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#### **October: Cultivating Relationships**



Relationships are all there is. Everything in the universe only exists because it is in relationship to everything else. Nothing exists in isolation. We have to stop pretending we are individuals that can go it alone. — Margaret J. Wheatley

What's your relationship status, Facebook asks. The options include several variations on being single (single, divorced, widowed, etc.) several variations to indicate a relationship (engaged, married, "in a relationship", etc.), and then the ever popular option of "it's complicated".

When we think about our relationships in life at some point in time they all seem to have moments of "it's complicated". This is true in our relationships with partners, family, friends, work, neighbors and the world at large. Our lives are completely lived within relationships with others. And it's not only limited to just people. Our relationships extend to all of life; trees, oceans, animals... the whole planet, the entire cosmos. But, they even go beyond that include not just the present, but

the past and future as well.

When we talk about cultivating relationships, we aren't necessarily talking about starting something new. But, rather we are exploring and engaging ways to develop and nourish relationships that already exist... often without even recognizing them. An example of this might be as simple as when we do a land acknowledgement during the welcome portion of the service. In doing so, we acknowledge that we and those before us have a relationship with the land we are on and with other people who lived here. We acknowledge the pain of the past and the hope for a better future; this invites healing to wounded relationships.

Likewise, we practice cultivating healthy relationships everyday when we lend a helping hand or open our hearts to listen to one another. And while these are wonderful things to offer to one another, we should never forget that we, too, are in need. Our relationship to our loved ones and the world around us depend on us sharing our needs and boundaries to be healthy and nourishing. It is our relationships with one another and our need of one another which continually invite us to be our best selves.

Of course, it is all an ever-growing learning experience, which is why it is complicated. Along the way we make mistakes and sometimes we don't know a better way of engaging in relationships until we have made and learned from mistakes. And so it goes on and on, up and down, backwards and forwards, but always in relationship with one and all.

See you Sunday, Rev. Laura



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# **COVID Update**

We had certainly hoped to begin a hybrid Sunday Service experience this month offering both in-person and online services. However, due to recent increased cases/hospitalizations, and possible increased risk with late summer travel and school starting, we have decided to put those plans on hold until we once again have downward trends in Covid-19 cases and community risk. These are the current precautions we are taking:

- No large in-person gatherings in the building (more than 20 people); including Sunday services
- Masks are required in the building regardless of your vaccination status any time there are more than two people present in one room
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 or recently having been exposed should not enter the building
- Small groups or committees may meet in-person, but masks are required. Zoom meetings are still encouraged.

If you need a MVUUF Zoom room for your group, contact <a href="mailto:office@mnvalleyuu.org">office@mnvalleyuu.org</a>. If you have a positive test for Covid-19 and you have been in the building recently, please let us know.

# Sunday Services



#### Oct 3rd: Relationships We Call Church (or Fellowship)

Relationships have many purposes; friendship, support, shared interest and love to name a few. And, in this day and age, we all know about "relationship status"; "in a relationship", single, or "it's complicated". Join Rev. Laura, Carla V. Ries and Maria Bavier as we explore how these qualities and statuses tie into relationships with our Fellowship, with music from Nicole Collins and Lark Lewis.



# **Sunday Services**





Accountability, in the sense used in the 8th Principle, is linked with transformative justice. What does it mean to be accountable to one another, and why are kindergarteners generally so much better at it than most grown-ups? Our guest speaker is MUUSJA Racial Justice Organizer, Nico Van Ostrand with music from Nicole Collins and Lark Lewis.

Oct. 17th: When 1 + 1 = 3: The Exponential Power of We



Collaboration: the interaction of two or more people resulting in something greater than what would be achieved through solitary actions. Synergy. One plus one equals three. Join Rev. Laura and Ian Ries to explore how the variable of relationship adds exponential power to the value of our joining together, with music from Trio.

## Oct. 24th: Cultivating Relationships with a Higher Power



Do you have a relationship with a higher power and what is that higher power? Is it all of life itself, does it go beyond this life to include ancestors and those yet to come? Is your higher power beyond life itself, venturing into the space of the divine? What value do these relationships have and why should we pursue them? Rev. Laura and Linda Hayen explore these questions with music from Lark Lewis

#### Oct. 31st: Day of Remembrance



We have endured so many losses recently as a congregation. Those losses are added to the others we carry in our hearts everyday. For this year's service, we will be gathering outside in the parking lot from 10:30 to 11:30am. We will have tables set up as altars to honor those we remember and hold in our hearts. There will be plenty of room for you to bring photos and mementos of your loved ones to add to the altar space; please arrive promptly at 10:30 or a little before to add your mementos. Service led by Rev. Laura and Tom Ehlinger. We will also be creating a video slideshow to be released later that day on our YouTube and Facebook pages. To honor your loved ones there, please send photos and a few sentences about who you are remembering to minister@mnvalleyuu.org

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## **Letter from the Board Chair**

#### Greetings!

Well, kids are back in school. Leaves are turning. There's a chill in the morning air. Can only mean one thing: it's election season. And, while we may all still be a little fatigued from last fall, this season is no less important. There are no flashy campaign tours or countless ads on TV, and that's why it is imperative that we pay attention this "off" year.

Arguably, local elections have a more direct impact in our daily lives than the big ones. We are voting for School Boards and City Councils; bodies that make decisions regularly that affect what and how and when our children learn, and who decide how we tackle issues that directly affect our communities. The candidates may even be people we know personally and are more than just faces on a screen.

Fortunately, now it's easier than ever to learn about candidates and what the issues are. We can readily access sample ballots, learn about ranked choice voting (and which, if any, races it applies to), and find out what the candidates stand for. You can also find the best way to vote for you. Absentee ballot? Early voting - which has already started in many cases? Or at your local polling place on election day, Tuesday, November 2?

So, my request to you is that you take a few minutes each day over the next couple of weeks to do the homework. City websites will have information on what your district is and usually have links to candidates' sites and pages. News media outlets also cover candidates. There are videos and forums online and on local TV. Talk to your friends and loved ones. And then make a list (I always write my choices down so I don't get confused at the time of filling in all those little ovals) and make a plan.

Also, please, encourage young, perhaps first-time voters in your circle, to do the same. We should all do our homework and be prepared. Because democracy is at its best only when the citizenry is engaged and participating.

Yours TrUUly, Carla V. Ries (she/her) Chair of the Board. MVUUF



## **Communications & Administration**

Hello friends-

I have been busy lately keeping up with all the transitions that communications and admin are going through. Richard, Kelly and I just attended a very informative Quickbooks training and orientation. Updating to the QB system will free up staff and officer time as well as create better reports for our financial accountability and reporting. Once the system is completely in place bookkeeping and accounting will be more streamlined but it's still in its infancy stage as we continue to learn. I think the treasurers and I are pretty giddy that we will have a more contemporary and sophisticated system to administer.

Have you visited the church lately? If you weren't able to come to the September parking lot fair I hope you'll make it in October. You can see how transformed the fellowship is with new paint, carpeting and with the parking lot resurfaced. Also, we have some new greenery in the church which is thanks to a member who thought of us when she needed to temporarily re-home two big plants. One plant is in the front entry and the other is in the fireside room.

Thinking of the Soul Matters theme this month makes me so grateful for community. Maya Angelou says: ...thinking/Last night/How to find my soul a home/Where water is not thirsty/And bread loaf is not stone I came up with one thing/And I don't believe I'm wrong/That nobody,/But nobody/Can make it out here alone.

Happy October to you all.

Gratefully, Jeannie

#### SOUL MATTERS MONTHLY THEME: CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS

This month, we explore together the theme of "Cultivating Relationships". To explore this theme more deeply, check out this plethora of resources from this month's Soul Matters Small Group Packet, which includes guided questions and activities alongside recommended readings, films, music playlists and more. These resources can be used on your own or you can join one of our Soul Matters Small Groups to engage with others.

Find this month's packet here: Relationships

To join a Soul Matters Group contact: minister@mnvalleyuu.org

One of the Soul Matters questions this month is:

Which of your friend relationships have lasted the longest? Or gone the deepest? What's been the secret? And, most importantly, is that a secret you need to pull out and use again in your current life?

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## Children, youth and family ministry

Date	Theme	Family Events	PreK -	6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth		
			5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	(12:30-1:30pm)		
10/3		All- Ages Online Worship 10:30- 11:30am (Friendship Story)	Begin Practicing "De Colores" by watching this video by Nicole and Maria	In-Person Gathering  Masked at MVUUF  Outside, or in Youth Room (depending on the weather)  Board Games and Greetings Sign-		
Sat.		Outdoor Games At	fternoon for All-Age	<u>Up</u> S		
10/9		<b>3-5pm</b> Westwood School Playground 3701 W 108th St. Bloomington (Park in the School Lot off of 108th Street; Playground is on the Southernmost end of the parking lot.)				
	Cultivating Relation-	Guest Speaker at 10:30am Online Worship	Activities Email  Choose one of three options for a half to one-hour family gathering (sent at 9:45am)			
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				What do you want to name this youth group? Sign-Up		
	Outdoor In-Person Worship for Day of Remembrance					
		10:30-11:30am				
		Trunk or Treating				
		3-5pm Sign Up				

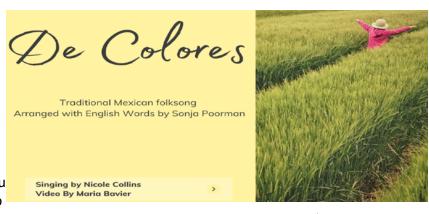
## Children, youth and family ministry

Register your child(ren), become a volunteer teacher, join the RE Committee, and/or encourage discussion about worship and lessons at home. Contact Maria, MVUUF Children Youth and Family Ministry Director. Maria@mnvalleuu.org (952) 884-8956

MVUUF Children, Youth and Families,

This month we explore the ways in which our times call us to "Cultivate Relationship." We can translate this into "Making Friends." The first week of October, we will have a story during worship service about making friends even across borders. Just as we grow a garden, we need a whole basket of tools and skills to cultivate, deepen and mobilize the key relationships around us. We are so excited about exploring this together!

"De Colores" pronounced "day-cole-or-ace" is a song, in Spanish, that celebrates "All the Colors!" Music Ministry and Children, Youth and Family Ministry are collaborating to bring you an opportunity to learn this song by yourself or as a "bubble"/group. Listen and sing along to the video of Nicole teaching the pronunciations, the catchy melody and putting it all together. You may also send a video of you singing the final version (while listening to



Nicole with headphones) to Maria@mnvalleyuu.org. Maybe we can create a virtual children's choir! Questions may also be sent to Nicole@mnvalleyuu.org. Here's the link <u>De Colores</u>

Celebrate Friendships! Maria Bavier





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## **MUSIC AT MVUUF!**

October's worship music will highlight small ensembles including Kaizen Hummer, Tom Ehlinger, Lark Lewis, and Nicole Collins. The chosen music will be a variety of styles sure to uplift your spirits while contemplating the messages and stories we hear.

Choir is postponed until the Covid numbers are down. Members looking to be a part of our music program are still encouraged to participate. Please contact Nicole for sanctuary reservations for rehearsals, recordings, and any other help needed

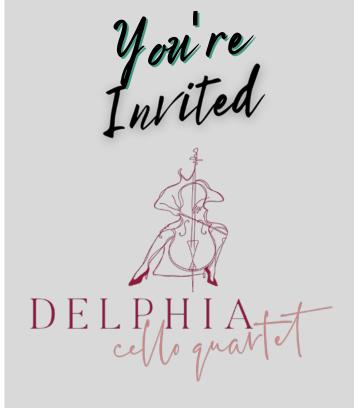
Nicole Collins and Maria Bavier are collaborating with the youth at MVUUF on a song for our Day Of Remembrance service. If you are a part of this program, please keep your eyes and ears open for how to participate. We will have a zoom call together to rehearse with practice videos for home. Find more information on the Family Ministry page. Here's a link to the De Colores video. <a href="https://youtu.be/1MUe4tOfidE">https://youtu.be/1MUe4tOfidE</a>

"How is it that music can, without words, evoke our laughter, our fears, our highest aspirations?" — Jane Swan



A friend is one who knows my song and sings it to me when I forget.

## **MUSIC AT MVUUF!**



# SUNDAY. NOVEMBER 7TH. 1:00. MVUUF AND ONLINE

CONCERT WILL BE HYBRID STYLE OFFERING BOTH IN PERSON AND ONLINE OPTIONS. TICKETS FOR EITHER OPTION ARE PAY WHAT YOU CAN. SUGGESTED AT \$20.

DELPHIA CELLO QUARTET DELPHIA CELLO OUARTET IS AN ALL- FEMALE ENSEMBLE FROM MINNEAPOLIS. MN. THE GROUP PLAYS ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS IN A CLASSICAL - CROSSOVER STYLE. REINVENTING POP. ROCK. AND TRADITIONAL SONGS WITH A SONOROUS STRING SOUND. THE QUARTET PLAYS IN A VARIETY OF VENUES, INCLUDING RESTAURANTS. CHURCHES. AND SMALL CONCERT HALLS.



https://www.delphiacelloquartet.com/

## **Adult Programming**

Looking to expand your mind, open your heart, build community with others or deepen your spirituality? We've got you covered with a variety of options to suit everyone's needs! In addition to programs listed below, we will be hosting several documentaries with discussion throughout the year.

#### **Soul Matters Small Groups**

Join in a group with 5-10 committed participants that come together once a month, from October – June, to nurture spiritual growth and engage more deeply with our monthly themes through deep listening and open-hearted sharing.



#### **Soul Matters small groups:**

- Build circles of trust by speaking our own truth, listening receptively to the truth of others and asking each other honest, open questions instead of giving counsel.
- We offer each other the healing and empowering gifts of silence and laughter.
- Invite us, through spiritual practices and questions focused on daily living, to engage the world not as an obstacle course to get through, but as a host of holy voices calling us to greater loving and living.

There are currently several groups running at different times of the month, most meeting over Zoom.

Contact Rev. Laura Thompson if you would like to learn more about Soul Matters Small Groups or to join a group; minister@mnvalleyuu.org



#### **Talking About Race**

Does the topic of race ever make you feel nervous, anxious, confused, uncomfortable, or defensive? When you encounter a racialized situation, are you ever uncertain about what to say and how to say it? If so, you're not alone. To create a society based on racial equity, we need to know how to talk about race openly and honestly.

MVUUF will be hosting a one-hour meeting, "Talking About Race", on the first Sunday of every month, **starting Oct. 3**. It will be on Zoom from noon to 1pm. It's open to all Members and friends. No homework, reading, preparation, or time commitment required. Just show up when you can with your thoughts, questions, concerns -- and a willing mind and open heart.

"Talking About Race" -- October 3, 2021. Noon to 1pm.

Meeting link -- <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6128408905">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6128408905</a>.

Questions: contact Tom Ehlinger at tomehlinger@gmail.com

## **Events of Interest**

# **EV EXPO**2021



WHEN: Sat, October 9th, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

WHERE:
Oak Grove
Presbyterian Church
2200 W Old Shakonee Rd. Bloomington 5543

This event is free and open to the public. It will follow

**www.oakgrv.org** 952.888.4621

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other
-Mother Teresa

## EV Expo at Oak Grove Presbyterian in Bloomington Saturday, October 9 (11:00 am to 3:00 pm)

More than 20 EVs will be on display and their owners will share their driving experiences. The American Lung Association will host dealer test drives of some of the latest EV models. Electric bikes, e-scooters, e-mowers and e-snow blowers will be on display, along with an EV transit van. Talks by experts will include:

- "What EV is Right for You?"
- "Utility Rates and Rebates for EVs"
- "Let's Go to Electric School Buses Now!"
- "Charging Networks for Road Tripping"
- "Climate and Health Benefits of EVs"
- "Women's Panel: Why We Love EVs"

The event and test drives will follow COVID protocols and are free and open to the general public. Oak Grove Presbyterian is located at 2200 W. Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington 55431.





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## **Groups and Committees**

## Stewardship

#### What is a Steward?

Is stewardship the same as ownership? Well, yes and no.

Our community legally owns the patch of land that we call MVUUF (we paid our mortgage in full this past February). Our legal ownership includes our building and all of its physical assets, including 200+ comfortable chairs in our sanctuary, and a wonderful audio/visual system.



At the same time, we cannot take it with us when we leave this mortal coil. Like stewards of our planet Earth, our ownership lies in the realm of responsibility, not physical ownership.

Each of us is responsible for helping maintain the health of this patch of land, and its physical and transcendent assets. Each of us is responsible for helping our community grow and thrive, so that our children, our children's children, and the many current and future children in our wider communities, have the potential to learn about our inclusive Unitarian Universalist values that are rooted in justice, peace, and love.

We have fostered a community that is welcoming and affirming of diversity in thought, spirituality, faith, belief, religion, ability, gender identity, and sexuality, to name a few. In doing this, we are living out our first and seventh covenantal Unitarian Universalist principles to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person (first principle).
- Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we all are a part (seventh principle).

We all are stewards of MVUUF. This is an honor for which this writer is extremely grateful.

Kelley Hughes, Stewardship chair, 2021-2022

## **Religion Ethics and Ideas**

#### What do we mean by Equality

Religion Ethics and Ideas will meet on **Thursday October**, **28 at 7:00 PM on ZOOM**. Our question will be what do we mean by *equality*. We will almost certainly discuss the following: *equality before the law, equality of opportunity* and *equality of result*. All are invited to attend, a Zoom link will be sent prior to the event to those who are on the list and one will be included in the Friday announcements. Questions or to be included on the email list, please contact John Peloquin at <a href="John17780@charter.net">John17780@charter.net</a> Please watch the Friday email for links or your personal email if you signed up to on the list.



## **Groups and Committees**

## **Social Action**

MVUUF congregants in collaboration with a district DFL, the city of Eden Prairie and other groups, helped reach the goal of collecting 500 pounds of plastic bags to make a bench in a park in Eden Prairie. This goal was met several weeks ago. It only took 5 weeks to meet the goal! However, the company that makes the benches is backlogged and it will take a few more



weeks before the bench is actually created. We are still collecting and now have initiated a project with the Girl Scouts in Eden Prairie. These projects are just the beginning; the Social Action Committee will be looking for more community partners (perhaps in Bloomington) to continue this good work.

The Social Action Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11am. To attend contact Rev. Laura at <a href="minister@minister.

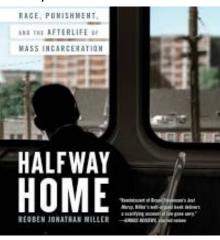
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### **Racial Justice**

#### **October Book Read and Discussion**

We'll be reading Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration by Reuben Jonathan Miller.

From the book flap: "Each year, more than half a million American are released from prison and join a population of twenty million people who live with a felony record. Reuben Jonathan Miller, a former chaplain at the Cook County Jail in Chicago and a sociologist studying mass incarceration, spent years alongside prisoners, ex-prisoners, their friends, and their families to understand the lifelong burden that even a single arrest can entail. What his work revealed is a simple, if overlooked, truth: life after incarceration is its own form of prison. The idea that one can serve a debt and return to life as a full-fledged member of society is one of American's most nefarious myths. Recently released individuals are faced with jobs that are off-limits, apartments that cannot be occupied, and votes that cannot be cast....Halfway Home shows that the American justice system does not rehabilitate, and that mass incarceration has an afterlife...



Informed by his experience as the son and brother of incarcerated men, Miller captures the stories of the men, women, and communities fighting against a system that is designed for them to fail..."

Discussion sessions will be in person at MVUUF and on zoom, Thursdays, Oct. 14, 21, and 28 from 6:30-8:00. The book is divided into 3 parts, so we'll discuss "Something Like an Introduction" and Part 1 Debt at our first meeting. Fran will send out a registration and zoom link at the beginning of October. This book is available at Magers and Quinn, Milkweed Books and Boneshaker Books and at other fine bookstores in the area. To register, email Fran <a href="mailto:bryawnte@msn.com">bryawnte@msn.com</a>. She will send out a Zoom link for the session.

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## **Groups and Committees**

## Women's Group Saturday, Oct. 2nd 10:30

We look forward to a really good turnout for our first Women's Group session of this church year on Saturday, October 2nd at 10:30. It's always so good to see old friends and new faces after our summer break.

This meeting will be devoted to honoring the five Women's Group members we've lost since Covid began—Barb Bollag, Betty Gutmann, Donna Kopnick, Luella Newstrom, and Jane Parrish. These former leaders of our group would want this time of remembering to be upbeat, so we urge you to bring good memories of each woman to share with the group. Kathy Eager will lead off with a very short history of our Women's Group. Then, we'll take a short,



non-graded quiz just to get our memory juices flowing, so please have paper and pen handy. As a special treat, some members of our planning committee have written short song lyrics or a poem about each woman that they will read or sing to kick off our memory sharing. We'll also have time to catch up with each other's lives since we last met in May.

Those of you who are new to our fellowship or our Women's Group will get a good sense of the history of the group and will be able to easily begin the process of learning new names as each person shares. We urge you to log on around 10:15 for some conversation before the program and to stay on for a few minutes after the very short business meeting that follows the hour-long program so that we can begin to get to know you.

Even though this first meeting will be via Zoom, we are hoping that we can return to in person meetings soon! https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85626516976? Password: 910223

## Men's Group Thursday, Oct. 14th 7pm

Men's Group will meet on Thursday October 14, at 7:00pm on Zoom. Our speaker will be Don Samuels. Don is a former corporate R & D director, multi-term member of the Minneapolis City Council, Minneapolis School Board member, a Northside community activist and currently the CEO of Micro-Grants an organization that makes small grants to lower income people with potential to help further their education, careers, or business.

Don has recently come into the public spotlight as part of a successful lawsuit against the city Minneapolis to make it comply with its charter and maintain a police force of as specified level. More recently Don and others have unsuccessfully filed suit to stop what has been popularly referred to as the "defund the police" charter amendment which would eliminate the Police Department and replace it with a Department of Public safety which may hire police "if necessary". Don argued the amendment as written does not provide sufficient information to voters as to what will replace the police Department. Don will speak on the topics of Micro – Grants and Public safety in the City of Minneapolis. Contact John if you are interested in attending. John17780@charter.net All invited regardless of gender.

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## **Fitness with Fran**

#### Fitness class returning to MVUUF!

Functional Fitness classes will be held in person at MVUUF on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. downstairs. All are welcome. This class will incorporate methods from yoga, pilates, and muscle toning.



It is designed to help us strengthen, stretch, and balance our bodies.

You will need a yoga mat, comfortable clothes, and a strap if you have one. Yoga blocks are available at the fellowship.

The cost is \$4 per class. Everyone is expected to have been vaccinated and you will wear a mask in class. Questions?

Please email Fran <a href="mailto:bryawnte@msn.com">bryawnte@msn.com</a> Please note: There is no class Oct. 6.

## **Evening Book Club**

Throughout the pandemic, authors have continued to write. The Evening Book Group has continued to have read and digest their stories and essays. Our current list follows. Read all the books or just the current one and join us for lively discussion. Alternating fiction and nonfiction, our upcoming choices are:.

- October, 21, 2021, Hit Makers: The Science of Popularity in an Age of Distraction, by Derek Thompson
- November 18, 2021, A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- December 15, 2021, Woke Racism: How A New Religion Has Betrayed Black Americans by John McWhorter
- January 20, 2022, The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
- February 17, 2022, Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism, by Angus Deaton and Anne Case
- March 17, 2022, The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz
- April 21, 2022, The Constitution of Knowledge: A Defense of Truth, by Jonathan Rauch
- May 19, 2022, Gold Diggers by Sanjena Sathian

The Evening Book Group usually meets on the third Thursday of the month throughout the year at 7 PM. Lately, our mode and meeting locations has been fluid. If you would like to come to our meetings, just let us know and we try to accommodate you. We have access to Zoom and can meet at the church. 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. Just let us know a head of time, so we can get you to the right location. We welcome newcomers! Questions? Call Joyce McMartin at 952-942-7143 or text 952-210-1372 or email at <a href="mailto:joyceamcmartin@gmail.com">joyceamcmartin@gmail.com</a>.

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## **Groups and Committees**

### **MVUUF Golf**

Another successful golf 2021 season for MVUUF.

Becky McPeak and Kelly Hughes, first time golfers joined us in 2019 and continued their game this year with us. We also had the pleasure of seasoned player, Jennifer Feigal, teeing off with the usual golfers. Also in attendance was Sally Zesbaugh, a long time UUer and occasional visitor to MVUUF. Darrell and John Peloquin are long time players. Kathy couldn't golf because of a knee issue but hopes to get back on the pony next year. We ended the year with our annual awards breakfast brunch. Again different then previous years. It was held at Eager's patio. We had wonderful food which began by toasting George with mimosas, followed by Spanish frittata, beignets, and fresh fruit and ended with custom roast coffee. Wonderful. Only attended by Darrell, Kathy, and Becky. More food for us! Hope to see more next year. FORE!!!! Darrell and Kathy Eager

## Men's Lunch

For some time now, a group of mostly retired MVUUF guys have been meeting informally for lunch on the **4th Thursday of the month.** Lately this has been at Zeke's in Bloomington at noon. It's very informal. Just show up if you would like (although it does help Zeke's if they have an approximate count).

If you would like to be added to a list of guys that get monthly reminders, email Don at donfpark@comcast. net. He can easily add you to the list.

### **MVUUF SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Services are currently conducted on Zoom. **SUNDAY 10:30am**: Weekly Sunday Service; services will include brief breakout sessions for folks to check-in in small groups. <a href="https://zoom.us/j/3953901346">https://zoom.us/j/3953901346</a> 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



## **Board, Committees and Staff**

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Secretary & Board Member	David Olson	952-888-6527 olson199@umn.edu		
Treasurer	Kelley Hughes Richard Duffin	treasurer@mnvalleyuu.org		

BOARD WORKGROUPS				
Hanifl Property	Doug Bruce, Mark Clary, Steve Danko, Eva Mach			
Covid-19	Rev Laura Thompson, Myra Basar, Jeanne Simpson, Richard Duffin, Kelley Hughes			

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