

## MINISTER'S COLUMN

### Reverend Laura Thompson

#### Courage

They say to have courage isn't to be fearless, but rather to it is to "be" with your fear. We have many things to fear. Certainly we fear danger, harm and pain of ourselves, and of those we care about. But, we also fear change. We fear loneliness. We also fear things we don't understand; in fact, that might be one of our most common fears.

When I began seminary in 2010, the Intro to Theology instructor gave us this first assignment: in your daily life make some time to intentionally look for God and come back next week to discuss what you find. The first thing that made this scary for me was the fact that I wasn't sure I believed in God. I had a vague concept of universal love or the utmost potential of everything being God... but what is that supposed to look like? I was a bit scared that I might not "see" anything in looking for God and at the same time scared that I would find something.

I set out to look for God on the bus, as it was a time in my schedule when I wasn't distracted by anything else and I could literally just sit back and observe everything around me. It certainly didn't take long for this professed agnostic to start seeing something in the kindness that strangers gave to one another, in the smiles of children playing peek-a-boo with people sitting behind them, and in the constant graciousness and patience of most of the bus drivers. And then I looked deeper and also saw God in the sorrow of those who looked lonely, lost, and forgotten and of those who looked worn from coming and going from their second or third job. For me God became the embodiment of all that life is and all that it can be.

This didn't sit well with me, because suddenly it was all I could see. I went back to my instructor the next week and said, "I think I am beginning to see. But, it is too much. How do I manage it?" She told me that there was no management, there was simply only seeing or not seeing and that once you did "see," you could never unsee.

I'm not proposing that you all go looking for God. But, maybe we could start with being courageous enough to really see one another and ourselves. Are you brave enough to see and be with other people's pain and suffering without turning away? Are you brave enough to really face your own fear and discomfort? What would change if we were all that courageous?

*In faith and joy,  
Rev. Laura*

## Sunday Programs

### October Theme: Courage

#### — OCTOBER 1 —

**10:30am: Food for Thought Sunday (all ages):** This is a new intergenerational interactive service. We will all gather in the sanctuary for some brief words and then we will head off to join one another in a shared meal and conversation. This is a great way to get to know folks and share your thoughts on this month's theme. On the menu; homemade mac-n-cheese, quinoa with black beans, fresh veggies and fruit, coffee, juice, and cookies.

#### — OCTOBER 8 —

**9:00am: Religion, Ethics, and Ideas:** The Cyber Communications Revolution: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Fireside Room

**10:30am: Why 'Black Lives Matters' Matters:** Lorna Prell reprises her summer sermon exploring why this controversial movement is important for our time. Tom Bergmann is Worship Associate. This service is part of MVUUF's commitment to Anti-Racism work.

**11:45am: Grief Circle** in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.

#### — OCTOBER 15 —

**10:30am: The Courage of Vulnerability:** We live in a country that prides itself on being the 'Home of the Brave.' What do we gain by so much focus on bravery and courage. What do we lose? Rev Laura Thompson and Worship Associate Linda Hayen. New Member Sunday

**11:30am: New Member Reception** in the Fellowship Hall; Cake!

#### — OCTOBER 22 —

**10:30am: It's a Good Day to Die:** Our culture, unlike others, does not do death well. We often use words like 'battle,' 'lost,' and 'surrendered' to describe our relationship with death. Other cultures talk about death in a more open and accepting manner. We could learn a thing or two from them. Let's talk about death and what it takes to have a good death. Rev. Laura Thompson and Worship Associate Lorna Prell

#### — OCTOBER 29 —

**10:30am: Day of Remembrance:** We will gather to remember those who have died in body, but whose spirits remain in our lives. An altar will be in the center of the room. Folks of all ages are encouraged to bring flowers, pictures, or mementos of their loved ones to decorate the altar. There will be an open mic time for folks to share who they are remembering. This is a service for all ages.

**11:30am: Annual RE Halloween Party;** Fellowship Hall

Recordings of past Sunday programs are available for listening and download on the MVUUF website  
<http://www.mnvalleyuu.org/sermon-audio>



MVUUF is a liberal religious congregation guided by democratic principles whose mission is to engage members in a shared quest for spiritual and intellectual growth leading to lives of service, compassion, and justice.



## Transformative Collaboration: Honoring Partnership & Prophetic Witness for Justice



Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance (MUUSJA) will host its Annual Fundraiser. It will feature keynote speaker, Karen Van Fossan from the Bismarck-Mandan UU Congregation. "Transformative Collaboration" comes from the name of the Inter-National Initiative for Transformative Collaboration (INITC), the indigenous-led organization that Karen is working closely with, and that MUUSJA has become a collaborative partner with. The event will also honor our interfaith/secular partnerships and all the work we're doing collaboratively. Awards will be presented to individuals and groups being recognized for living out our social justice values.

**When: Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30pm**

**Where: First Universalist Church, 3400 Dupont Ave S, Minneapolis**



## Newcomer's Orientation

**Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm**

Come and learn about MVUUF's mission and values, our programming, our ministries and our structure. We'll also talk about the differences of being an MVUUF friend or member and help you to find a way of being a part of the community that feels best to you. Please RSVP to [minister@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:minister@mnvalleyuu.org).

## UU Quotes

*Some beliefs are like blinders,  
shutting off the power to choose  
one's own direction.*

*Other beliefs are like gateways  
opening wide vistas for  
exploration.*

*~ Sophia Lyon Fahs ~*

## MVUUF Office Hours

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Wednesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Friday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

*Please call or email ahead to make sure we don't have another appointment when you come in.  
We are available other times and days by appointment.*



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Eva Mach, Board Chair

There are two events I want to highlight, one very exciting (and challenging) for our future. The other reminds us to be thankful for the wonderful people that served through the years as pillars of our church.

The **Hanifl Foundation** agreed to provide \$100,000 over two years to help us fund some specific needs in support of our mission and achieving a more sustainable financial base. The Foundation also extended our arrangement regarding the house next door, aka the Zimmer Property for two more years. This gives us the possibility of expanding our facility, plus providing rental income which can be used for long term capital improvements.



There are 3 specific areas we will focus on this year:

- We will hire a professional membership coordinator to work 10 hours per week to help the membership committee.
- We will continue the work we began with Next Steps weekend in which we participated in June by working with UUA consulting to help with our stewardship campaign.
- The third area involves improvements to our technology. This includes better hearing assistance, better sound system, actual 21<sup>st</sup> century phone system for our staff, and network upgrades.

On behalf of the Board and the entire congregation I want to express our gratitude to the Hanifl Foundation for their continued support.

If you have any questions on any of this, please talk to me or Steve Danko anytime. We will also be providing regular updates in the board minutes on our progress.

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**Jerry Gilliland**, a long time member, was one of the “pillars” who supported our fellowship for many years. Some of you will remember him as our longest serving treasurer. Others will see his smiling face, his great voice and guitar playing as part of The Zenith Avenue music group. Still more will remember Jerry operating the sound system or passing the microphone and the collection plate on Sundays. Jerry served on the board, fixed things in need of repair as part of the Operations committee, and guarded our finances. He cheered us up by just being Jerry and along with his wife, Barb, contributed in more ways than I can count. He was a great friend to many. Some of you never had a chance to meet him as he courageously lived through a very serious illness during the past couple of years. This church would not be what it is today without Jerry’s many ways of serving our cause.

Jerry passed away on September 16<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I want to express our condolences to Barb Gilliland and his entire family. We are thankful for his contribution to MVUUF. Jerry will be greatly missed.

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I want to close with my favorite quote from Albert Schweitzer:

***At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.***

- Eva Mach, Chair of the Board of Trustees, [emach@pro-tecdesign.com](mailto:emach@pro-tecdesign.com), 651-226-5949

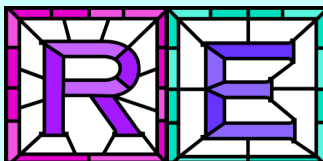


## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Jan Fitzgerald, DRE

What a wonderful start to the new church year. The classrooms were full of young people and electric with positive energy. Thank you for having your children and youth here on Welcoming Day. I wish that each and every one of you could have seen the enthusiasm, heard the discussions, and witnessed the interaction in each room. Let's build on this excitement and energy. The best way to build this community is to have the children and youth here together most of the time. I hope to see you every Sunday.

Our fall family activity is the **Halloween Party** on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 pm. This is a wonderful time to get acquainted with other families and give your children the opportunity to



socialize with others. These extra activities are very important as we try to build community within our Fellowship.

We offer a variety of activities for all ages. Middle school students traditionally build the Haunted House which gives the youth a chance to be together socially. They stay after church, we feed them pizza, and then they run the Haunted House from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. The Haunted House is designed to be flexible so that younger children and older children can have appropriate

experiences. There are crafts and games, books to read, and pumpkins to carve. We even supply the pumpkins! We encourage parents and children to come in costume. Please remember to sign up on the table downstairs when we get closer to the event. The sign up sheet is a commitment to come to the party as we depend on your treats and we want an accurate count of how many pumpkins we need.

In order to have a successful event we will count on volunteers. Help out in anyway you can: put up decorations, help out with games and crafts, and we all clean up. As the old, but true, cliché goes: many hands make light work. Join us in this fun event. We hope to see you there.

## Board Highlights

**The Board met on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Kerry Hanifl and Gregg Rappe visited with the board on behalf of the Hanifl Foundation to discuss issues related to the grant and required reporting.

### Minister Call Process and Timing

The Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) will oversee a call process, anticipating presenting a call to Rev. Laura Thompson on December 10 in order that both the Board and called minister can plan appropriately. The Committee on Shared Ministry has agreed to take responsibility for this task.

### The Board selected the following as its goals for the 2017-18 church year:

- Call a minister
- Develop a Long-Range planning process (the current plan ends June 2018).
- Restart the work of deciding on the future use of the Zimmer property, with the input from the Zimmer Property Work Group
- Oversee implementation of the Hanifl two year grant

### Street Assessment Update

Dale Llewellyn reported that the Fellowship's final assessment by the city for the street and driveway improvements will be \$8,000. Any amount not paid this year will be financed by the city for 10 years at 5% interest. This is a great development as the original estimate was around \$31,000.

### Save the date:

*First round of Circle Suppers will be November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM*

**The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at MVUUF social hall. The Board meetings are open to all. If you are curious about how the board works, please join us.**

- Eva Mach, Chair





## MUSICAL NOTES

Sonja Johnston, Minister of Music

MVUUF music is off to a great start this fall! We have several Sundays already filled with our many excellent instrumentalists, our 2 choral groups, and other musicians. The children will be involved, also, directed by Nicole Paul Collins.

We musicians and singers were very saddened by the illness and death of our fellow musician, Jerry Gilliland. He was a special person at MVUUF for many years and in many capacities. He will be missed and we send love and strength to Barb and their relatives and friends.

We have a variety of music lined up for October – the MVUUF choir and the chorale, Steve Koehler, Betty Olson and Christine Chesler, the children's choir, and a vocal solo by Nicole Paul Collins on Oct. 15. I am thrilled to have so many fine singers and instrumentalists in our fellowship!

Friday, October 13, is the date of the 5th "Two Gals and a Piano" concert featuring Barb Berger and me. Our added guests this year are guitarist and singer Mark Lofgren, our newly formed small group, *One Voice*,

which sang several times this past summer, Betty Olson, flutist, and Beverly Schmidt, our mademoiselle par excellence.

Some of you purchased tickets at this spring's auction so your name is on a list. Tickets (\$10) can be purchased at the door.

- Sonja Johnston, Minister of Music



## ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Beverly Schmidt and Kathy Eager, Co-chairs

### THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WILL CONTINUE ARCHIVE'S ILLUMINATING RETROSPECTIVE OF MVUUF's FABULOUS HISTORY

Browse through the activity books. View our numerous awards. Check out how we were and are. AND importantly, you are a part of our history and Archives wants your input to our first 50 years on our timeline. Please write and date a memory on one of the tabs to make your memory part of our history (located in a basket on the middle table in the foyer.) We have allowed room between tables and the wall for you to get close enough to do this! Thanks to all who have added a memory. You're welcome to add more than one.

If you have questions or need more direction, ask your friendly archivists. We are glad to assist you!

- Beverly Schmidt and Kathy Eager, Archive Co-Chairs



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If so, they will contribute to MVUUF  
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Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) to set it up.



## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

MEGAN DUFFY SANANIKONE, Chair

### GET INVOLVED!



We want to make it easy for you to find us! If you are interested in joining the Social Action Committee, have a question/suggestion for us or just want to talk, you can now identify our committee members by the green flag on our name tags!

**The Social Action Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30 in the Fireside Room. All are welcome to attend the meetings!**



## VEAP

VEAP staff will hold a meeting at the end of September announcing changes and additions to the wide variety of services that are provided. All representatives of churches and other organizations that contribute to VEAP have been invited to this meeting.

Also, I want to make mention of the fact that I am representing VEAP all by myself this year. The tradition

has been that a representative serve as VEAP assistant the first year and VEAP Chair the second. So, Kat Janes, last year's VEAP Chair, has moved on to other responsibilities while I am still looking for someone to be my assistant. If anyone would like to help me out, please let me know.

- Lorna Prell, VEAP Chairperson



## IS IT TIME TO BAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

On July 7, 2017 the United Nations, with support of 122 nation states, adopted a landmark agreement to ban nuclear weapons, known officially as the *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*. The treaty prohibits nations from developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, transferring, possessing, stockpiling, using, or threatening to use nuclear weapons. It will enter into legal force once fifty nations SIGN and RATIFY the treaty.

Unfortunately the United States is one of the nations that strongly opposes this ban. Is this contrary to the desires of a majority of the citizens of this country? During

these dangerous times of world conflict, it is more imperative than ever that the nuclear option be eliminated from trigger happy leaders.

WAMM (Women Against Military Madness) and peace groups around the state are collecting signatures on a petition that will be presented to the 10 members of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation in late October of 2017.

If this campaign is something you can support please sign the petitions which you will find both upstairs - ON THE TABLE BY THE STAIRWAY and downstairs - ON THE COUNTER. You only need to

sign one of the petitions. You can also write a card to your representative and senators about this very important issue.

We, as a fellowship, are an international peace site. We planted a peace pole in our garden some years back and as a whole, we all believe in a more peaceful world. Nuclear weapons do not and never will represent nor encourage a more peaceful world. We have already seen the devastation caused by the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. The bombs we have now can do damage many fold over. Support this campaign to BAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS.



## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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### OCTOBER SUNDAY SHARING: BELOVED CONVERSATIONS

During the month of October, the collection plate will be shared 50/50 with the Beloved Conversations Project and the MVUUF Community. Our congregation's continuing financial support for the purchase of this anti-racism curriculum speaks loudly of our willingness to reconsider our UU values in changing times. The values defined in our covenant commit us to an ongoing relationship with our current world.

More than 21 of our fellow congregants registered for this intensive training, which will happen this fall with the assistance of Ginny Christiansen, Tom Ehlinger, Polly Sonifer, and Rev. Laura Thompson. The opening retreat will be led by Rev. Ashley Horan, Executive Director of Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Justice Alliance (MUUSJA or, as it is pronounced, Moose Jaw).

In addition to building our understanding of current local and national anti-racism actions, members will build community, a strengthened UU value system, and their creativity. Equally important will be the chance to develop listening skills and non-judgmental attitudes. The Beloved Community is that world which Martin Luther King, Jr. sought.

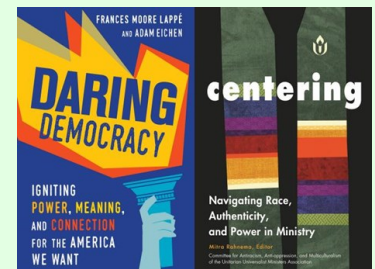
Now that we have purchased this Beloved Conversations curriculum, we will have the opportunity to repeat it again. Other local UU churches have found it valuable, and at least one, a Minnetonka UU church, is starting their third session!



### UUA COMMON READ 2017-2018:

These are the two books the UUA is recommending as great books to look inward, explore, and act to lift up our values. We encourage all to read!

1. *Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry*, edited by Mitra Rahnema (Skinner House, 2017), centers the stories, analysis, and insights of a number of Unitarian Universalist religious leaders of color as they explore how racial identity is made both visible and invisible in Unitarian Universalist communities.
2. *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want*, by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen, (Beacon Press, September 2017) lifts up the importance of democracy itself. It examines the anti-democracy movement that led to the Trump presidency, then offers a vision and call to action to save the democracy we thought we had and to take our civic life to a place it has never been.



### OTHER RECOMMENDED READS

*Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire: A 500-Year History*, by Kurt Andersen (September 5, 2017)

In this sweeping, eloquent history of America, Kurt Andersen demonstrates that what's happening in our country today—this strange, post-factual, “fake news” moment we're all living through—is not something entirely new, but rather the ultimate expression of our national character and path. America was founded by wishful dreamers, magical thinkers, and true believers, by impresarios and their audiences, by hucksters and their suckers. Believe-whatever-you-want fantasy is deeply embedded in our DNA.

*Trump and a Post-Truth World*, by Ken Wilber (August 8, 2017)

A provocative and balanced examination of our current social and political situation -- by a cutting-edge philosopher of our times. The world is in turmoil. As populist waves roil the Brexit-bound U.K., along with Europe, Turkey, Russia, Asia—and most visibly, the U.S. with the election of Donald Trump—nationalist and extremist political forces threaten the progress made over many decades. Democracies are reeling in the face of nihilism and narcissism. How did we get here? And how, with so much antagonism, cynicism, and discord, can we mend the ruptures in our societies?

It is only when members of society's leading edge can heal themselves that a new, Integral evolutionary force can emerge to move us beyond the social and political turmoil of our current time to offer genuine leadership toward greater wholeness.



**SUPPORT THE  
DREAM ACT**

### Pass the Dream Act:

Here's an easy way to send a message about your support of the Dream Act.

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## STEWARDSHIP

Jeanne Simpson, Chair

### Stewardship? What Has That Got to Do With Me?

A lot. Stewardship – our mutual commitments to each other in support of MVUUF – are a cornerstone of being a member in community with each other. It's also about living our values, honoring the contributions of those who preceded us, and laying the foundations to ensure MVUUF is strong and vibrant for future generations that will follow us.

This is a unique time of opportunity and potential for MVUUF. The grant you have just earned provides a rare opportunity to reflect on the big questions of mission, vision, and community, and to act on those reflections. It's an opportunity to get the fundamentals down right, and that includes stewardship.

So, we want you to know we will think about and talk about stewardship a lot, and in more depth this year. We

will not harangue people, use guilt, or any of those other negatives too often associated with money and religious groups.

We ARE going to celebrate our successes and good fortune, step up to living our values, and be honest with each other. You are invited to join in the dialogue, help us all make a better Fellowship, and grow as individuals and as a community. This is your Fellowship and your time. Let's seize the opportunities before us.

- Eva Mach, Kelley Hughes, David Olson, Max Chester, Diane Bick, Tom Schoenbauer, Judith Anderson and Jeanne Simpson (Stewardship chair)



## Celebration of the Life of Jerry Gilliland

**Thursday, October 5th at 4pm**

Washburn-Mc Reavy Werness Bros  
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, Minnesota 55431.

Those who can't make the service are welcome to join us there after 5 PM for the after-service meal and time for reminiscing. Memorials are preferred to MVUUF or to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Celebration of the Life of Bill Turner

**Saturday, October 21st at 11am**

Service at MVUUF with lunch to follow.





## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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### \$5,000 ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE MATCHING GRANT LET'S MAKE THE ENDOWMENT "GO LIVE"

So far \$1,270 has been contributed towards the challenge match, so we are off to a good start.

Can we meet this challenge?

Absolutely!

How? Dollar by dollar. If every member gave \$25 towards the challenge we would more than meet it. Hey, this really is doable.

The August 2017 treasurer's report lists the endowment balance as \$20,934.

- Don Park for the endowment committee



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## This Old Earth

In the hoop-la surrounding the tenth anniversary of Apple's iPhone, there was much gushing about the transformative nature of a device that you can carry around and which can serve you better than a team of communications directors, concierges, and scholars could have back in the past century. However, several essayists have viewed the era of the smart phone negatively. Most bemoan scenes of dinner parties immersed, not in lively talk, but in communion with their devices, heads bowed. At least one observer has found a more ominous fallout.

In this month's Atlantic Magazine, psychologist and author Jean Twenge links smartphones with some alarming trends. She asserts that today's youth (the post-millennials, children of the smartphone era) display a sudden sharp drop in the restless spirit, experimentation, and drive for independence that has always characterized the young. She backs it up with data showing plunges in "hanging out," dating and sex, and driver license applications – and upticks in



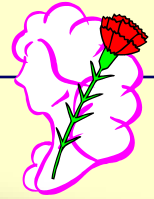
lonely feelings and depression. This is good news for fewer teen pregnancies and traffic fatalities, but at what cost? We urgently need a vibrant, questioning generation to guide us away from today's impasse, trapped between the dead-end ways of our past and the promise of a future which we know is out there, but which we can't clearly define.

The smartphone is merely the most apparent member of a rapidly growing population of artificial intelligence (AI) products. They are poised to take over tasks for us and deliver the goods and services we receive. Humankind must be vigilant, lest they take over one of our basic capacities: our intentionality, our will. The early readings from the children of AI caution us that we dare not blink

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## WOMEN'S GROUP

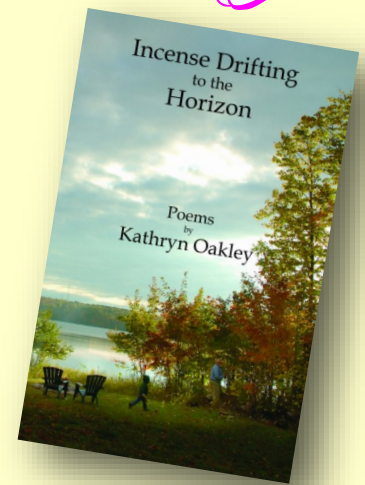


Women's Group will meet **Saturday, October 7, 2017** at 10:15 for coffee and socializing in the Social Hall.

We welcome all MVUUF women, whether members or non-members, to attend our monthly meetings. We meet the first Saturday of each month from October through May. Program begins at 10:30.



Our opening speaker will be **Kathryn Oakley** who has written *Incense Drifting to the Horizon: Poems*. This is a collection of poems where Minnesota writer Kathryn Oakley holds up a perceptive, vivid, and sometimes humorous mirror to the joys and sorrows, beauty and awkwardness of our humanity. She is a member of Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul. She is a friend of Kat Janes who will introduce her.



A catered lunch is offered after the meeting for \$7.00. Nancy Buckman will e-mail you and you can respond to her notice if you want lunch. Feel free to bring your own lunch if you wish.

- Carmen Herzog and Eve Bergmann, co-chairs

## RELIGION, ETHICS, AND IDEAS

**Religion, Ethics, and Ideas will meet on Sunday, October 8 at 9:00 AM in the Fireside room.**

Our topic, at popular request will be: *The Cyber Communications Revolution: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*.

This will be a wide ranging discussion. Potential topics are:

- the benefits of instant access to information
- the benefits of finding old friends on line and even making new friends
- cyber- bullying
- the ability to organize groups on line for good or evil
- the ability to create or destroy reputations instantly
- the detriment of instant access to misinformation
- the benefits and detriments of targeted advertising
- the ability to get a message to multiple people instantly
- hours spent sorting through spam
- loss of privacy
- a greater variety entertainment options
- the ability to get a broad range or narrow range of news and opinion ...



*Questions? contact John Peloquin.*



## BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING - "BUILDING COMMUNITY"

These are small informal opportunities to get to know each other better and discuss a wide variety of topics. (We will try to have on the table where we are sitting a small sign that says "UU".)

- ♦ 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS each month, 1-2:30 pm at the Edina Panera, 3345 Hazelton Rd, next to JoAnn Fabrics and across from Target. (October 5 is cancelled but October 19 is still on, November 2 & November 16, December 7 & December 21)
- ♦ 4TH TUESDAY each month, 1-2:30 pm at Jojo's Rise and Wine, located on Nicollet Ave between Route 13 and Burnsville Pkwy in Burnsville. (October 24, November 28, December 26)

Come when and as often as you like. No need to RSVP. Invite others who might be interested. These are intended for all genders and ages.

Contact Nancy Buckman at [nancybmnuu@gmail.com](mailto:nancybmnuu@gmail.com) or 952-736-9586 if you have questions and/or if you would like an email reminder for each date.



# FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday, October 29, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Wear your costume!

Carve pumpkins that we provide.

Many fun, family activities.

Happy   
Halloween





## BRIDGE GROUP

October Bridge will be on Saturday,  
October 21 at 1 p.m.

The bridge group meets the third Saturday of every month from 1-3 p.m. We are always looking for new players! Beginner to expert, all are welcome.



If you are interested, please contact Barbara Hanson at 952-937-5905, or [bnehanson@comcast.net](mailto:bnehanson@comcast.net).

**Come join the fun!**

- Barbara Hanson, Coordinator

## MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will meet on Thursday,  
October 12, 2017 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Our speaker will be fellow member **Carla V. Ries**. Carla will speak on the current political/economic crisis in Venezuela and the events that led up to it. As a native of Venezuela with family and friends residing there, Carla is well qualified to speak on the topic.

A genuine Venezuelan dinner supplied by the Teque Arepa restaurant in Eden Prairie will be served at 6:30 for a cost of \$10.

If you wish to come for the dinner sign up in the basement. If you only want to hear Carla, come at 7:00. All members and friends of the fellowship are welcome **regardless of gender**.

Questions? Contact Glenn Corliss (952-835-6832 or [gcorliss16@aol.com](mailto:gcorliss16@aol.com)).

## EVENING BOOK GROUP

A new church year begins. Leaves turn colors and we continue to read and learn. Every book provides a new adventure. Our selections follow. If you find a book that interests you, read it and join the Evening Book Group for a lively discussion. For a real adventure, read a book that doesn't initially appear to interest you. We also have cookies. The choices, alternating fiction and nonfiction, are:



On October 17, 2017, ***Underground Railroad***, by Colson Whitehead



On November 21, 2017, ***Lower Ed: The Troubling Rise of For-Profit Colleges in the New Economy***, by Tressie McMillan Cottom

The Evening Book Group meets throughout the year on the third Tuesday of every month in the Fireside Room at 7PM. The only requirement is that you read, or attempt to read, the monthly selection.

Feel free to come to any or all of the meetings. We welcome newcomers!

Questions? Call Joyce McMartin at 952-942-7143 or email at [joyceamcmartin@gmail.com](mailto:joyceamcmartin@gmail.com).

### Change of Address

Be sure to let Kay Lewis, Office Manager, know if any information regarding your address, phone, email, etc., has changed. You may reach Kay either by calling (952) 884-8956 or emailing her at [office@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:office@mnvalleyuu.org).





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**The Board of Trustees meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The meetings are open to all members of the Fellowship.**

**UNI-SUN Item Submission Information**

The submission deadline date for the UNI-SUN is the 20th of each month.

Submit articles to the Newsletter Editor via email to newsletter@mnvalleyuu.org

# MVUUF CALENDAR ~ OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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