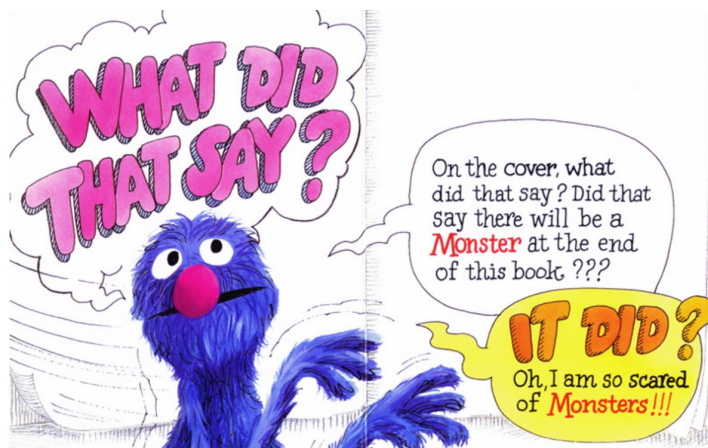


May 2021– Story

When I was little my favorite story was a Little Golden Book, *The Monster at the End of the Book*. The book starred lovable, furry old Grover. At that time, the story was my favorite for two reasons.

First of all, Grover was my favorite character on Sesame Street. I loved when he played the waiter and when he played Super Grover! I even had a 45 record with Grover singing with his friend George about the two G sounds. I think it may have been the B-side to the smash hit, *Rubber Duckie* by Ernie. I wore that 45 out on my Fisher Price record player, in the early 70s.

The other reason I loved the book was because of the way my mom read it. She really got into it! She'd start off reading Grover as concerned and worried and then go deeper and deeper into pleading and exasperation as Grover's fear built the closer you got to the end of the book. It was a brilliant performance time after time!



*digital art by Android Jones

When I became an adult, I would often buy this book to give as a gift to new parents hoping that they would read it to their children with as much vigor as my mom had. On one of these occasions, I sat down to re-read this old favorite before I wrapped it as a gift. I smiled the whole way through. But when I got to the end, something changed for me.

Spoiler Alert! Of course Grover is the monster at the end of the book... just furry, lovable old Grover. But, he *is* a monster and certainly thus capable of being something other than gentle, loving and fun. He could be terrifying if he wanted to. He could cause harm to others if he wanted to. Terror like love is always a choice. Humans like monsters, are capable of inflicting either. The story, it seems, still had things to tell me... even decades later.

That's the thing about stories: they have more than one side and they often can have more than one meaning. The story itself is not the end product, the telling and the hearing are also a part of its life. As we explore the power of story this month I invite you to examine more deeply the stories that you tell and listen more deeply to the stories of others. What you find in the process might change the story completely for you.

See you Sunday,
Rev. Laura

Book a Zoom meeting with Laura: <https://calendly.com/revlaura/zoom-with-rev-laura>

Book a phone meeting with Laura: <https://calendly.com/revlaura/phone-call-with-rev-laura>





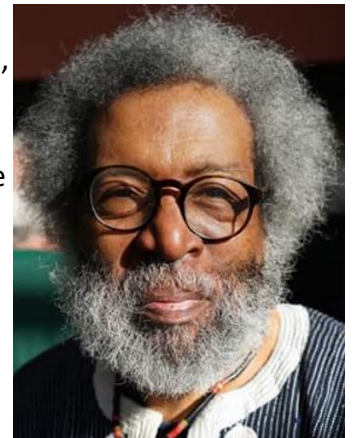
May Services

Services begin at 10:30am unless otherwise noted
<https://zoom.us/j/3953901346> or call 312-626-6799;

May 2nd: More Than One Side: Every story has more than one side. But, often we get fixated on just one side. Is there danger in only telling one side to the story? Rev. Laura Thompson

May 9th: A Good Time for the Truth: Our guest speaker will be David Lawrence Grant, who has written major reports on racial bias in the justice system for the Minnesota Supreme Court and on racial disparities in the healthcare system for the Minnesota legislature. Mr. Grant's essay, "*People Like Us*" was published in the book *A Good Time for the Truth*, one of the book discussion classes offered at MVUUF in January, 2021. Fran Bohlke and Linda Hayen are co-hosting the service.

May 16th: Our Story: Celebrating a Year: As a prelude to our annual meeting we'll take some time to reflect on this historical and unprecedented year. Join us to celebrate our accomplishments and imagine where the story leads from here.



May 23rd: Storytelling: Children's Sunday: Maria Bavier and MVUUF children lead this service, rich with stories, poems and music.

May 30th: Memorial Sunday: Every Name Tells a Story: As we take time to honor those who have lost their lives in service to this country, we make space to remember that every life had a name and a story. Rev. Laura Thompson

From the Board Chair

Doug Bruce

This month we have Mother's Day. In June we have Father's Day. We are finalizing the purchase agreement on the Zimmer property. The birds are returning and we now have a pathway to returning to our home at MVUUF. Please see the article regarding the COVID phases to reopening in this issue.

Things are looking up!

Douglas Bruce
Board Chair



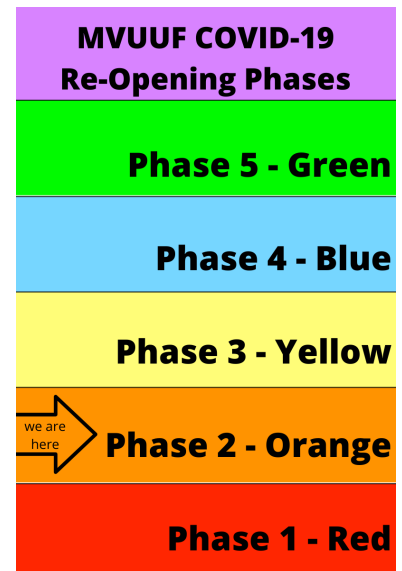
COVID-19 Update

The Covid-19 Working Group and the Board of Trustees have approved a phased reopening plan for the Fellowship. You can find details of the plan below.

A graph which shows the phase we are in along with the phased reopening plan will be included in the Friday emails and will also be posted on the website.

One thing we have learned in the last year is that plans can change. The reopening plan itself is subject to change as recommendations from the State and health officials change. If you have any questions about the plan please contact minister@mvalleyuu.org

Please read about the [phased reopening plan here](#) and check the Friday email or the MVUUF website to see what phase we are currently in.



Annual Meeting

May 16th 11:45AM

The annual meeting will be held on Zoom, following the service that morning, also on Zoom. If you joined the service that morning, you will already be logged into Zoom and can stay logged in for the annual meeting. If you are joining Zoom for the annual meeting only, you can [click on this link](#) or you can also call in to Zoom at 312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 395 390 1346.

More information about the meeting will be sent out later along with the agenda for the meeting, and the annual reports. All members as of May 1, 2021 (the “date of record”) may vote at this meeting. The Board of Trustees will report on the activities of the year. The congregation will vote to approve the budget, elect nominees to fill various positions, and vote to add the 8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism to MVUUF’s list of existing principles.



From the Minister of Congregational Programs REV. ANDREA JOHNSON

The 8th Principle Resolution - to be voted on at our annual meeting on May 16th, 2021

As Unitarian Universalists, we have been grappling with how to address white supremacy in our institutions and the world at large. At MVUUF, the Racial Justice Committee has been calling us to actions that will make our community more welcoming and open to all people—offering the Racial Justice Pledge [<https://mnvalleyuu.org/racial-justice/>] and encouraging us all to actively address bias and white supremacy in our lives and in our congregational life together. Other congregations and our denomination as a whole have been grappling with questions of white privilege and power within Unitarian Universalism.

The Racial Justice committee, with support from the Board of Trustees proposes our congregation approve the 8th Principle resolution to clearly state our desire to promote justice, equity and compassion and to denounce and work against racism and other oppressions in ourselves, at MVUUF and in our wider community.

We will be voting to add the 8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism to MVUUF's list of existing principles at our annual meeting on May 16th, 2021. The resolution we will be asking you to approve is as follows:

We, the members of Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bloomington, MN, covenant to affirm and promote: Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

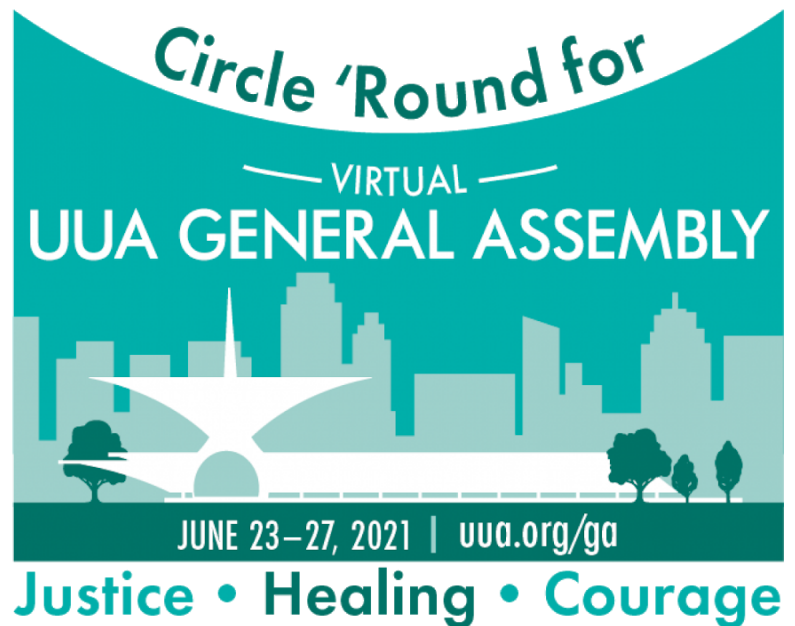
Why is it important for the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) to adopt an 8th Principle?

As UUs we are called to build the diverse multicultural Beloved Community that our ancestors spoke of and current generations still speak of to this day. There is much work to be done to undo 400 years of racism and white supremacy. Our BIPOC siblings of faith (Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) and Diverse Revolutionary UU Ministries (DRUUM)) have asked the association to adopt the principle to commit us to take action in dismantling racism and other oppressions. Adopting the 8th Principle makes it clear that all UUs strongly support the long-term work of ending white supremacy. At the 2020 General Assembly, the UUA created the Article II (section of our by-laws that holds our principles, sources and purposes) Study Commission to consider amendments and changes to our current principles. This commission has a two year charge to examine all elements of Article II to reflect "our commitment to anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multiculturalism."

Why is it important for MN Valley UU Fellowship (MVUUF) to adopt the 8th Principle?

The time needed for the UUA to fully adopt the resolution could also be reduced by a strong show of support from individual congregations. 40 congregations have already approved the 8th Principle, we would be adding our voice to the voices of others. Adopting the 8th principle at MVUUF would represent an important step in our ongoing journey to dismantle racism in our own congregation. At MVUUF the Racial Justice Committee has been calling us to actions that will make our community more welcoming and open to all people. The UU principles were always intended as a dynamic and flexible covenant instead of a fixed creed. Unitarian Universalism is the only religion that intentionally builds in the flexibility to adjust to ongoing revealed truth; much as the 7th principle was added to respond to our interconnection with each other and the earth in response to environmental awareness, adopting and practicing this 8th principle reflects the current urgency and awareness of the need to do the personal and institutional work of acknowledging and eradicating systemic racism.

For more information, contact Rev. Andrea Johnson andrea@mnvalleyuu.org



General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

<https://www.uua.org/ga/program/highlights/ware-lecture> The UUA Board of Trustees has passed a resolution making the 2021 UUA General Assembly a 100% virtual event. Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend.

Learn more about GA here: <https://www.uua.org/ga>

Cost to attend GA is \$200, financial-aid is available.

Register to attend here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>

Congregations certify annually to have voting delegates. Learn about serving as a delegate [here](#). MVUUF has 3 voting delegates along with two voting religious professionals. If you'd like to be a voting delegate for MVUUF contact minister@mnvalleyuu.org.

In addition to the many programs and workshops offered, here are some highlights of this year's schedule:

- [2021 Ware Lecture featuring Stacy Abrams and Desmond Meade!!](#)
- Virtual Banner Parade featuring banners of congregations from across the country during the opening worship service.
- Closing Sunday Worship with UUA president Rev. Susan Fredrick-Gray streaming live from First Universalist Minneapolis!
- Register to sing with the GA choir: <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/contribute/choir>



Summer Services

Summer Services this year will feature the option of attending a minister-led service through a Summer Service Collaborative that we joined. Each week will feature a different host site. Congregations included in the Collaborative include: MVUUF, Bismarck-Mandan UU, Michael Servetus UU, UU Church of Minnetonka, UU Congregation in Eau Claire and UU Fellowship of Mankato.

The second option most weeks will be an MVUUF lay-led service or gathering. Got something to say or share? Want to lead a discussion or gathering in the parking lot? Anyone can sign-up to lead a 2021 Summer Service or Parking Lot Gathering. You can sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

Here's some information you might want to know before you sign-up:

- All service leaders are responsible for their own Order of Service and music. Only recorded music or instruments are allowed: no singing in-person.
- All leaders are expected to work with Richard Duffin, if the service is on Zoom.
- Informal Parking Lot gatherings are allowed as long as we are in Phase Orange or higher; see reopening phases in the Friday email. Leaders/hosts for outdoor gatherings are responsible for setup, cleanup and enforcing masks and social distancing. **NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED AT OUTDOOR GATHERINGS AT THIS TIME.**
- The Summer Service UU Collaborative will be offering minister led online services every week in addition to whatever services or gatherings are offered by lay-leaders. This is not meant to be a competition, but to provide folks with options of lay-led or more formal services depending on their wants or needs that week.
- **All persons wanting to lead a service need to sign-up by May 20th and include their name, title of service/ gathering and a short description so that we can get all of the information into the summer newsletter.**





Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Maria Bavier

All MVUUF Adults and Families: Next fall, we are hoping to be in-person for Children, Youth and Family Ministries, but we will be continuing to assess the pandemic and following guidelines from the CDC, MDH, and UUA.

Whether we are in-person, outside, or online for Fall 2021, know that MVUUF will provide a meaningful and fun Religious Education experience.

To volunteer and help make it even better email Maria@mnvalleyuuu.org Subject: Volunteer Fall 2021!



May is here! And with it comes Children and Family Sunday – RE Sunday is on May 23 at 10:30am. Do you have a story about MVUUF that you want to have remembered by our children? Something funny, and/or full of wisdom? Do you have a photo, favorite short story or poem you would like to share for RE Sunday? Do you have some ideas for music that you would like to share on RE Sunday? Read on for some ideas based on our theme of Story and our topics for each week from Soul Matters.



Stories remind us of who we are as Unitarian Universalists. Think of a memory you have of your time at MVUUF. Where were you? At a Circle Supper? A Sunday Service? A Parking Lot Fair? Who was there? What made it memorable? These are the stories that bind us together as a community.

Part of being anti-racist is making sure ALL of our past stories (history) are told so we live a true story. These Three Words Video reminds us of the importance of everyone's story throughout history: <https://blacklivesmatter.com/these-three-words/>

This month we tell stories about all the kinds of families and all the kinds of mothering that happens in the world. There are all kinds of “mothering” - and all kinds of folx who “mother.”

The theme of Story invites us to think of the great story of the evolution of life on our planet. Darwin's story of evolution, of the origin of all of the species of animals and plants on our planet, is part of our Unitarian Universalist living tradition. The 5th UU source says we honor “Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science...” So, what's one of the ways our faith guides us into being a people of Story? It tells us “To honor the results of science by seeing ourselves as part of the great evolution story and remembering that we are an interconnected part of all living and growing beings.



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

cont'd

This month we recall stories of brave people who have served and protected our country. During his Inauguration Speech, President Joe Biden, described our country: "Let us be the nation that we know we can be. A nation united. A nation strengthened. A nation healed. This is a great nation. And we are a good people. This is the United States of America. And there has never been anything we haven't been able to do when we've done it together..." It is our military people who swear to protect and serve this America that Joe Biden describes. So when we honor and mourn those who died during their service, we are telling the stories of courageous people we are inspired *to be courageous people too*.

This past month, my family put on gloves, grabbed a plastic garbage bag and picked up trash. It was really good exercise and looking for garbage kept me interested on a long walk through the woods. It was also fun to see how much cleaner the area was after we cleaned up a bit and to know that my child is learning how to be a volunteer and live our 7th Principle. I invite you to join my family on a virtual and physically-distanced clean-up event. This is the perfect time of year to see the trash, plan and dispose of it properly. Share a before and after photo or a story!



Children, Youth and Family Ministry Calendar Winter/Spring 2021

Everything is online, unless otherwise noted

*Most Sunday Morning Worship Services will have an All Ages piece near the beginning.

Date	Soul Matters Theme	Family Events	Pre-K- 1 st Grade 9:45-10:15am	2 nd - 5 th Grade 9:45-10:15am	6 th - 8 th Jr. Youth & 9 th - 12 th Grade Youth 3pm or 7pm
------	--------------------	---------------	--	---	---

5/2	Story	Soulful Home	Packet sent	via email 3pm	3pm online gathering
5/9		11:45-12:15 Coffee Hour	RE Sunday Planning	Online Gather- ing	
5/14		Family Activities Email Sent at 10am			Friday Game Night 7pm
5/16				RE Sunday Planning	
5/23		RE Sunday 10:30am			
5/30		Save the Date May Parking Lot Fair – 1pm (hopefully, details coming)			

See Friday Emails for Zoom Links. Questions/Comments: Pre-K through 5th Grade Family Ministry: maria@mnvalleyuu.org or 6th-8th Grade Jr. Youth and 9th-12th Grade Youth Ministry: minister@mnvalleyuu.org



Musical Notes

Nicole Collins

We're coming close to the end of a full church season during a pandemic and I can't help but reflect on the obstacles, challenges, successes, and celebrations we experienced in the music program; Weekly choir rehearsals, learning new music, unifying our sound, learning new hymns with harmonies, and building a Google Drive with accompaniments and practice tracks. We also had a wide variety of music for worship that included our talented MVUUF musicians, some of our youth, and musicians from the wider UU world, reminding us that we are a strong community connected to the roots of who we are and

who we want to be. While everything continues to change and transition, one thing remains constant, we have a thriving and diverse music community that will continue to grow.

Though there are still many unknowns for when we can all be together again, making music and singing, there are many positive signs that we're on the right track.

We're looking for youth to participate in singing or making music for RE Sunday on May 23rd. Contact Nicole for help with ideas, accompaniment tracks, reservations for recording the sanctuary and video editing! This is your time to shine and showcase your talents.

Time to celebrate all of our hard work and efforts! Past and present members of the choir are welcome to join us for a get together at Moir Park.



Membership Trivia Contest

Membership Committee Hosting Trivia After Service on May 3rd!

Please join us for a brief 15 minute Fun trivia for all ages after the service on May 3rd. There will be prizes for the top 2 contestants that will be mailed to your house!



STEWARDSHIP

Thank you all who have pledged so far. Truly this has been a challenging year, and I am moved that the majority of us have pledged already.

We also wish to offer the reminder that there is no minimum requirement for pledging. We learned recently that not everyone is aware of this.

Feedback from our Stewardship Consultants over the past few years have encouraged that we pledge according to our values, and to consider that which is meaningful to us. What motivates you? What do you value that MVUUF provides? What are the ways you like to engage with and contribute to MVUUF? What do you hope for?

Our bylaws were updated to reflect this shift in perspective that focuses on meaning-making. Money, of course, is the oil for the engines of MVUUF functioning, but without the meaning behind it, pledging is meaningless.

Also, pledges, like our budget, are by necessity, fluid, because life happens, and life is changeable. MVUUF's Finance Team over the years has been, and continues to be, well-practiced in "leaning into ambiguities of living" when it comes to helping us balance our books.

I am in awe, and grateful for, the talent, passion and caring I have seen in our congregation, especially during these pandemic times.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any Stewardship member if you have questions, comments or concerns.

Kelley Hughes, Stewardship Chair

Stewardship Team: Glenn Corliss, Steve Danko, Jeanne Simpson, Tom Walkington, Kelley Hughes



MVUUF SUMMER GOLF IS BACK

We have tee times at Birnamwood Golf Course in Burnsville beginning June 6 @ 8:00 am.

Green fees are \$15 a round. A pass is available \$116.69 for a ten round pass. Cart rentals also available.

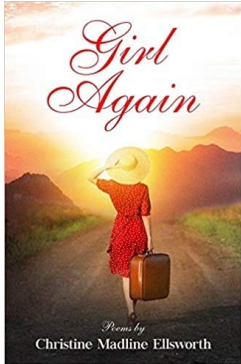
The club house may be open by June 6. All skill levels and ages welcome.

Contact Darrell 612-333-8732 or Kathy 952-454-3478 for further details. 4!!





NEW BOOKS BY MVUUF MEMBERS



Christine Ellsworth was a member of MVUUF, who moved to North Dakota last year. She has just published, *Girl Again*, a book of her poems, through Potter's House Wheel Publishing in Minneapolis. Some of you may have taken her poetry class when she was here. Her book is available locally at [Magers & Quinn](#) and on her website: <https://christinemadlineellsworth.com/>

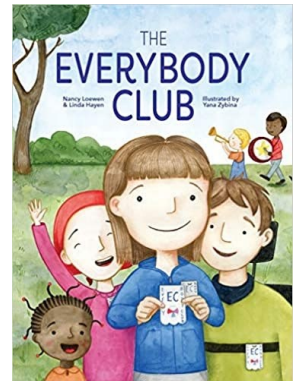
Through the month of May, Christine will be donating 50% of net sales of *Girl Again* to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women organization (mmiw.org). She also wants to remind us that May 5 is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.

Linda Hayen has co-written the children's book, *The Everybody Club*. The book is inspired by the big heart of her late daughter, Carissa.

The *Everybody Club* is a feel-good rhyming read-aloud to share with younger children. It's a book with plenty of heart and a powerful message: We belong. Every one of us.

Available locally at [Wild Rumpus Books](#) and by direct purchase from Linda Hayen.

*both books also available on Amazon



May 30th 12-3pm Parking Lot Fair!!!

**SAFE DISTANT
VISITING!**

- Bring Your Recyclable Plastic Bags
- Buy BLM or Love signs
- Pick-up your Family Ministry Kit
- Flower Communion Art Projects and Activities
- Outdoor Games
- And more!!





SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The next Social Action Meeting is May 6th at 7pm

The plastic bags that MVUUF have been collecting helped finish up a Boy Scout project to build a bench that will be installed in Eden Prairie. When the ceremony to celebrate this accomplishment is scheduled we will let you know.

Plastic bags collected in April and beyond will be used for the 3rd District DFL project and that bench will also be installed in Eden Prairie. Since it takes 500 pounds of bags to build a bench we anticipate that collections for the DFL bench will continue through most of the summer.



While recycling plastic bags is not a perfect solution; it's better, of course, to use reusable bags. It is better than having those that we have accumulated end up in landfills and waterways. And plastic grocery bags aren't the only kind of plastic bags that can be recycled. You can recycle bread bags, produce bags and Ziploc bags if you cut off the closures. See this list for all the recyclable plastics you can offer to this project: <https://www.naparecycling.com/ask-the-experts-plastic-bag-recycling/>. Please continue bringing your recyclable plastic bags to MVUUF. Together we can make a difference.

Linda Hayen (Bag Lady) and Glenn Corliss (Bag Guy)

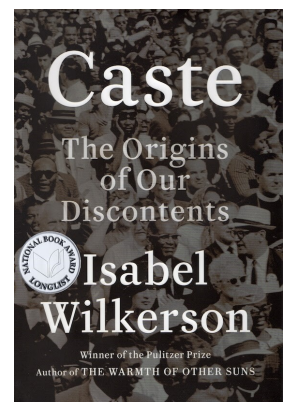
Book Discussion: Caste

May 6th 7pm

Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87255137587>

NAMED THE #1 NONFICTION BOOK OF THE YEAR BY TIME, ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY People • The Washington Post • Publishers Weekly AND ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • O: The Oprah Magazine • NPR • Bloomberg • Christian Science Monitor • New York Post • The New York Public Library • Fortune • Smithsonian Magazine • Marie Claire • Town & Country • Slate • Library Journal • Kirkus Reviews • LibraryReads • PopMatters

"A transformative new framework through which to understand identity and injustice in America."—Justin Worland, *Time*

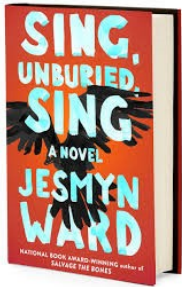




EVENING BOOK CLUB

Joyce McMartin

It is finally spring, bringing warmth and a surplus of rainy, reading days. The Evening Book Group continues to meet using Zoom for now, but the end of the pandemic seems to be approaching. Live, in person meetings may be coming soon. Read all the books or just the current one and join us for lively discussion. Alternating fiction and nonfiction, our upcoming choices are:



- May 20, 2021, **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummings
- June 17, 2021, **The Meritocracy Trap: How America's Foundational Myth Feeds Inequality, Dismantles the Middle Class and Devours the Elites** by Daniel Markovits
- July 15, 2021, **Sing, Unburied, Sing** by Jesmyn Ward
- August 19, 2021, **Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging** by Sebastian Junger
- September 16, 2021, **Such a Fun Age** by Kiley Reid

The Evening Book Group usually meets on the third Thursday of the month throughout the year in the Fireside Room at 7 PM. We will be meeting USING ZOOM until further notice. 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.

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

Don Park

For some time now a group of mostly retired MVUUF guys have been informally meeting for lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month (except in November and December). Since the COVID-19 epidemic, we have had a virtual lunch via zoom (except for July and August when we were able to meet outdoors at Moir Park). If you think you would like to join the lunch contact Don Park (donfpark@comcast.net) and he will add you to the list of those who receive e-mail reminders and a zoom link for the meeting.

MEN'S GROUP

MAY 13TH 7PM JOHN PELOQUIN

Men's Group will meet by ZOOM on Thursday May 13 at 7:00 PM. John Pelouquin will present information and lead a discussion on the Pros and Cons of raising the **minimum wage**. All are invited to attend regardless of gender. Please see link below. If you have any questions, please contact John Pelouquin.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87501556231?pwd=TzJpbHQ1dGhGbEdQc1pKRTR5a1Z5Zz09>

**WOMEN'S GROUP****Saturday, May 1st, 10:30am**

Women of the fellowship, get May off to a good start by attending our last Women's Group program of this fellowship year on May 1. We hope it's our last Zoom-only Women's Group ever, and that by the time we resume our meetings in October, we'll be able to meet in person in our beloved building.

May's program is traditionally one of our favorites because it's the one in which our women fellowship members share examples of their talents with the group. So far, we have several writers, a cook, a Lego expert, a quilter and perhaps a musician willing to share a sample or two of their talent with the group, but we're looking for others. Even if you don't ordinarily attend Women's Group, we'd love to have you participate this time. If you have a talent to share, please contact Kathy Eager (kathy@darrelleager.com or 952-454-3478) soon to talk to her about the details. If you have something, particularly music, you'd like to record in advance for sharing on May 1, Richard Duffin (rwduffin@comcast.net) can probably help you make the recording and email it to Kathy.



As usual, plan to sign on to the Zoom link below around 10:15 or stay for a few minutes after the meeting for opportunities to socialize online with other attendees. This meeting can be our version of an old-fashioned May basket to each other. See you then! **Meeting ID: 850 5101 2350**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85051012350> (if at first you don't succeed trying clicking again!)

REI**MAY 9TH 9AM JOHN PELOQUIN**

Religion Ethics and Ideas will meet on Sunday May 9th at 9:00 AM by way of ZOOM. In honor of Mothers Day, we will talk about the impact the covid pandemic has had on women, particularly mothers in the workplace. All are invited to attend. A zoom link is posted below. If you have any questions please contact John Peloquin.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89554085886?pwd=R3Nzd3k3T1h4TjJhV1RrYWtoZTU0dz09>

GENTLE AND CHAIR YOGA

There will be no yoga classes through August.

**BOARD OFFICERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Chair & Board Member	Doug Bruce	952-897-0970 dbrucejr@comcast.net
Chair-elect & Board Member	Carla Ries	952-500-8526 cvr_uu@hotmail.com
Secretary & Board Member	David Olson	952-888-6527 olson199@umn.edu
Treasurer	Dale Lewellyn	952-432-9459 treasurer@mnvalleyuu.org

BOARD WORKGROUPS

Hanifl Property	Doug Bruce, Mark Clary, Steve Danko, Eva Mach
-----------------	---

MVUUF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee	Chair(s)	Phone & Email
Adult Education and Enrichment	Rev. Andrea Johnson	612-216-4224 programs@mnvalleyuu.org
Aesthetics	Karen Olson	952-888-6527 luzcatz@comcast.net
Archives	Kathy Eager	952-888.8427 Kathy@darrelleager.com
Congregational Care	Maria Bavier	maria@mnvalleyuu.org
Committee on Shared Ministry	Eve Bergmann	612-597-7915 ebergmann11@aol.com
Endowment	Bob Boucher	952-432-6632 woopatis@msn.com
Finance	Steve Danko	952-884-9099 sdankojr@gmail.com
Membership	Diane Bick	952-250-2559 dianeebick@gmail.com
Music	Janet Stevens	952-888-6577 jastevens1972@gmail.com
Nominating	Linda Hayen	651-214-1279 linda590.lh@gmail.com
Operations	Mark Clary	952-830-1971 Magwcfm@gmail.com
Religious Education	Rev. Andrea Johnson	612-216-4224 programs@mnvalleyuu.org
Social Action	Rev. Laura Thompson	612-216-4203 minister@mnvalleyuu.org
Stewardship	Kelley Hughes	952-451-6376 UUKelley@hotmail.com
Technology	Richard Duffin	707-696-6406 rwduffin@comcast.net

BOARD TRUSTEES

Trustee & Board Member	David Olson	952-888-6527 olson199@umn.edu
Trustee & Board Member	Judith Anderson	952-941-7047 andersonkj@earthlink.net
Trustee & Board Member	Tom Walkington	612-859-7939 tawalking@gmail.com
Trustee & Board Member	Kelley Hughes	952-451-6376 uukelley@hotmail.com
Trustee & Board Member	Myra Basar	301-379-9210 gratitude30@hotmail.com

MVUUF

Office Phone Number
952-884-8956

10715 Zenith Ave South
Bloomington , MN 55431

Lead Minister

Rev. Laura Thompson
minister@mnvalleyuu.org
612-216-4203

Minister of Congregational Programs

Rev. Andrea Johnson,
programs@mnvalleyuu.org
612-216-4224

Music Director

Nicole Collins, music@mnvalleyuu.org

Religious Education Coordinator

Maria Bavier, RE@mnvalleyuu.org

Administration and Communications Manager

Jeannie Piekos, office@mnvalleyuu.org
612-216-4113

Accompanist

Lark Lewis, piano@mnvalleyuu.org

Custodian & Operations

Mark Clary, cust@mnvalleyuu.org

Internet

Home Page: www.mnvalleyuu.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/mnvalleyuu
Instagram: @mnvalleyuu

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 SERVICE SCHEDULE

The following meetings are conducted on Zoom. Instructions for using Zoom are here: [Zoom Instructions](#) or [Video Tutorial](#). Please note there are different links for some of our gatherings depending on which staff person is leading them. Please be sure you have the correct link.

SUNDAY

10:30am: Weekly Sunday Service; services will include brief breakout sessions for folks to check-in in small groups. <https://zoom.us/j/3953901346> or call 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 395 390 1346

Please check the website, Friday emails and the above content of the UniSun for all the MVUUF events

Please watch for our Facebook weekly Video Messages from the staff. Please use the chat forums on Facebook

WE ARE:

ALL CONNECTED

STRONGER TOGETHER

LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

CALLED TO CREATE JUSTICE

**RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE
ANOTHER AND THE EARTH**



10715 Zenith Avenue South
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431

We are a Welcoming Congregation