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Richard's Reflections

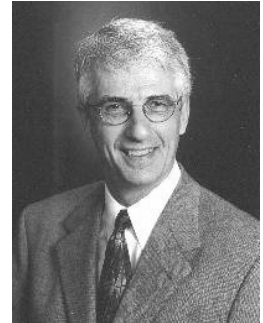
In my day (and I use that dateline as the time in my life when I could remember what happened the day before yesterday) two of the images of war that stood out were first the photograph of a South Vietnamese general executing a terrified man with a pistol-shot to his head, and second, the image of a very young girl, nude and screaming, running from a village napalmed by US troops. Today's image of war is of Iraqi prisoners in Abu Ghraib prison being sodomized, tortured and beaten by smiling US military guards.

Hidden behind these photos are the stories of a few very courageous men and women who stood up to such abuses and violence. There are reports of infantrymen in Vietnam who refused to napalm village huts and some refused to fire their weapons at civilians. In Iraq, Lt. David Sutton put an end to one incident at Abu Ghraib and alerted his commanders to the conditions there. Another Navy officer refused to participate in the improper interrogations, even while under significant pressure to go along with the mistreatment.

According to several psychologists, soldiers who refuse to fall into line with the majority are rare. "It is really hard for us to predict in advance who is going to resist by looking at things like demographic dates or religious background," said Dr. Elliot Aronson, professor of psychology at UC Santa Cruz.

Our Unitarian Universalist principles suggest we are those people who resist exploitation of minority people, stand for justice when lies are spread, and offer ourselves before councils and tribunals to speak the truth to power. Some of us will stand against the violence of war, as we are called upon to stand for justice and decency and the worth of every human being. I applaud those among us who have done so in the past, and I commend in advance those who will do so in the future.

War is wrong. It may be what comes as the last resort against evil, but it is wrong. We as human beings must search for other means to resolve the problems wrought by the human condition that seems determined to ravage and kill others. Simplistic violent responses to violence are human ways of not being our best. Better ways to live with each other, as impractical and idealistic as they may seem, must be found if we are to move to a higher level of civilization.



Rev. Richard Venus

Richard

VISION STATEMENT

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, October 3 — 11:00 AM

“Apple Communion” Fundamental to our Unitarian Universalist beliefs is the centrality of community and in that spirit we will celebrate that sense of connection with a communion service that uses apple slices to share. Richard Venus will speak briefly on another in the series on traditional religious themes, this time on hope. The choir will sing.

Sunday, October 10 — 11:00 AM

“Hymn Sing Sunday” Jeanette Filbrun will lead this service, where the congregation picks the hymns to sing. Mike O’Brien will bring special music.

Sunday, October 17 — 11:00 AM

Alternative Service with Genevieve Harvey:

Do UU Pray?

Can you? Should you?

Would you? Will you?

Service led by the Alternative Worship Experience (AWE) Group.

Sunday, Oct. 24 — 11:00 AM

“They Might Be a UU If...” This Sunday MVUUF member and Toastmaster Scott Leonard will lead the service to help us understand a bit more about ourselves and our unique theological and social nature.

Sunday, October 31 — 11:00 AM

“Bring a Friend Sunday” Ghosts, Goblins, and Evil Stuff. Apropos to this day Richard Venus will lead this service on the nature of evil and other such mischief. Helen Geyer will bring special music. Carol Narigon is the worship associate.

Our Staff

The Rev. Richard Venus, Minister

Office Hours: By appointment (except Monday)

Barbara Kelley, Office Manager

Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs., 9:00 AM—3:00 PM.

Barb Weber, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Office Hours: Tue. 11 AM — 1:30 PM, Sunday Morning

Hillary Gregg Wagner, Director of Music

Office Hours: By appointment

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Board Reports

Summary of the Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Board of Trustees Meeting for September 16, 2004.

CALL TO ORDER by Jamie at 7:04PM.

Present: *Jamie McQuinn*, president; *Jim Faulconer*, VP; *Yolanda Grooms*, activities; *Gail Cyan*, PR; *Laurie Shows*, LRE; *Rich Robinson*, membership; *Joe Zimmerman*, operations; *Maureen O'Meara*, social concerns; *Richard Venus*, minister; *Carol Narigon*, secretary; *Dan Narigon*, chair of the Finance Committee; *Barb Weber*, process observer; *Barbara Kelley*, office administrator; *Hillary Wagner*, music director.

Minutes of the August Board meeting were approved as written (*Gail* moved and *Yolanda* seconded).

- Church Mutual can give us much better rates and more coverage, so will become our new insurance provider.
- *Gary Courts* and *Iris Carter* will replace *Donald Renner* and *Joyce Gibbs* on the Nominating Committee. We thank Joyce and Donald for their service.
- The Board will consider a policy on politics from the pulpit at our September 30 special meeting to review the policy manual.
- The Finance Committee recommends all expense vouchers will be approved by the officer or trustee.
- The Finance Committee recommends all memorial contributions be transferred to the Endowment Fund.
- *Julie Bragg* has agreed to become our new Caring and Sharing chair. Thanks, Julie.
- The Executive Committee will consider ways to include visioning in upcoming Board meetings.

Full minutes of the MVUUF Board of Trustees meetings are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway or on our website.

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 October 17.**

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 *Julie Bragg* if you would like to be on this committee. If enough folks volunteer, we hope members will only have to visit once a year.

Rich Robinson, Membership Trustee

Calendar Updates

A complete revamping of the Fellowship calendar is underway. We want to be sure every group and event is included. Please contact either Barbara Kelley (436-3628 mvuuf@copper.net) or Gail Cyan to confirm your dates – recurring meetings as well as special events. We will need to know the contact person and phone, the room reserved and any other details you have. Please let us know your information even if you think we already have it. Thanks for your help!

Announcements

Items Needed

We are looking for some equipment that you might be able to lend or donate to the Activities Committee. Thanks for your consideration! Contact **Gail Cyan** if you can help.

- Gas Grill: old or broken, we can fix it!
- Volley ball/badminton net/supplies
- Ice cream makers

Volunteer to Coordinate Coffee Hour Needed

The Fellowship needs someone to recruit and schedule volunteers to make coffee hour happen each Sunday. It will be a great opportunity to serve the Fellowship and make coffee hour the best it can be for our members and guests. If you are interested, contact Bill Ross.

Free Legal Consultation

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

Brian McNaught at UD

I encourage everyone to attend a program on Tuesday, October 12 at 7:30 PM at UD's Kennedy Union Ballroom to hear Brian McNaught speak. Mr. McNaught is an internationally recognized speaker, author and the premier corporate trainer on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered issues. His presentation is entitled, "*Gay and Straight. Our Common Ground.*" All are welcome to attend.

— **Jolly Janson**

Deadlines

The deadlines for upcoming issues of *The FORUM* are October 21 and November 18. Please submit your articles to Barbara Kelley (mvuuf@copper.net). The deadline for the Sunday bulletin is 12:30 PM 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.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Annual Craft Bazaar

Plan to attend our annual Craft Bazaar, a major fund raiser! This year, the event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 23 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

Vendors: Currently more than thirty vendors are participating in this event; however, we still have room for more. If you or someone you know wishes to reserve a \$20 table (\$10 for half table) or bring their own, please call Sylvia Wince to sign up.

Donations needed include:

- White Elephants (no clothing please)
- Books, puzzles, video and audio tapes
- Baked goods (Bring to the church on Friday, October 22 or by 9:30 AM on Saturday.)

Raffle tickets are now on sale in the Gathering Space. Cost is \$1 each ticket or 6 for \$5. No need to be present to win, but we hope you are. You will be surprised at what your \$1 will get for you.

Volunteers are the key to our success.

- Friday — help set up tables and sale items
- Saturday — direct traffic, assist vendor set up, raffle table, work at sale tables, lots of various duties
- Volunteer time is one to four hours

Come, enjoy! You will make the day a success!

Thanks in advance! We *know* we can count on you. Please call Judy Rengel to volunteer or more information.

— **Judy Rengel**

The Three Rs: Retreat! Refresh! Renew!

Join us at the beautiful John Bryan State Park for the annual Fall Retreat on Saturday, October 9, from 10:00 AM until dark. Our goal is to nurture ourselves and one another and allow ourselves to be renewed by our experiences.

This is the highlight of the fall season for me. As the days grow shorter, it is an opportunity to observe the changes in the majesty of the forest, to spend a whole day away from "technology" and to focus on the natural side of life — from which we are too often isolated inside our homes, schools, and workplaces.

This is as beautiful a day as we make it. Here are some of the activities we have done in the past:

- Scavenger hunt
- Rock climbing
- Troll houses
- Collage making
- Clay work
- Hiking
- Stone soup
- Visit YS street fair
- Toasting marshmallows
- Carving pumpkins
- Ha Ha Pizza
- Singing
- "Community Building" exercises
- Makeovers—for men
- Yoga
- Play reading
- Meditation
- Photo hike
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Campfire singing

If you have an idea to help contribute to the success of the retreat, please let me know as soon as possible. We already have people to lead our closing circle with song, lead rock climbing, facilitate the building of troll houses, and organize one meal.

The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 18. Please sign up ahead of time—you can pay at the park, but we will not have planned for you to eat. If you will be attending for less than the full day, please let us know and adjust your payment accordingly.

Now, let's get ready for some much-deserved Relaxation and Rejuvenation. Oops — that makes 5 Rs!

— *Genevieve Harvey*

CineManiacs

A new interest group has formed, suggested by fellowship member Trudy Krisher and promoted by the Community Class. Since so many of us enjoy seeing movies at the art houses, a group has been organized to meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Neon Movies for the 5:00—5:30ish showing. It's very uncomplicated and very informal. A committee of one or more will select the movie. The title and time will be electronically sent on the Thursday prior to the Sunday event and perhaps announced at the Sunday service on the day of the outing. Mark your calendars! The next outing will be Sunday, October 10.

After the movie, we'll meet in the Neon lobby cafe for fellowship and a discussion. If the atmosphere, or food or size isn't just right, we'll try other places until we get it right. Everyone in the fellowship is welcome to join us, as well as friends, family and colleagues.

This will be a great way to get to know one another better, make new friends, get out of the house and see that movie you've been meaning to see. Hope to see lots of you there!

— *Lindy McDonough*

Drum and Poetry Circle

Liberate your inner beatnik - bring a poem and a beret, we'll supply the drums!! (Or feel free to bring your own). This is a wonderful opportunity to let your creative juices flow, and feel the meditative as well as rejuvenating qualities of rhythm and chant. We might even get brave and try a little dancing - but it won't happen if you don't get involved!! We meet on the third Monday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. This month the drum circle falls on **Monday, October 18**. Hope to see you there!!

Upcoming Group and Club Meetings

MVUUF Daytime Book Club

The MVUUF Book Club meets one Wednesday each month at the Fellowship from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. 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*.

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

Evening Book Discussion Group

The Evening Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM. We will discuss *Icebound: A Doctor's Incredible Battle for Survival at the South Pole*, by Jerri Nielsen. The location of the October meeting has yet to be determined; contact Ann Snively (snivelyann@yahoo.com) for details. New participants are welcome!

First Thursday Theological Society

Are you at a loss for words when people ask what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist? You are invited to participate in a series of discussions designed to help us articulate our UU beliefs.

The First Thursday Theological Society will meet at 7:30 PM in the Founders' Room on October 7. Questions? See Richard Venus or Ann Snively.

Worship Committee

If you are interested in an idea sharing, visioning discussion about what you'd like to see in worship services and how that could come about, please join us at a special worship committee meeting on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 PM in the library.

INTERWEAVE

INTERWEAVE, a support/discussion group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) people and their allies, meets on the **third Wednesday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Founders' Room at the Fellowship. The contact person is Joe Law.

Smart Choices

We meet the second and fourth Mondays from 7:00—9:00 PM at the Fellowship. We begin with a check in, telling about what has happened to each of us lately, then we participate in an activity which will enhance our lives in some way.

October 11—*Lynn Haven* will lead the session. She calls it "Music and Reflections."

October 25—We will carve pumpkins. *Jeni Cullen* will show us some creative jack-o-lanterns. Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided.

Women of a Certain Age

For women over 55, Women of a Certain Age will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 9:30 AM in the library. For information call *Marilyn Faulconer* or *Barbara Czestochowa*.

New Group Forming

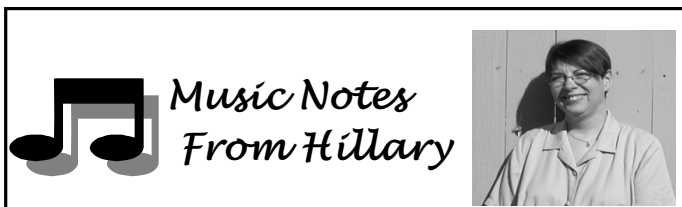
The Voluntary Simplicity Study Group will be starting soon. Look for upcoming information on our pot luck and sign up. For more information contact Linda Yoder.

Poetic Insights

We meet the last Sunday of each month from 1:30 — 3:00 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. Join us! It's fun to hear what others have written and share your ideas. The group next meets on October 31.

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 (9:00-10:30 AM) 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.



I begin with a quote from Matthew Fox:
“In our ecstasies of nature and friendship, sex and the arts, sports and thinking, travel, deprivations, celebrating and work, we are a channel through which beautiful, memorable experiences flow; and we forget ourselves as we become that channel”.

This fall I invite you who have music inside you to come be a channel for the ecstasy of sharing and worship of whatever you find divine. There are many opportunities to be involved either in ensembles or alone, in worship or in other special events.

On Saturday, November 6, MVUUF will host UU musician/composer **JIM SCOTT** in concert! Mark your calendars. More information will be appearing shortly. Check posters in the gathering space, this column in the Forum, the MVUUF e-news list or feel free to contact me with specific questions.

The Renaissance Band will hold its first rehearsal on Saturday, October 2 at 10:00 AM at the Fellowship. This group is for advanced musicians on fairly specific instrumentation. If you are interested in the group, please call me.

The first MVUUF Community String Orchestra rehearsal is on Saturday, October 23 at 10:00 AM at the Fellowship. If you play violin, viola, cello or bass — at any performance level, please come join us!

Calling all flute players!! We now have enough flutists to begin a small flute choir. If you play flute, at any performance level — students are welcome — and would like to be involved, please contact me. We will begin rehearsals in early January.

If you have special requests or any questions about music here at MVUUF, please contact Hillary Wagner, music director, or Jeanette Filbrun, choir director. You may also talk with the members of the music committee. They are Kathy Brown- chair, Jack Fenic, Karen Remsberg, Joyce Cameron, Julie Bragg, and Ralf Grisard.

In harmony -- Hillary

Concerning Social Concerns

Update - MVUUF and Fair Trade Coffee

Through our participation in the UUSC Fair Trade Coffee Project, our congregation has generated over \$2,500 in fair trade coffee sales in the last 18 months. As of July, UUSC had received about \$18,000 from Equal Exchange for the Project. We serve organic Fair Trade at Coffee Hour, and it's available at local retailers (try Kroger or Trader Joes).

Movie Night is October 16

This month's movie is *A Time to Ride*, a documentary of two lesbian grandmothers' bicycle trip across America to raise awareness for equal civil marriage rights. This movie is only 50 minutes long and will be followed by an energetic discussion about gay rights. Pizza orders will be taken right before the start of the movie. The cost is approximately \$5 for half of a pizza. Popcorn, snacks, and drinks are provided. Join us at the Fellowship on October 16 at 6:30 PM.

A Time To Ride

This past summer, married lesbian grandmothers Carrie and Elisia Ross-Stone rode their bicycles over **3,100 miles** across America to raise awareness and get support for equal civil marriage rights. Through **14 states** and over nearly nine weeks, they received a wide range of responses – from enthusiastic support to death threats and hateful protests.

A Time to Ride is a source of inspiration and awareness for the gay and lesbian community. More importantly, it is a valuable tool to inform a much larger general public whose political and social support is vital to gaining equal civil marriage rights.

Amidst the gay marriage media frenzy and election year politics, *A Time To Ride* documents one American couple's struggle for justice and equality, highlighting individuals and families they meet from coast to coast.

Social Concerns Committee

The Social Concerns Committee meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Fellowship. ALL are welcome! Please come with your energy, motivation, and a dessert to share. See you here! - **Kate Santucci**

Lifespan Religious Education

Thoughts From Barb....

Fifty-seven children and youth participated in Sunday School on September 12! This is a new record for us, and represents significant growth since we moved last year. It represents more than just a growth of numbers, however. What it tells me is that we are offering something here that is important.



*Barb Weber
Director Of
RE*

One of the most inspiring aspects of my job is walking down the Religious Education hallway on Sunday mornings and observing the classes. I see and hear young people engaged in learning and sharing and being a part of a loving community. Sometimes I see quiet intensity as they work together or discuss a question. Sometimes I hear more raucous activity. Often I see youngsters and adults interacting in fun and rewarding ways.

I am delighted when I hear parents tell me they came that day because a child insisted on it. I celebrate when I hear reports of family discussions that develop from a thought in Sunday School. When I learn of one of our young people behaving in the world in ways that are congruent with our principals, I think, "Yes! They're getting it!" And when one of our older teens talks about what she has gained from being a Unitarian Universalist, as Elizabeth Nguyen did in her recent service, I am truly moved.

You make all of this possible. Some of you are directly involved with our young people: teaching, advising, providing childcare. But all who make up this community of ours have a role in nurturing our young ones. You are their models of what it means to be Unitarian Universalist. You show them, with your words and your actions, that we care about each other and about our world. You live the principals we hope will inspire their futures.

Thank you. What you are and what you give to our faith and to our world will make a difference in the lives of our young people for years to come.

May it be so,
Barb

PS — If you missed Elizabeth's service, there are copies of her sermon available in the Gathering Space or online at <http://www.mvuuf.org/board>.

Pop Tops for Children's Charity

Please join our Youth Religious Education (YRE) participants as they "Pull for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH)." YRE is collecting pop tops from beverage cans for the RMH. The RMH is a "Home Away from Home" for families with children in local hospitals. The RMH receives salvage value from the pure aluminum tabs; this past year they earned \$8,000. Please bring and add your pop tops to the cardboard "house" in the Gathering Space.

The children are also donating money from their chapel collection to this cause. Please talk with your youngsters about the Ronald McDonald House and help them remember to bring a donation and pop tops. Children's offerings are taken during chapel on the second Sunday of each month as well as in weekly classes.

Please Register

No, this isn't another plea that you register to vote (although I do hope you will, if you haven't already!). Rather, it is about registering your young people, from nursery through twelfth grade/age 18, for Youth Religious Education.

There is a table in the Gathering Space with registration forms, or you can stop in the RE prep room.

Registration is important because it allows us to keep up-to-date records of who is in what class, how to contact you with questions or announcements and lets us know any special concerns you have, such as children's allergies. We also need signed emergency medical permission forms for all participants in YRUU, our Senior High Youth Group, since it meets at 6:30 Sunday evenings, when parents are usually not present in the building.

Please save us the time and energy of tracking you down by completing the forms in a timely manner. Many thanks!

COOT (Continuing Our Own Theology)

We meet monthly on the first and third Monday at 7:00 PM. The group gathers to discuss theological issues and share ideas and fellowship (and occasionally have a good dinner). Newcomers are welcome.

Men's Group

Men's Group meets the first and third Sundays of each month at 9:15 AM for fellowship and discussion. All men age 16 and older are welcome to attend.

Community Class

The Community Class is an adult group that meets every Sunday morning at 9:30—10:45 AM 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, October 3

"Religion without God." The discussion is based on the newly published book of the same title by fellowship member Mike O'Brien. We'll examine the roots of the contemporary split between the committed Christian and the nonreligious person, the believer and the nonbeliever, and the search for common ground between the two. Moderator: *Mike O'Brien*

Sunday, October 10

"Food for Thought" A discussion about food, its role in our society, the addictions we have to it and our struggles to forge a healthy relationship with it. Moderator: *Trudy Krisher*

Sunday, October 17

"Who Runs America and Election Politics?" What are the forces choosing our politicians and creating our destiny? Big business? Religion? The media? Special interests? Moderator: *Bill Ross*

Sunday, October 24

"Dealing with Phobias." Fear of flying, spiders, dirt, open space, taking tests and heights are a few common stimuli that can produce anxiety, panic or obsessive behavior or thinking in many people. What irrational fears do each of us have that diminish our quality of life and what can we do to overcome them? Moderator: *Tom Cruse*

Sunday, October 31

"The Courage of Conviction." Would you be willing to burn at the stake for an idea? We'll ponder this question while we focus on the book, *Out of the Flames*, by Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone, about Spanish scholar Michael Servetus. Servetus was executed in 1553 for writing about his belief that all human beings could become divine without recourse to an established church. He is also a significant figure in Unitarian Universalist history. Moderator: *Linda Kimmel*

Women's Group

Sunday 9:30 – 10:45 AM, Founders' Room

Beginning October 10, we'll be discussing the book, *"Soulful Living: The Process of Personal Transformation,"* a wonderful exploration of our spirituality and how to use it to engage more fully in our lives. All women are welcome. Contact Christina Rowe to order a book. For more information, contact Shirley Dobson or Gayle Gyure.

YRUU

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists, our senior high youth group, has resumed meeting at its usual 6:30 — 8:00 Sunday evening time. All ninth graders through 20 year olds are invited to come to this group. Activities are planned by the young people with *Don Kazyak* and *Yolanda Crooms* serving as advisors. Social action, spirituality, learning through new experiences and, of course, fun are what this group is all about. So watch the bulletin for information about specific activities and come join us!

Please note the following two YRUU safety matters. First, since parents are usually not in the building when YRUU meets, we must have a signed permission for emergency medical treatment on file for all YRUU members. Contact Barb Weber if you need one of these.

Second, the MVUUF Board has created a new policy this year that one adult may never be alone with one child or teen. This is for safety reasons and it is probably most significant at the beginning and end of meetings. If you are the first to be dropped off, your parent will need to wait with you until at least two other people are there. And at the end of meetings, it is important that you get picked up promptly. One adult cannot wait with one teen for a ride (or provide a ride to one teen), so please be considerate about not keeping people waiting to go home. If you are the next-to-last teen to be picked up, please wait until the last teen's ride comes so that person won't be left with a single adult. Thanks for your cooperation!

Thanks!

A big **thank you** goes to Dave Rengel , Mark Sheehan and Alice Lizee for their help in cleaning and preparing our classrooms for the beginning of the fall term of Religious Education. Our space looks lots better.

Thanks as well to Bonnie and Steve Thompson for their donation of replacement rugs for the nursery. They are a big improvement.

Finally, thanks to those, too numerous to mention, who have donated craft supplies and materials, shoe boxes, magazines, etc. We appreciate the support of all.

Help Wanted

With our large number of children these days, we can use extra help in the RE wing. If you would be willing to be an occasional extra set of hands in the nursery, RE prep room, or in a classroom, please let Barb Weber know. You would be assisting staff or teachers and would not be expected to have primary responsibility. We are nice folks - come spend some time with us!

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. Dry goods and other non-perishable food items and disposable diapers (size 3 or larger) are always needed. 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!

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

You can help the Fellowship with your grocery purchases—and it won't cost you a cent!

Do you have your new Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program card yet? Are you registered in Dorothy Lane Market's Good Neighbor Program? Do you have a Meijer's Community Rewards Program card? These programs return money to the Fellowship when you purchase groceries (and other items). Check with the grocery certificate sales person in the Gathering Space or call the office at 436-3628 for more information.

MVUUF GROCERY CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM

Dorothy Lane: \$10 \$25 Total _____

Kroger: \$5 Total _____

Your Name _____ Your Telephone _____

Please make check or money order payable to: MVUUF or Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Send this order form along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: MVUUF, 8690 Yankee Street Dayton, OH 45458

**MIAMI VALLEY UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
October 2004**

* Schedule of Regular Sunday Offerings*
9:30 AM Adult RE: Community Class
9:30 AM Women's Group
11:00 AM Service & Youth RE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 9:00 AM Aikido Group |
| 3 *See above for regular offerings* 9:15 AM Men's Group 6:30 PM YRUU Senior High Youth | 4 7:00 PM COOT Continuing Our Own Theologies | 5 7:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting | 6 7:30 PM Choir | 7 7:30 PM First Thursday Theological Society | 8 | 9 9:00 AM Aikido Group 10:00 AM to Dark RETREAT—John Bryan State Park |
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