Tom Brown**

#### **Sunday, February 15**

**"Humor - Our Favorite Stories."** We'll share jokes, cartoons, family faux-pas and social gaffes that have made us laugh. We'll also talk about the importance of humor in our lives.

Moderator: **Jim Faulconer**

#### **Sunday, February 22**

**"Is Hearing Loss in Your Future?"** All of us have a relative, friend or colleague with hearing loss, and some may be straining to hear what's being said around us. Share your personal and medical experiences. If we have time, perhaps we can include some discussion about other physical losses like vision and strength.

Moderator: **Carol Vincent**

#### **Sunday, February 29**

**"Making an Ass Out of You and Me."** The discussion will focus on our propensity to assume we know other people's motives and desires, or assume we understand a complicated situation, or assume we know the correct solution to a problem. We'll also discuss the benefits and pitfalls of making such assumptions.

Moderator: **Roger Davis**

**Volunteers needed to work at the Dayton Dragons baseball games**

Last year we earned nearly \$5,000 for the Fellowship by working at the Dayton Dragons baseball games. This year we are hoping to raise even more, **BUT** we can't do that unless we have some more people help us out.



Here's what we do:

- We work upstairs, inside, in air-conditioned comfort carrying food and other refreshments to the thirty-six corporate suites and two party decks.
- We work about six hours before, during and after the games.
- We start around 5:00 P.M. and are almost always done by 10:30 (rain delays and extra innings do sometimes extend that).
- Normally there are ten people working in the group, all from the Fellowship.
- We get liberal breaks and a free "dinner," so there is plenty of time to get to know the other Fellowship workers.
- The work is not strenuous, but there is a lot of walking involved.

We are going to limit the number of games we work based on the total number of volunteers we have. We are asking that you work a maximum of five games (one a month) and a minimum of three. The season runs from April through August, with play-offs in September. We cannot schedule any dates in September until the third week of August (or when the Dragons qualify for the playoffs).

If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, contact

*Lee White*

OR

*Jamie McQuinn*



*Some of last year's volunteers*



**Learnings from Leadership School**

One of the best things I received during my four years at Mid West Leadership School was a chance to step aside from my daily life with a group of committed UUs. Participating in the spiritual nurturing of the school was a wonderful gift.

Part of this was in the structure of the school. We had daily worship services that were amazing in their variety and often profoundly moving. Each of us also engaged in journaling that focused on specific spiritual questions. We then shared our thoughts in small groups that grew in closeness as the week went on..

This purposeful focus on our inner lives was an important piece of what makes Mid West Leadership School different from the corporate trainings some participants had attended. We weren't just learning about leadership, we were learning about UU leadership. The week at school provided an opportunity to deepen our UU commitment and to grow in our UU faith.

To be sure, there were lots of practical administrative and organizational things to be gained from MWLS, so much so that folks have received continuing education credit and reimbursement from their companies for attending. But as valuable as the knowledge I gained is, the spiritual deepening is one of the things I will treasure the most about my experiences there. That growth is truly a treasure.

Now is the time to begin considering attending Mid West Leadership School this summer. Choose from two weeklong sessions, July 14—21 or July 24—31. See **Barb Weber** or **Richard Venus** for more information, or check out the website at <http://www.unitarian.org/mwls/>

**Deadlines Approach**

The deadlines for the upcoming issues of *The FORUM* are February 19 and March 18. Please submit your articles to **Laurie Shows**.

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

**MVUUF GROCERY CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM**

***Dorothy Ln:***            **\$5**            **\$10**            **\$20**            **Total** \_\_\_\_\_

***Kroger:***            **\$10**            **\$20**            **\$50**            **Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_            **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MIAMI VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**

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

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Group

9:30 a.m. Meditation Group

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

6:30 p.m. YRUU

**Fellowship Calendar for February 2004**

Additions? Corrections? Changes?  
Please notify the office manager ASAP.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<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> 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>5</b> 7:30 p.m. First Thursday Theological Society	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:45 a.m. Aikido Group <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Saturday Celebration <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Renaissance Concert
<b>8</b> *See above for regular offerings* 7:00 p.m. New UU Class	<b>9</b> 7:30 p.m. Smart Choices	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. Evening Book Discussion Group at Kathleen Pennington's 7:15 p.m. Renaissance Band 7:30 p.m. Social Concerns	<b>11</b> 7:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Earth Circle	<b>12</b> 6:00 p.m. Executive Com- mittee 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>15</b> *See above for regular offerings* 11:15 a.m. ORIENTATION	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Drum and Poetry Circle 7:00 p.m. Continuing Our Own Theologies	<b>17</b> 7:30 p.m. Recorder Consort	<b>18</b> 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. INTERWEAVE 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b> 6:30 p.m. MVUUF Board Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:45 a.m. Aikido Group 6:15 p.m. Mystery Friends Dinner
<b>22</b> *See above for regular offerings* 1:30 p.m. Poetic Insights	<b>23</b> 7:30 p.m. Smart Choices	<b>24</b> 7:30 p.m. Recorder Ensemble	<b>25</b> 10:30 a.m. MVUUF Morning Book Club	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:45 a.m. Aikido Group