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The Forum

Of Cabbages and Kings

*"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things:
Of shoes, and ships, and sealing wax –
Of cabbages and kings –
And why the sea is boiling hot –
And whether pigs have wings."*

from *"The Walrus and the Carpenter"* by Lewis Carroll

I am excited and privileged to be working with all of you during the coming months of interim ministry. This "in-between-time" is indeed our opportunity to "talk of many things," and I will be using this space in the *Forum* as one place to do just that. In the next several months I will be inviting all of you to join in this ongoing conversation.



Martha Hodges

Among the many things to talk about are practical concerns of everyday congregational life: the shoes and ships and sealing wax that keep a congregation running smoothly as a vibrant, lively and inspirational entity, aspects of our shared life as a nation, community and congregation; the cabbages and kings of our communal life such as service, justice, leadership and vision; and last but hardly least, eternal questions of the Spirit and such mysteries of existence as winged pigs.

Specifically, the tasks before a congregation in transition between ministers have been identified as the following "cabbages and kings":

- Coming to terms with congregational history
- Re-discovering and affirming congregational identity
- Allowing needed leadership to emerge
- Renewing denominational linkages
- Committing to new directions in ministry

My job as your interim minister is to help lead you through these tasks. In the process, our conversations will be stimulating, no doubt at times difficult, challenging and affirming. With your help, they will also be an enjoyable experience of learning for us all. My hope is that our time together will be one of deep thought and hard work, of course — and also a time of shared excitement, compassion, tolerance, curiosity, humor and a light and gentle touch when things get tough, as they are bound to do.

The time has come...Let the conversation begin!

—*Martha Hodges, Interim Minister*

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.*

Remember to bring fresh produce, baked goods as well as canned or packaged food and diapers to donate during Second Offering every Sunday!

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, October 2—11:00AM

FIRST SUNDAY SERIES: BENT OVER PEOPLE
Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders, President and CEO of United Theological Seminary, will present *Bent Over People: Searching for the Marginalized*, as our First Sunday Series offering for October. Dr. Zeiders is an ordained clergy member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. Plan to stay for the lovely brunch and lively discussion with our guest speaker following the service.

Sunday, October 9—11:00 AM

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY
 The *Alternative Worship Experience* (AWE) invites you to a Celebration of Friendship. The service will provide an opportunity to recognize and honor the friends who add meaning and joy to your life. Everyone is encouraged to participate, so please bring: a gift or card for your friend, a photo or memento for the altar and stories to share. *And most of all, remember to bring your friends!*

Sunday, October 16—11:00 AM

TEEN RUNAWAYS: A WALK IN THEIR SHOES
Bonnie Bazill-Davis will share information and stories about the plight of runaway youth in our community. Bonnie is the training/project specialist at *Daybreak*, a local non-profit providing safe shelter and outreach services to Dayton area youth. Many teens leave their home because of abuse, violence and family conflict, and these topics will be discussed. **Helen Geyer's** fabulous voice will provide special music, and **Scott Leonard** will soften a heavy topic with a lively "commercial" about Daybreak's Green Light Project awareness campaign.

Sunday, October 23—11:00 AM

IMAGINATION'S GRACE
 This will be the first MVUUF sermon from Interim Minister **Martha Hodges**. Autumn is a time for reflection and memory. As nature settles in for a long winter, our days are often tinged with sadness and regret, yet autumn is also a time of celebration and hope. As we enter our own time of transition together, how may we find grace in our imagining of what we yet shall be?

Sunday, October 30—11:00 AM

LIVING WITH THE DEAD
 Whether it be All Souls Day, the Mexican Day of the Dead or our own Halloween, we are drawn to the idea that the barrier between the living and the dead may become permeable at certain times of the year. **Martha Hodges** will ask, "What is this 'silent ministry' of the dead who accompany us in our hearts and minds, for better or worse?"

Our Staff

Martha Hodges, Interim Minister

Dale Bockhorst, Bookkeeper

Barbara Kelley, Administrator

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

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Office Hours: Sunday AM and by appointment

Barb Weber, Transition Coordinator

Office Hours: Wednesday 11 AM—1:30 PM, Sunday AM

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Welcome New Member
Jennie Hardy

Board Business

President's Message

I am pleased to announce that the voting members of MVUUF approved the appointment of *Martha Hodges* as our interim minister. Martha hales from Ithaca, New York, and studied for the ministry after much achievement in academia and labor relations. She is a graduate of Cornell University, Syracuse University and Meadville Lombard Theological School. Martha brings to this assignment an extremely able intellect and a strong foundation of theological understanding. She will begin her employment on October 11 and will give her first sermon at MVUUF on Sunday, October 23.

This appointment is the first of many important decisions we will have to make as we work toward hiring a permanent minister. I want to thank everyone who was able to participate in the special congregational meeting and for the affirmative vote. I also want to thank the Board of Trustees who unanimously voted to accept the task force's recommendation to hire Martha Hodges. And many thanks to my fellow task force members (*Iris Carter, Jim Faulconer, Barb Weber, Judy Pickett and Scott Leonard*) who, since June, have dedicated so much time to reviewing, interviewing and reading information about all of the candidates.

The process of hiring an interim minister is a unique one and challenging in the competitive environment of the UUA (too many churches needing an interim, too few interim ministers.) I truly believe, as do all who have met her, that Martha is the right interim minister at the right time for MVUUF.

Again, I greatly appreciate, as does the task force and board, the confidence the congregation expressed in our abilities and judgment. Now like everyone else, I will be eagerly awaiting her arrival.

Please join us for Martha Hodges' first sermon at MVUUF on Sunday, October 23 at 11:00 AM. A welcoming reception will be held immediately following the service.

—*Kriss Gang*
President, MVUUF Board of Trustees

Summary of the MVUUF Board of Trustees Meeting of September 8, 2005

Kriss Gang provided a summary of the interim minister search process. He advised that four candidates were contacted and the task force agreed unanimously that Martha Hodges was the best candidate for MVUUF. All of the references contacted had very positive and consistent comments about Martha Hodges. Martha Hodges then had an opportunity to introduce herself and the floor was opened to questions and discussion.

Richard Robinson made a motion that the Board forward, for a vote of the congregation, the recommendation of the Interim Minister Task Force to approve the appointment of Martha Hodges as the MVUUF interim minister. Laurie Shows seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.
—*Bill J. Wendel*

Summary of the Special Congregational Meeting of September 11, 2005

107 voting members were present, representing a number in excess of the required quorum. Kriss Gang gave a brief overview of the interim minister search process.

Bill Wendel made a motion that the Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship approve the appointment of Martha Hodges as the interim minister for a period lasting no longer than August 31, 2007. Yolanda Crooms seconded the motion. There was a discussion and vote. The motion carried unanimously.
—*Bill J. Wendel*

Summary of the MVUUF Board of Trustees Meeting of September 15, 2005

After receiving a report about the deteriorating nature of the MVUUF computer equipment, a motion was made to authorize up to a \$1,000 expenditure to replace the computers (and related equipment) for the office manager and the minister. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to give Barb Weber the authority to dispense the minister's discretionary budget until a minister is hired. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion was made to authorize \$150 for up to five people (plus mileage for one driver) to attend the Heartland District Conflict Resolution Training. The motion was seconded and approved.
—*Bill J. Wendel*

Nominating Committee Begins to Determine 2006-07 Candidates

In keeping with our bylaws, a single nominee for each officer and trustee position on the MVUUF Board is presented and voted on at the January Congregational Meeting to take office after the June Congregational Meeting. Currently, we have one trustee whose term expires this year. Laurie Shows will have completed three years as Lifespan Religious Education Trustee in June 2006, and we must nominate someone for a new two-year term for this position. We also have eight positions for which the trustee or officer who is currently serving can potentially serve another year. Officers (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer) are elected for one-year terms, with the possibility of serving a maximum of three years in that position, if re-elected. The trustee positions are for two years initially, with the possibility of being elected for that position for one additional year.

The Nominating Committee is hereby seeking input from interested parties, including those currently serving, regarding their interest and/or recommendations for these openings.

President, office currently held by ***Kriss Gang***
Vice President, office currently held by ***Dave Rengel***
Secretary, office currently held by ***Bill Wendel***
Treasurer, office currently held by ***Scott Leonard***
Operations Trustee, office currently held by ***Joe Zimmerman***
Membership Trustee, office currently held by ***Rich Robinson***
Public Relations Trustee, office currently held by ***Gail Cyan***
Activities Trustee, office currently held by ***Yolanda Crooms***

Nominees for these offices must have been voting members of MVUUF for at least one year and, of course, be qualified and willing to serve. Preferably, a candidate for president will have prior experience as an officer or trustee at MVUUF.

In addition, we are seeking candidates for three-year terms for three elected non-board positions: two positions on the Nominating Committee and one as an endowment trustee.

There will also be positions available for seven to nine members on the Ministerial Search Committee, the group who will have the job of identifying our next permanent minister. At the time of this printing, we do not have enough information on the process to be able to share it with you; however, it will be available soon. If you have an interest in this committee, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

If you wish to recommend someone or volunteer yourself for any of these positions, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee—preferably in writing—no later than October 30.

—***Genevieve Harvey***

Nominating Committee
Genevieve Harvey, Chair
Iris Carter
Mary Anne Frey
Kate Halpin
Vinnie Marshall
Mike Nelson

Thoughts From Barb...

I have a confession to make, which stems from a conversation we recently had in the Growth Committee. We were talking about how our Unitarian Universalist Principles affect our daily lives.

For many years, the Principles had been fairly abstract to me. They always seemed to be an important general statement of what we were striving to build in our world, but I didn't often use them to make daily decisions. It had, however, come as something of an eye-opener when I realized they could serve as a concrete guide in our everyday life.

Someone else said that she felt they were more of an internalized guide. She suggested that she was more likely to use her internalized sense of what it means to make "UU" decisions than to consciously consult the Principles when faced with any particular situation. (That is not a direct quote, but is how I heard the gist of her comments.) That seemed to fit with the way I have tended to use them.

Since that time, however, I have been pondering how my life would be different if I truly applied our Principles to all aspects of my life. It is a big challenge. Although I usually think of myself as a generally ethical person who tries to be a source of good in the world, this pondering makes me realize how much more I could do. We don't often think about our UU "saints," but this focus on the Principles is one way of recognizing the great lengths that some in our faith have gone to live their beliefs.

I invite you to join me in this great pondering. The Principles are printed on the back of this and every Forum. I invite you to spend some time meditating on how the Principles affect your life. Where can we apply them more concretely and more completely? What things would change if we truly lived according to these good words?

I invite you to share your thoughts with each other. As we strive to live more closely with our values, even if we fail to live up to them completely, we will see good things come from our efforts. Sharing our struggles with these noble goals will help us become even more the community we long to be, the one that is embodied in those very Principles that inspire us.

May it be so,

Barb



Barb Weber
Transition Coordinator

MVUUF Orientation Changes Underway

Exciting changes are in store for our orientation process to welcome visitors and provide prospective members with a better understanding of Unitarian Universalism and the Fellowship. **Rich Robinson**, our membership trustee, is currently recruiting volunteers to achieve this.

There are two main changes to our new orientation process. First, we will provide a brief question-and-answer period for interested visitors immediately following each Sunday service. Volunteers are needed to lead these casual conversations which are expected to take 30—45 minutes at the most, with no more than a one-Sunday-a-month commitment.

The second big change is that official MVUUF membership will entail completing a four-session orientation course. This will include sessions on UU

history, MVUUF history, MVUUF and UUA governance and MVUUF activities and opportunities. Volunteers are needed to facilitate the classes (curriculum will be provided). The new orientation course will be run three times a year for four consecutive weeks and volunteers can teach one or all four of the one-hour classes.

These changes will engage our visitors sooner and better fold new members into activities and the Fellowship community. It will improve member retention and help new members find each other. The new procedures will start between November and January, depending on how soon our volunteers are on board. Wouldn't you like to help with this important effort to grow the Fellowship? To volunteer or for more information, contact **Rich Robinson** or call the office.

Announcements

October ChaliceLight Gallery

The MVUUF ChaliceLight Gallery is proud to feature the works of renowned artist **Patsy Weidner** through the month of October. A life-long resident of Miamisburg, Patsy has been an artist for over 40 years and specializes in oil and pastel mediums.

Her art education includes graduation from a course of studies in advertising and related arts in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has trained with well-respected area artists such as Gene Woods, specializing in oil and Fred Betz, specializing in pastels. Patsy is a charter member of the Miamisburg Art Guild, created in 1965 and still going strong today. She has studied at the Dayton Art Institute and Riverbend Art Center.

For the past four years, she has belonged to *The Palettes*, a group of seven women who meet weekly to paint portraits from still life and live models. Patsy is a Golden Palette Member of the Dayton Society of Painters and Sculptors, and a member of the Tri-Art Club, Dayton Art Institute and Dayton Visual Arts Center.

You can find more of her paintings at the Miamisburg Art Gallery, Sycamore Hospital, West Carrollton Civic Center and Hair Designs by Susan & Company in Miamisburg. She welcomes commission work in portraits, landscapes and animals.

Contact ChaliceLight Gallery chair **Joan Albrecht** for more information or to purchase artwork.

Forum Deadline

The deadlines for upcoming issues of *The FORUM* are October 17 and November 15. Please submit your articles to Barbara Kelley (admin@mvuuf.org). If additional time is needed, please let us know. The deadline for the Sunday bulletin is 12:30 PM on the preceding Monday.

Peace Museum Grand Opening

Please join us anytime between 12:00 noon and 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 16 for the grand opening celebration of the Dayton International Peace Museum. The location is 208 West Monument Avenue, in the historic Pollack house, built in 1877. The celebration will feature tours of the new museum, including exhibits on Hiroshima, the Dayton Peace Accords and a special art exhibit about 9/11 entitled *Tower of Babel* by Cincinnati's Joan Effertz. There will be face painting and a craft table for kids and refreshments for everyone. For more information call 22-PEACE or visit the website at www.daytonpeacemuseum.org.

Fellowship on the Radio

MVUUF members will be volunteering to help out **WYSO 91.3 FM** answer their phones during their fall fund drive. We will get some free on-air mentions of what a great group of people we are. We still need volunteers for this easy and fun job. We are signed up for two high visibility slots:

- Saturday, October 15 from 8:00—11:00 AM (first day of fund drive, during *Weekend Edition* and *Car Talk*.)
- Wednesday, October 19 from 4:00—7:00 PM (rush hour—during *All Things Considered*.)

There will be food and lots of laughter and excitement. If you want to volunteer, contact PR Trustee, **Gail Cyan** right away. Be sure to listen to WYSO during this great PR opportunity!

Second Saturday Circle Suppers

This will be a great opportunity to get to know others in the Fellowship by gathering with small groups for dining and conversation. The suppers are a joint group activity. The hosts will plan a menu, contact the others about what menu item to bring, and open their homes for the gathering. Others in the group will prepare the food and bring it to the host's home.

The suppers will occur on the second Saturday of each month from October through June in cycles of three months each.

- The 1st cycle will meet October, November, December
- The 2nd cycle will meet January, February, March
- The 3rd cycle will meet April, May, June

You are welcome to sign up for all three cycles or only one and you may sign up as a host/guest or guest only. Contact **Jay Snively** with any questions you may have. Sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Space.

Thank You, Ben Olive

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, and the entire congregation, thank you to **Ben Olive** for his generous gift of a state-of-the-art Kurzweil Mark 10 musical keyboard. Ben Olive, a long-time Unitarian, has been a member of MVUUF since November 2004. We are most grateful for this gift and for his friendship.

—**Kriss Gang**

A Spot of Beauty

A spot of beauty was a tradition at the First UU church; one we would like to institute here at MVUUF. Each Sunday, someone would provide a spot of beauty for the chancel. It might be flowers from their garden, a florist arrangement or Ikebana. Now that we have an altar to place an arrangement on, it is time to begin.

Members wishing to provide flowers are asked to contact Barbara Kelley in the office (436-3628 or admin@mvuuf.org) to schedule a Sunday. If the flowers are in memory of someone or to celebrate an occasion, please tell Barbara. The flower donors and occasion will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Phil Wise will be in charge of creating an Ikebana for the months in which a fifth Sunday occurs. Anyone with knowledge of this art of Japanese flower arranging or anyone willing to help, please call Phil. The phone is open—start calling to schedule now.

—**Marilyn Faulconer**

Membership Status Depends on Participation

The Membership Committee, especially **Ruth Rowley**, has been working for months to bring our membership list to the highest level of accuracy it has ever had. Please take a look at these membership guidelines, taken from our bylaws, to make sure your official membership is appropriate to your level of participation.

According to our bylaws, a *voting member*:

- a. Is at least 16 years of age
- b. Is acquainted with the philosophy and programs of the Fellowship and
 - has read the bylaws
 - has undergone a Fellowship orientation
- c. Accepts and honors financial responsibilities toward the Fellowship
- d. Participates in Fellowship activities
- e. Is expected to attend congregational meetings.

According to our bylaws, an *associate member*:

- a. Is at least 16 years of age
- b. Expresses an interest in the philosophy and programs of the Fellowship
- c. Accepts and honors financial or service responsibility toward the Fellowship
- d. Is welcome to participate in any and all Fellowship activities, but has no vote

If you are a *voting member* who has not been involved, we would like to hear from you about how we can welcome you back. *Associate members* are honored and receive all the benefits of membership. If you would like to change your membership status, please let us know.

First Sunday Series

The *First Sunday Series* presents speakers of regional and national interest to address members and guests about current social issues on the first Sunday of each month. After each First Sunday Series service, there will be a lovely brunch with lively discussion and a chance to meet our guest speaker.

October 2 11:00 AM **Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders**, President/CEO of United Theological Seminary
Bent Over People: Searching for the Marginalized
Dr. Zeiders is an ordained clergy member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was appointed president and CEO of United Theological Seminary in 2000.

November 6 11:00 AM **Dr. James R. Guthrie**, professor of English, Wright State University.
Blink! Malcolm Gladwell, R. W. Emerson, and Spontaneity

In his recent best seller, *New Yorker* science writer Malcolm Gladwell explores studies of our first reactions—the *blink* moment. Emerson was interested in this moment too, but from a spiritual perspective. Our speaker examines cross-connections between the two writers. Jim Guthrie specializes in American literature and has written professionally about Emily Dickinson, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau.

December 4 11:00 AM **Dr. Judith Martin**, Sisters of St. Joseph of Buffalo NY
Unholy Alliance? Religion and Politics in the Middle East

Dr. Martin teaches courses on world religions and religious fundamentalism at the University of Dayton and has traveled widely in the Middle East and met with religious, political and educational leaders.

Free Suicide Prevention Training

The Suicide Prevention Center is offering *free* to our friends and members, *Suicide Prevention Training for Faith-based Gatekeepers*. Normally a \$125 workshop, the training is aimed at gatekeepers: religious staff, volunteers, parents, caregivers and all who work with youth, the elderly or at-risk persons. Learn the warning signs of suicide, what puts people at risk and how to help a depressed and suicidal person. The training will be held on Thursday, October 20, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. A continental breakfast and afternoon snack is provided. Lunch is on your own. The training will be held at the Suicide Prevention Center, 12 W. Wenger Road, Englewood. Space is limited! Call 226-0818 to reserve your seating as soon as possible.

Kitchen Usage:

Dishes, leftovers, bugs, supplies, recycling, and more!

We have a great facility. Thanks for your help in keeping it attractive, clean, and functional. We had lots of building usage for weddings, receptions, parties and other events this summer. Opening and allowing our Fellowship building to be used by members and friends is a form of outreach, a way to connect with our community, and to provide a place for those with whom we share common values. Building usage should be scheduled through the MVUUF Administrator, Barbara Kelley, who can give you details about when it's available, if/what it costs to use the building (depending on purpose/group using it), and other pertinent information.

I am writing today to thank you and provide some information and guidelines in order to keep things running as well as possible, especially with regard to the kitchen. You may not think this applies to you, but indulge me, OK? At least skim the rest of this article.

Get Your Dishes Here!

We have a collection of casserole dishes, plastic containers, and various other kitchen items left over from events, lunches, and receptions. Please check out the open wooden shelves in the kitchen to the far left of the stove. There is even a small green cooler, a picnic basket, a box of silver serving pieces and a box of cooking pots. We don't have room to store all of these items, so it would be very helpful if you would claim those that belong in your home. Unclaimed items may find their way to a shelter, service auction, garage sale, or Goodwill. (If *you* have room to store items for the garage sale next spring, please let **Judy Rengel** know!)

Leftovers

If you leave food in the refrigerator or pantry, please mark it with the date and purpose. Otherwise, it will be assumed for general usage, but unfortunately, will probably be thrown away after it grows fuzzi. It's better to take leftover foods home or find a good use for them. (Youth R.E. serves snacks weekly, so if it is appropriate for the kids and will keep until the next Sunday morning, you could take it to the R.E. refrigerator, but *please* mark it regardless!) By the way, our coffee hosts do an awesome job keeping up with much more than coffee and clean-up. Thanks, **Karen Evans** and all caffeine-loving volunteers.

If you have *children* eating at the Fellowship, please be sure they clean up after themselves, wipe up the hot

cocoa, and pick up the trash. It would help if they ate at the kitchen table (which was donated by **Yolanda Crooms**).

Bugs

We have ants in the kitchen quite frequently, and for good reason. They are often gathered around crumbs and spills that have not been cleaned up. Our custodian is not there every day and is not employed to clean up our dishes. Please, please, if you have food at the Fellowship, make sure that all traces of it are cleaned up, disposed of or sealed up, so that we do not have a ready supply for invaders. Dirty dishes left around the Fellowship, even in the sink, are targets for ants. We don't have mice now, but we have in the past, and that season is approaching. Let's try to keep our pest control in the preventive phase. **Mary Coonrod** has kept the ant-trap folks in business and helped us greatly in keeping the critters under control.

Supplies

If you are planning an event that requires supplies (napkins, cups, etc.), please make sure those items are there for your specific event. You are welcome to use what is in the pantry, but it's not guaranteed that it will be stocked with what you need. Sometimes we run out of items, and we don't know until the next time we need them. If you use the last of something, it would be great if you could let **Barbara Kelley** or **Genevieve Harvey** know so we can replenish it. I also want to encourage the use of regular (not throw-away) cups and plates. We have enough for most events, but they do require washing.

Recycling and Trash

We can recycle our (well-rinsed) plastics, glass, metals, and paper/cardboard. Sometimes we have a *lot* of these items to save from the landfill. There is a large white barrel outside the kitchen door and smaller bin inside the kitchen at the back door. Please think about this when you are ready to pitch your pop can or plastic cup. If it's recyclable, we have an obligation to ourselves and one another to do the ecologically responsible thing.

However, we do need someone to take the recyclables *home* each week because we don't have recycling pick-up at the Fellowship. If you can grab a bin or fill a bag and put it out at your curb, please do. (Just help yourself—no need to ask!)

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You Gotta Eat—Why Not Get A Grocery Card?

Do you shop at Meijer, Dorothy Lane, or Kroger? Your purchases can earn money for the Fellowship without costing you a cent.

Kroger is the easiest system and returns 4% to the Fellowship. All you do is purchase a Kroger gift card for \$5, which has a pink “Neighborhood Reward Program” sticker attached. On your first trip to Kroger, you get \$5 of groceries free. The card then works like a debit card, which you recharge at Kroger (not with our team) *before* purchasing groceries. You can recharge your card with cash, credit card or check in the checkout lane before the cashier begins processing your order. The Fellowship earns the 4% on your recharge amount. The good news: from February to September of 2005, we earned an average of \$168 a month through these cards. The bad news: use of cards declined from 27 cards in January-February to 13 cards in August-September. Think of what we could earn if we increased the 5-10% using these cards to 20-25%!

Meijer no longer sells gift cards or certificates. For their program, you apply for a special card for their Community Rewards Program. They return from 1.5% for a family’s purchase of \$200 a month to 5% for those who purchase more than \$800 a month. While this is less generous than the percentage they used to give, it is worthwhile if you regularly shop at Meijer’s. Applications are available at the desk in the Gathering Space.

Dorothy Lane offers two programs that benefit the Fellowship, Grocery Cards and the Community Rewards Program. (1) *In response to your requests for Dorothy Lane cards, we will be selling them again.* These function like gift cards you are given and cannot be recharged. They require a \$1,000 investment by the Fellowship, since we must buy grocery cards, paying for them in advance and then selling them to you. Their return is similar to Krogers. (2) In addition to these cards, Dorothy Lane offers to all shoppers a Good Neighbors program for donations to a favorite charity *for which individual shoppers must register annually.* Dorothy Lane puts aside \$75,000 for all charities. So far this year, we qualify for 0.365% of this.

To purchase a Kroger’s or Dorothy Lane card or register for Meijer’s or Dorothy Lane’s programs, look for a member of the Grocery Cards Team at the desk in the Gathering Space. If you don’t see one there, just ask one of the following people, sporting a color picture of a grocery basket: ***Ellen Beck, Cindy Brooks, Joyce Cameron, Lindy McDonough, Mike Nelson, or Maureen O’Meara.***

—***Maureen O’Meara***
Grocery Cards Fundraiser Chair

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If we had more support for this recycling, we could open it up for those who do not have recycling in their community, apartment or condo to drop it off at the Fellowship, but we need to have others who are willing to get it to the solid waste district on Dryden Road, or take it for curbside pickup. Thanks to ***Linda Yoder***, we are also able to recycle the office paper, junk mail, etc. Regarding trash—if you take out the trash from the kitchen, *bless you!* If you can walk the extra 15 steps to the dumpster, you get double blessings! Compost-able stuff (any foods except animal products) can be tossed out behind the shed. There’s not a usable compost pile, but the brush is growing thick and healthy thanks to our fermented fruit salad and rubberized celery, among other contributions.

Laundry

Rita and Adina Reeve regularly take home our dirty tablecloths and kitchen towels and wash and return them. If there are wet cloths, please allow them to dry before putting them in the laundry bin in the pantry. By the way, thanks to ***Judy and Dave Rengel*** for cleaning out the refrigerator and pantry, which is another perpetual need!

Locking up

Finally, if you are cleaning up the kitchen, you are probably one of the last people out. Please remember to turn off lights and make sure doors are closed and locked. Thanks so much!

—***Genevieve Harvey***

Have Your Portrait Taken For the NEW 2006 MVUUF Member Directory!

Dear Friends,

Our last member directory was published two years ago. Membership is growing, and the Fellowship has undergone significant changes in that time. The MVUUF Directory needs to reflect those changes.

So we invite you to come to the Fellowship on

- **Thursday, October 27 3:00—9:00 PM**
- **Friday, October 28 3:00—9:00 PM**
- **Saturday, October 29 10:00 AM—4:00 PM**

to have a portrait taken of yourself, your family, your pets, your neighbors, your friends. (Seriously, pets *are* welcome!)

If you had your portrait in the last directory, it's time for an update! If you didn't, please help us meet our goal of 100% participation this time around! And if you're new to MVUUF since 2003, this is a wonderful opportunity to affirm your membership in the Fellowship with your smiling face!

There is absolutely *no obligation* to purchase anything. You pay nothing for the sitting, and you receive a *free* 8 × 10 portrait, plus a *free* copy of the directory just for helping us meet our goal of 100% participation. There is also *no cost* to the Fellowship for this directory.

Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits does, however, provide the opportunity to purchase additional portraits in a variety of poses, sizes, styles and combinations, as well as specialty items such as holiday cards or postcards—at reasonable prices.

Your purchases will help us earn special activity pages, documenting MVUUF life with our own photos of staff, important events and celebrations. So if you *are* in the market for unique gifts and cards for the holiday season, do consider making this portrait sitting a bonus for you, your loved ones *and* your MVUUF family by ordering additional portraits or cards. Delivery is guaranteed for early December, so you'll have plenty of time to get your selections distributed!

About 50% of members had their portraits taken for the 2004 Member Directory. This time, our goal is **100% member participation**. Please help us achieve that goal by signing up for your portrait sitting *now*!

It's easier than ever this year. Just visit the MVUUF website (www.mvuuf.org), and click on the link provided by *Lifetouch*. You can choose a sitting date and time from the available slots and sign up online. *Or*, if you'd rather, look for **Sherry McAndrew** after service on any Sunday thru October 22, and she'll enter the date and time you select on the office computer right then and there.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us (listed below). We look forward to your help in making the 2006 MVUUF Photo Directory our best directory ever—and a welcoming gift to share with new members in the coming year.

Joan Albrecht
Jeni Cullen
Barbara Czestochowa
Kathryn Dornhuber
Lynn Haven
Kate Johnson
Sherry McAndrew

Activities

Fellowship Gourmets

Dining Out Around the World in Dayton

Remember, the fourth weekend of each month is devoted to dining out together. You probably wouldn't want to dine at the same restaurant both Saturday night and Sunday, but since some places will not be open on Sunday you are more than welcome to experience two dining events on the same weekend.

Mark your calendars and e-mail or call **Ruth Rowley** a week before the date you wish to attend so that reservations can be made. We'll put reminders on the e-mail list and in the Sunday bulletins.

Saturday, October 22, 6:00 PM

LaPergola, 1122 East Dorothy Lane, Kettering, 643-9012. Italian Cuisine. Entrees range from \$10 to \$15.

Sunday, October 23, after Fellowship Services

LaPergola (See above.)

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a volunteer to lead Movie Nights and New Year's Eve. If you think you'd like to add your own special style to these activities, please call **Yolanda Crooms** for more information.

Game Night

Plan to come to Game Night on Friday, October 28 at 7:00 PM. Come to take your picture, stay for the fun!

MVUUF Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Please mark your calendars to join us for our traditional Annual Thanksgiving Feast, following an abbreviated service at 11:00 AM on November 20. Start reviewing your favorite family meals and plan to bring a dish to share. This year, the feast is being arranged by **Sean and Kate Halpin**—kudos for taking on such a huge task! There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer, so watch for sign-up sheets during or after service and in the Gathering Space.

Tuesday Night Walkers

New event! The Tuesday Night Walkers will begin their treks on Tuesday, October 18, with a three-mile walk at Sugarcreek. We are meeting at 5:30 PM. The parking area for Sugarcreek is on Wilmington Pike (past Route 725). The road will go downhill (past the horse stables), and then take a sharp turn to the left. After the turn, there is a three-way stop. Go forward through the stop sign and about a quarter of a mile on the left is the parking area for Sugarcreek. We will meet at the trailhead by the boulder. Call **Jeni Cullen** with questions.

Budgeting Class

A **Good Sense Budget** class will be offered at the Fellowship on Saturday, October 29 from 8:30 AM until 1:15 PM. The class is designed to *simplify* your personal *finances* and *reduce* debt. Regardless of your current financial situation, this course will provide the tools and processes that will facilitate improving your personal financial situation. The net result should be less debt and less stress. You will be exposed to concepts that will enable you to reduce household expenses.

A critical success factor is the post-workshop personal coaching provided by the instructor, **Al Scott**. The objective is to make certain that you have an accurate assessment, identify options and are ready to implement a workable game plan. The coach's role is to support your needs and to help you succeed. The instructor, Al Scott, has a formal education from the University of Akron that includes a BS Degree in Industrial Management and an MBA. Al has 30 years of management experience in roles including Plant Manager, Vice President Operations and COO with Babcock & Wilcox, Wilson Sporting Goods, Federal Mogul and Standard Register.

Dates: Saturday October 29

Time: 8:30 AM to 1:15 PM

Place: Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Cost: \$25/individual \$35/couple (lunch included)

Please contact **Al** or **Yolanda** for additional information. Look for applications in the Gathering Space. Class size is limited, registration deadline is October 21 or sooner if class is filled. Applications will be processed in the order received. Applications and checks may be mailed to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Group Meetings and Events

Get Ready for the Fall Craft Bazaar & Book Sale

Plan to attend the annual MVUUF Fall Craft Bazaar and Book Sale, a major fund raiser! This year, the event is scheduled for **Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM** at the Fellowship.

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 **Pam Strohmeyer** 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, November 11 or by 9:30 AM on Saturday.)

Raffle tickets will soon be on sale each week 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 **Pam Strohmeyer** to help or for more information.

CineManiacs— 3rd Sunday Evening, October 16

CineManiacs has moved permanently to the *third* Sunday of each month. If you're wild about art films, join us the third Sunday of the month at the Neon Movies for the 5—5:30ish showing. Since the Neon Movies schedule is sometimes rather last-minute, the title and time will be electronically sent on the Thursday prior to the Sunday event. After the movie we'll meet in the Neon lobby cafe for fellowship and a discussion. Everyone is welcome to join us — friends, family, colleagues. If you have questions call **Trudy Krisher** or **Lindy McDonough**.

MVUUF Daytime Book Club

The Daytime Book Club meets on a Wednesday each month at the Fellowship at 10:30 AM in the Founders' Room. We discuss the book of the month and then go to lunch together. Call **Carol Vincent** or **Sylvia Wince** for further information.

- October 26—*The Time Traveler's Wife*, by Audrey Neffenegger
- November 30—*Empress Orchid*, by Anchee Min
- December 19—(Monday) *The House of Sixty Fathers*, by Meindert DeJong. We will meet for our annual pot luck lunch at Carol Vincent's at the regular time.

INTERWEAVE

INTERWEAVE, a support/discussion group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) people and their allies meets at the Fellowship at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May. This month, we will screen the movie "*Before Stonewall*." Contact **Joe Law**.

Work Day – Saturday, October 8, 9:00 AM

The Congregation that Sweats Together, Sticks Together! OK, forgive the sticky pun, but it's true. Real community develops when people are working side-by-side toward a common goal. On Saturday, October 8, the Fellowship will have a work day that will give you an opportunity to get to know some of your fellow members a little better, while contributing to the upkeep of our property at the same time.

We will start at 9:00 AM and continue until 12:00 PM (or later for those who are having too much fun). Arrive a little earlier if you want to share coffee and doughnuts.

The work will include preparing the grounds for winter – weeding, cutting back, and general cleanup. We also have some fall planting to do, and some work on the playground to accomplish. It would be useful if a few of you could bring along your wheelbarrows or garden carts. There are also some maintenance items inside the building that need to be addressed. We could especially use a couple of folks with some electrical skills.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I would really like to hear from those of you who can help with the electrical work.

—**Joe Zimmerman**

Concerning Social Concerns

Hurricane Relief

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The last month has seen terrible hardship for thousands of people, but it has been inspiring to see the outpouring of help from all over the country. If it's possible that anything positive could come from this, I think it must be that many citizens of this country are beginning to ask some hard questions about social justice. It has been made very apparent that we have a long way to go in the areas of economic justice, racial equality, and the root causes of poverty. Perhaps in light of this tragedy, we can direct our energy toward rebuilding our views of what is truly just and fair, while at the same time rebuilding the devastated communities on the Gulf Coast. Our leaders are talking about how this can never happen again, but we are the ones who have to make sure it doesn't.

—*Kate Santucci*



Community UU Church in New Orleans, flooded and virtually destroyed. Photo by Rev. Jim VanderWeele, printed with permission.

From the Rev. William G. Sinkford, President, Unitarian Universalist Association

I am humbled and grateful to announce that the UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund has received gifts in excess of one million dollars. The pride and awe I feel at reaching this milestone is an experience that I know you all will share. This outpouring of generosity from Unitarian Universalists and friends has both moved and heartened me. As we struggle to make sense of the profound natural destruction and the crushing social failures we have witnessed, it is important that we shine a light on inspiring acts of faith such as these. Please know that each of your gifts matter and that your continued generosity will help to restore many lives.

Needed—Ceramic Artists!

The Social Action Program this year is “Urban Hunger.” One of the major projects we are doing is having a **Soup-er Bowl Supper** on February 4 (mark your calendar!). I am looking for artists to donate one or two hand-thrown soup bowls to be sold on the night of the event. We're looking for good quality, food-safe bowls that someone would be excited to own! There will be a lot more information forthcoming. If you are a potter (professional, amateur, or hobbyist!) or know a potter who could help us out, please contact me. Our goal is to get 200 bowls, and then sell *all* 200 tickets for the soup dinner! Ask me more—I'll be happy to tell you all about it.

—*Kate Santucci*

Get Involved

Our Social Action Program for the year is up and running, and we will be offering many opportunities for people to get involved. A great way to help is to join the Social Concerns Committee! We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the Fellowship, at 7:00 PM. There is also a Social Concerns Yahoo group. Please contact *Kate Santucci* or *Heather Wendel* to be added to the list.

Urban Hunger Project

Join the Urban Hunger Project for our **Letter-Writing Pizza Party** on November 5, starting at 6:00 PM at the Fellowship. We will be writing letters to our elected officials regarding issues having to do with poverty and hunger. We'll provide the pizzas, stationary, and stamps—you provide your best writing hand, and it's sure to be a worthwhile and fun time for all.

Thanks to all who have been bringing in their Second Offerings on Sunday! For those of you who haven't heard about this activity yet, the Second Offering is an offering in the form of goods. We ask that when you do your regular grocery shopping, please pick up one or two additional items of non-perishable food, hygiene items, or diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 5 are most needed). Bring these with you on Sundays, and place on the Second Offering table at the back of the Sanctuary. We will take them to the food bank for you! Our recent increase in giving has made a real difference to the local hunger relief effort, since the regional food banks have been sending a great deal of food for the hurricane Katrina victims, leaving local pantries with bare shelves. —*Ann Rismiller*

Lifespan Religious Education

Attention Teens! This page is for you!

The teens are my special focus area for the next several months. You have no idea how vital you are to our church community and our denomination! You are the heart and soul of this faith, the energy, the enthusiasm and the excitement! I'm afraid that many of you don't realize this. Without you, this church, this faith will die. And we don't want that to happen. Do you know why you're important? Do you know why this faith is important? Hopefully, we will discover these things together while we're also having lots of fun! We want your input. We want to know what's important to you, what's fun for you, what you want to learn about...but you have to show up! Below is a list of activities for the next month. Mark your calendars!

September 30—October 2

Heartland District Fall Retreat for Middle School Youth in Attica, MI (Grades 6-8)

October 2

11:00 AM Video and Discussion: Angel episode "The Ring" (Grades 8-12)

6:30 PM Music sharing: Bring your favorite song to share with the group! (Ages 14-20 YRUU)

October 9

11:00 AM Teens in worship service. The theme is "Friendship," so bring a friend! (Grades 8-12)

12:30 PM Corn Maze! (Ages 14-20 YRUU)

October 16

11:00 AM Teens in worship service. Several of our senior high teens are participating in this special service about teen runaways. (Grades 8-12)

6:30 PM Dinner and a Movie: *Donnie Darko*. (Ages 14-20 YRUU)

October 23

11:00 AM Learning about Pentecostal/Charismatic/Evangelical Christians in preparation for the following week. (Grades 8-12)

6:30 PM Game Night! (Ages 14-20 YRUU)

October 30

11:00 AM Solid Rock Church! We will leave at 11:00 AM *on the dot*, so don't be late! (Grades 8-12)

Friday Night November 4

8:30 PM Art and Music Show downtown! This outing will go late! Cost is \$5. More info to come! (Ages 14-20 YRUU)

Dates and times are subject to change. For more information on YRUU activities, contact *Yolanda Crooms* or *Don Kazyak*.

*Blessings,
Persephone*



Children's Charity

Our young people in Religious Education are collecting money each week in their classes to help homeless children in the Dayton area. Please help your children remember to bring their donations on Sunday morning. Coins are welcome and add up surprisingly quickly. We will be collecting for this until the January congregational meeting, when the children will vote on a new charity to support.

We are also continuing to collect beverage pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, which provides support to families of hospitalized children in the Miami Valley. We have donated approximately seven gallons of tabs so far. Thank you!

Committee Meetings

The Music Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 PM. The Worship Committee Meeting will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:30 PM. The Growth Committee will meet on Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 AM. The Governance Committee will meet on Monday, October 17 at 7:00 PM. The Social Concerns Committee will meet on Monday, October 24 at 7:00 PM.

Poetic Insights

We will meet at MVUUF on Sunday, October 16, from 1:30 until 3:00 PM. Try your hand at impromptu writing...either prose or poetry. We are given a prompt by the leader of the month, then we write for about a half hour or so and then share our rough drafts with each other. *You don't have to be talented to do this.* It's always fun and often therapeutic. Call *Sylvia Wince* if you have questions.

Attention all Ghouls and Goblins!

Our annual Fellowship Intergenerational Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 29 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come play games and eat treats. Come in costume or not, no matter your age. Please contact *Tracy Wheeler* to volunteer to help or with questions.

Men's Group

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

Smart Choices

This is a drop-in group and you *are* invited! We get together on the first and third Mondays at 7:30 PM to do something that is good for us...either intellectually stimulating or just fun.

- October 3—*Reiki 101* Learn what Reiki is, its history, and how it can be used on oneself and others to promote health and relaxation. As time and interest permits, *Susan Joseph* will demonstrate Reiki on interested participants.
- October 17—*Lynn Haven* will facilitate a "check-in" and a meditative music session.
- November 7—We will do a duct tape art project. *Jeni Cullen* will show us how to do it. Bring duct tape of any color. If you forget your duct tape, don't worry, we'll have plenty to share.

The Women's Group

The Women's Group meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM. We come together to meet new women, to speak about how we are feeling and to listen to each other. Our in-depth study and discussion of the UU course, *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven* is currently underway. It explores the relationships between history and social and psychological issues in our lives as women.

Every woman is welcome to attend any or all of the discussions. Below is the schedule of topics planned. We hope to see you there! Need more information? Call *Joan Albrecht*.

October 2 9:30 AM Chapter 2
Reclaiming Our Sexuality

October 9 9:30 AM Chapter 3
Reclaiming Our Power as Women

October 16 9:30 AM Chapter 4
Reclaiming the Power of Money

October 23 9:30 AM Chapter 5
Reclaiming Mother-Daughter Relationships

October 30 9:30 AM Chapter 11
Witchcraft

November 6 9:30 AM Chapter 6
Why did it happen? The Shift from Goddess to God

Evening Book Discussion Group

The Evening Book Discussion Group has made plans for the next three meetings. On Tuesday, October 11, the group will meet at *Lucy Kazyak's* house to discuss *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. *Cassie Rogers* will host the November 8 meeting where we will discuss *Riding the Bus with my Sister: a True Life Journey* by Rachel Simon. The December 13 meeting will be at *Alice Lizee's*. We will each bring a favorite book to talk about and we will use them to compile a list of books for our 2006 meetings.

New participants are welcome. You don't have to attend every meeting. If you have read the book and would like to talk about it, feel free to join us. Contact *Ann Snively* if you would like more information.

First Thursday Theological Society

The First Thursday Theological Society will not meet in October, but will meet at 7:30 PM at the Fellowship on Thursday, November 3rd to plan for future meetings. Bring your ideas for discussion topics! This group has been in existence for about ten years and many MVUUF members and friends, old and new, have attended over the years. We have followed several different UUA curricula, discussed beliefs of other religions, learned about Ralph Waldo Emerson, traced the history of Unitarian Universalism, talked about (or tried to talk about) prayer, God, atheism, spirituality, and the meaning of life. Bring your ideas for this year to the November 3 meeting! New participants are welcome. Contact *Ann Snively* if you would like more information.

Community Class

The Community Class is an adult group that meets every Sunday morning from 9:30—10:45 AM in the Founders' Room for fellowship and thought-provoking discussion. This is a chance to speak your mind or say nothing at all, without criticism. Let your hair down! Please join us—you will be very welcome!

Sunday, October 2

"Why I Am Not a Christian." We'll discuss the essay by British philosopher Bertrand Russell. Originally a talk given in London in 1927, it considers a number of arguments for the existence of God including the cause argument, the natural-law argument and the argument from design. Russell concludes, "Religion is based...primarily and mainly upon fear...partly the terror of the unknown...A good world needs knowledge, kindness, and courage; it does not need a regretful hankering after the past or a fettering of the free intelligence..." Moderator: *Trudy Krisher*

Sunday, October 9

"Exception to the Rules." We'll review the book by Amy Goodman, a featured speaker at the Dayton Convention Center this month (introduced by Phil Donahue). Her book discusses ways that media conglomeration is used by power elites to control access to news and possible media-reform actions. Moderator: *John Gormley*

Sunday, October 16

"The World is Flat: A Brief History of the 21st Century." We'll discuss the book by *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman that demystifies and updates the often bewildering process of globalization unfolding before our eyes; what it means to countries, companies, communities, and individuals; how governments and societies can, and must, adapt. Moderator: *Tom Cruse*

Sunday, October 23

"Cars and Mechanics We Have Known." This discussion focuses on our relationships with our cars and their caretakers—our first, our worst, most beloved, most enduring, most expensive, most dependable. Do our cars reflect our values, our personalities, our egos? Repair tips, best makes, and best buys. Moderator: *Mike Nelson*

Sunday, October 30

"Limits of Obligation." Nearly everyone presumes that you should help other people when they are in need. How much should you help? How much should you be *forced* to help? Can your claims of other's obligations be supported by something more than your feelings? Is there a role for personal responsibility in these limits, like the woman who said she wouldn't leave her New Orleans house unless rescuers took her 40 cats with her? Or people whose health fails because they choose to overeat? Or people who take dangerous drugs and expect taxpayers to pay their large medical bills? Moderator: *Tom Brown*

MVUUF October 2005

Bring fresh produce, baked goods, canned and packaged food and diapers to donate during Second Offering every Sunday!

Sat	1	Fall Retreat—John Bryan State Park
Sun	2	Men's Group 9:15 AM Women's Group 9:30 AM Community Class 9:30 AM <i>First Sunday Series-Ed Zeiders 11 AM</i> Remember Second Offering Donation
Mon	3	Smart Choices 7:30 PM
Tues	4	Music Committee 7:00 PM Worship Committee 7:30 PM
Wed	5	Choir Practice 7:30 PM Voluntary Simplicity 7:30 PM
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	
Sat	8	Growth Committee 10:00 AM The Other Place Meal 11:30 AM MVUUF Work Day 9 AM—12 PM Second Saturday Circle Supper
Sun	9	Women's Group 9:30 AM Community Class 9:30 AM <i>Friendship Sunday—AWE 11 AM</i> YRUU 6:30 PM OWL 6:30 PM Remember Second Offering Donation
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Tue	11	Build Your Own Theology 7:00 PM Evening Book Group—meets offsite
Wed	12	Activities Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Voluntary Simplicity 7:30 PM
Thurs	13	
Fri	14	HUUD Fall Training Oct 14-16
Sat	15	WYSO 91.3 FM Radio 8-11:00 AM
Sun	16	Men's Group 9:15 AM Women's Group 9:30 AM Community Class 9:30 AM <i>Teen Runaways—Bonnie Davis 11 AM</i> Poetic Insights 1:30 PM CineManiacs 5:00 PM (Neon Movies) Remember Second Offering Donation

Mon	17	Governance 7:00 PM Smart Choices 7:30 PM FORUM DEADLINE
Tues	18	Tuesday Night Walkers 5:30 PM
Wed	19	WYSO 91.3 FM Radio 4-7:00 PM INTERWEAVE 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Voluntary Simplicity 7:30 PM
Thurs	20	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
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Sat	22	Fellowship Gourmets— <i>LaPergola</i> 6:00 PM
Sun	23	Women's Group 9:30 AM Community Class 9:30 AM <i>Imagination's Grace—Martha Hodges 11 AM</i> Welcome Martha Reception After Services Fellowship Gourmets— <i>LaPergola</i> 12:30 PM YRUU 6:30 PM OWL 6:30 PM Remember Second Offering Donation
Mon	24	Social Concerns 7:00 PM
Tues	25	Build Your Own Theology 7:00 PM
Wed	26	Daytime Book Club 10:30 AM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Voluntary Simplicity 7:30 PM
Thurs	27	Family Photo Shoot 3:00-9:00 PM
Fri	28	Family Photo Shoot 3:00-9:00 PM Game Night 7:00 PM
Sat	29	Good Sense Budget 8:30 AM-1:15 PM Family Photo Shoot 10 AM—4 PM HALLOWEEN PARTY 7:00 PM
Sun	30	Women's Group 9:30 AM Community Class 9:30 AM <i>Living With the Dead—Martha Hodges 11 AM</i> YRUU 6:30 PM OWL 6:30 PM Remember Second Offering Donation
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Mark Your Calendar!

Nov 12 MVUUF Fall Craft Bazaar & Book Sale
Nov 20 MVUUF Thanksgiving Dinner
Feb 4 Souper Bowl Supper