



MAY SCHEDULE: See Sunday Service themes and leaders on page 3

Find out all about Our Creative Community on May 12th. See page 12 for details.

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May 2023: Creativity

"Creativity is our ability to dream things up and make them happen." — Peggy Taylor



Dreaming things up. We're all familiar with that part of the quote. Who doesn't love conjuring up new ideas and images? Who isn't impressed when someone takes pieces of what is and - almost magically - presents us with what could be?

However, the same can't be said about the second half of the quote, the part about "making those dreams happen." That side of the creativity equation gets short shrift. We celebrate the fun piece about dreaming and leave

off the hard piece of making our imaginings real.

And it's not just the hard part; it's the scary part too. Maybe that's why we avoid it. Putting something new into the world takes bravery, whether that's a piece of art or the art that is you. Being creatively unique can cause the crowd to cheer and swoon, but it can also lead to being laughed at and left out. Yes, there is joy, beauty and play in creativity, but there is insecurity, loneliness and self-doubt as well. Which means that this month is not just about imagination, artistry and self-expression, but also courage.

Once that's in view, it's clear that we also need to talk about "co-creativity" this month. Something as daring as creativity is dangerous if we try to do it alone. Indeed, where did we get the silly idea that artists, innovators and originals are isolated, independent geniuses? When it comes to myths about creativity, that one tops the list. We need to remind each other that there is no such thing as "a person of creativity," only "people of creativity." For instance, new ideas come from the clash of debate. New art emerges only after inspiration from those who've gone before. Better forms of community are built on the back of those who have toiled and sacrificed long before we put ourselves on the line. Bottom line: there are no creators without companions!

It's all a way of reminding us that the secret to creative self-expression is staying connected to each other. Those sacred sources of inspiration inside us – our imagination, unique voice and inner muses – are like wild animals: They are hungry to run free but are also shy and easily scared away. They want to come out and play, but will only do so when coaxed and cared for by the inspiration and support of others.

So, in the end, maybe the most important question this month is not just "What do you want or need to create?" but also "Who are your partners?"

– from the Soul Matters Ministry Team



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.

Dates for May

Announcing!



Music, Theater, Poetry, Visual Arts & more!
Suggested donation: \$10
Please join us for a night
filled with creativity and celebration

Annual Meeting

Please save the date to attend the MVUUF Annual Meeting
5-21-23

After the Sunday Service.
All are welcome. Only members may vote.

Starting Point: A Pathway for Community Engagement at MVUUF

This 3 session course for all those
wanting to join MVUUF as a
member and any of those looking
to deepen or re-new their existing
relationship to MVUUF

Thursdays at 6:30pm
April 27th, May 4th & 11th
ON ZOOM

contact minister@mnvalleyuu.org
to register and get login info

Sunday Services

May 7th: Family Celebration Sunday



With family programming winding down for the year, we pause to lift up what we have done and look forward to what is to come. Join us for this wonderful service that celebrates our children and the folks who have been working with them all year.

May 14th: Our Creative Community; Hands-on Edition



Let's get creative! After a short in-gathering, we'll spend our morning doing creative activities with one another; music, art & crafts, and writing are some of the activities that will be offered. Bring a friend and let's have some fun!

May 21st: Celebration Sunday



In this service, preceding our Annual Meeting of MVUUF members, we will celebrate welcoming new members and take the time to recognize some of the Fellowship's outstanding volunteers, who keep the spirit of our shared ministries alive.

May 28th: On Being a Work in Progress



"Human beings are works in progress that mistakenly think they are finished," writes psychologist Dan Gilbert. How can we best embrace that we ourselves are creative works that are always evolving and becoming? Rev. Laura Thompson with music from the Jason and Kate Alfred

Letter from the Board Chair

With the Soul Matter theme for April being RESISTANCE and May being CREATIVITY, I wanted to share these words from Buddha Siddhartha Guatama Shakyamuni.

“Do not believe in anything simple because you have heard it. Do not believe in anything simply because it is spoken and rumored by many. Do not believe in anything simply because it is found written in your religious books. Do not believe in anything merely on the authority of your teachers and elders. Do not believe in traditions because they have been handed down for many generations. But after observation and analysis, when you find that anything agrees with reason and is conducive to the good and benefit of one and all, then accept it and live up to it.”

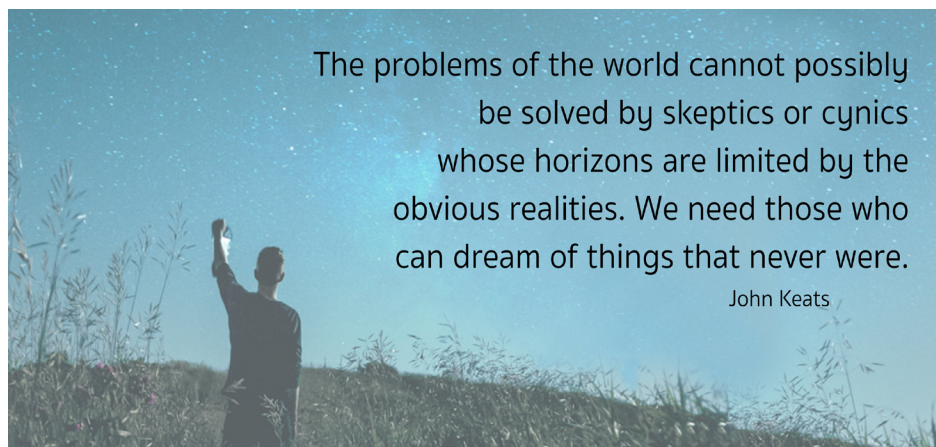
Every time I read these words, I take a little something more from them. I hear the message to not just take things at face value and assume they are what is presented, but rather question things and determine if they in fact are accurate, meaningful, helpful. I hear that even when messages come from those we consider knowledgeable, we should use our own thoughts and minds to determine whether or not to believe them, to share them, to incorporate them into our way of thinking. I hear that just because something has always been a certain way, doesn't mean it has to continue being that way unless it makes sense and is beneficial for it to do so. I hear that we can change things even when it may seem that the future looks a certain way. We can resist that seemingly determined path and forge a new one. This may take effort as is reflected in the words “live up to it” but if the path is deemed to be the better way, then the effort will surely be worth it.

As we will share in some upcoming communications and at the annual meeting on May 21st, we face some budget challenges for the coming year. Reading the words above and thinking a lot about some of the hurdles over the past few weeks, I truly believe that we can RESIST and be CREATIVE. We can change the path. Together we can find new ways that will lead us through any difficulties. Just because it is written now, does not make it so for tomorrow or the day after. Only we can determine what our future holds and together we hold all the possibilities for that future to be very bright. What we have is “conductive to the good and benefit of all” and therefore worth the effort.

May you all continue to question, challenge and change to support all that is good and beneficial for one and all and then live up to it as you have consistently shown that you can do.

I look forward to our time together at the **Annual Meeting on May 21st** directly following the service. Please plan to attend in person or virtually to ensure we have a quorum.

Take gentle care,
Myra, Board Chair



The problems of the world cannot possibly
be solved by skeptics or cynics
whose horizons are limited by the
obvious realities. We need those who
can dream of things that never were.

John Keats

Sunday Sharing Partner

Compassion & Choices

May's Sunday Sharing Partner is



Care and Choice at the End of Life

Compassion and Choices MN is working to support the Minnesota End-of-Life Option Act, which would enable choices for medical aid in dying where appropriate.

Did you know - our Sunday Sharing partners are selected by MVUUF's Social Action & Racial Justice Committee?

Our partners reflect our UU values by helping to create a better world through love, service and generosity.

If you want to know more about the Social Action & Racial Justice committee or any of our committees, please contact Jeannie. office@mnvalleyuu.org

Sign-up for Summer

**Summer services are fast upon us.
We are looking for service leaders to speak
and provide music during the summer.**

**Do you have something to share, or an idea
for a creative service? Help to make our
summer programming great!**

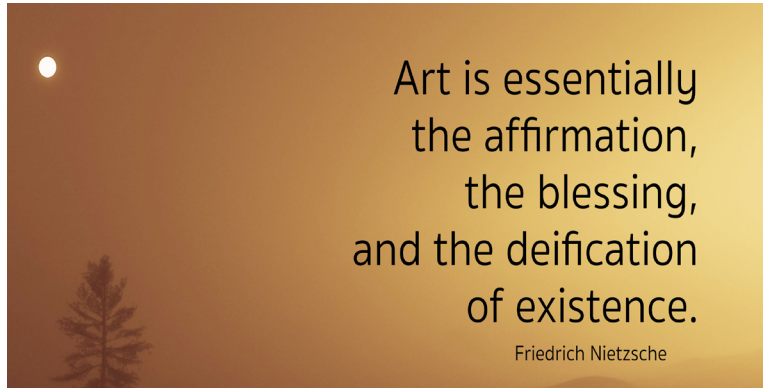
Sign-up [HERE](#)

Communications & Administration

Hello friends,

I believe in art. Simple as that. Of all the things I believe in, art is very high on the list.

I remember arguing with someone once about essential things we need to survive. I said to him, *you are forgetting art*. He said he wasn't. That art wasn't necessary. I am a sociologist by degree. I understand Maslow and his hierarchy of needs. Still, I believe art is essential, not just art as a product but also art as a process, and that creativity is inherent in all of us.



Luckily, we can find art everywhere—in nature, cityscapes, community, and literature. Anyone who has spent time with toddlers knows that art and creativity are innately a part of our being.

I am looking forward to some creative ventures this spring including witnessing all the MVUUF creativity at **Our Creative Community on May 12th**. I will be there representing and affirming the writers from *Writing As Spiritual Exploration*. I hope to see you there.

The ninth and final session of *Writing As Spiritual Exploration* is May 11th. It has been such a joy to be witness to the inner, creative journeys of all those who have attended. Thank you.

Warmly,

Jeannie
jeannie@mnvalleyuu.org

SOUL MATTERS MONTHLY THEME: Creativity

This month we explore the theme of creativity. To delve into this theme, check out the plethora of resources from this month's [Soul Matters Small Group Packet](#), which includes guided questions and activities, recommended readings, films, music playlists and more. Rev Laura runs a drop in Soul Matters group. You can also join Writing as Spiritual Exploration where we write on current monthly Soul Matters themes but from a different curriculum. Please find more on page 11.

The Soul Matters packet ask some interesting questions about creativity How would you answer?

- Has creativity ever healed or saved you?
- If you were told you could magically recreate one aspect of your life, what would you pick?
- Has anyone ever reacted to your creativity as a threat?

Find this month's packet [here](#). To inquire about Writing as Spiritual Exploration please contact Jeannie at office@mnvalleyuu.org

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

OWL, Our Whole Lives, for 7-9th graders came to a celebratory conclusion on April 16. Parents made the extra effort to get their youth to MVUUF by 10AM!

Eve made cute owl cupcakes. Kai delivered a moving speech full of inspiration. Sara created a Jeopardy style game to review essential facts and fun. Carla reminded the youth of the connections between the many OWL Values and the UU Principles. The youth made friendships, and they felt disappointed that the programming came to an end...

It's not the end: Linda is leading some talented youth in a Thespis Play to be performed on the May 12 @ 5:30-7:30 Community Night. Come support their creativity! Also, we will have a picnic/youth reunion on June 4 at the Chutes and Ladders Playground and the beautiful Hyland Lake (read: walking trails, fishing pier, volleyball court, paved trails).

Let's keep the energy going! [REGISTER HERE](#) for Children, Youth and Family Ministry Programming 2023-2024.

All activities will take place on Sundays from 10:30-11:45 a.m. unless it is a field trip or Community Night.

- Nursery and PreK: Soul Matter's Curriculum and Play-based Learning.
- Kindergarten-5th Grade: Harry Potter Social Action Curriculum, Soul Matters, and 4-5th Grade Chalice Lighting Invite.
- 6th-12th Grade: Crossing Paths: Prepare, visit different places of worship and reflect, social action project and community building field trips.



May Calendar

5/7	Family Themed Multigenerational Worship, Teacher Appreciation
5/14	Multigenerational Worship, Mother's Day Creativity Stations
5/21	CYF Sunday
5/28	Multigenerational Worship, Memorial Day Weekend
6/4	Flower Communion Multigenerational Worship at MVUUF followed by a Community Picnic at Hyland Lake Park Reserve Lakeview Room 11:45-3:30 p.m.

Maria BavierFamily Ministry Director
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Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Save the date for the MVUUF Picnic!


PACK YOUR BASKETS!

MVUUF PICNIC

Get ready for a good time!
June 4 | 11:45AM | Hyland Park Reserve |
Lakeview Room





AFTER FLOWER COMMUNION



Provided By Membership Committee: Sandwich rolls, Vegan Pasta Salad, Chips, Beverages, Compostable Plates & Silware
Bring a Dish to Share

Lakeview Room


- Has electrical outlets for slow cookers
- no grill



- Bring a lawn game to share
- Playground next to the Lakeview Room

Brought to You By: MVUUF Membership Committee

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to the MVUUF Spring Picnic! We will be in the Lakeview Room that is right across from the Chutes and Ladders Playground. Also, right around the corner, is the beautiful Hyland Lake and walking trails. Plan to bring something to share by signing up below.



SIGN UP HERE

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MUSIC AT MVUUF!

My grandmother, Rose Marie Paul, was a very creative person. After she retired from owning her own Montessori school, she dabbled in a variety of activities like studying rocks and minerals, reiki energy work, painting, writing (she wrote her own memoir), poetry, dog sledding, scrapbooking, spiritual development, needlework, meditation, yoga, on and on. When I look back, I see myself witnessing an experience of someone invested in creation and also seeking a way to connect to a part or an expression of herself. It strikes me that the mere act of witnessing her creativity influenced my lens on life and the work I seek to do.

"And forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair"
~Khalil Gibran

In the month of May, you will experience hearing the musical talents of our youth. Alyssa Marshall will be opening the month of May with songs about creativity. The choir is also eager to debut two new works of music, both that were started either before Covid or while online. We have a lot of celebrating to do with all of the achievements and successes we've had at MVUUF and we want to uplift that with music!

We also want to make sure that you are coming to the OCC, Our Creative Community, Event which is sure to be celebratory and fun! You can expect good food and drinks alongside a visual and performing arts program. This event will be held on **MAY 12th, at 5:00** and will feature so much talent and creativity from our own members. See you there!

As the church year winds down, the music committee would love to know, what was your favorite music in service this year?

Nicole Collins
music@mnvalleyuu.org



A bird doesn't sing
because it has
an answer,
it sings because
it has a song.

Maya Angelou

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Stewardship

Stewardship 2023-24

We are making steady progress on our pledging goal. Our success depends on your pledge. Please pledge today if you haven't yet. You can do it online or in person at the Fellowship. There is a pledge station on the table by the Sanctuary doors.

To all those who have pledged: We are so grateful! Your pledges keep the lights on and the activity humming!

We are nearing the home stretch. If you haven't pledged, please do so now. The Board of Trustees and Finance Committee need to finalize the budget before the Annual Meeting in May, so having pledges in now helps that process.

What can we do to help?

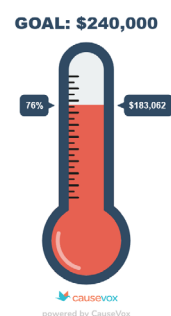
Need a Pledging Packet? Let Jeannie know. office@mnvalleyuu.org

You can easily pledge online here <https://mnvalleyuu.org/donate-3/>

Not a member? No problem - pledging friends are very appreciated!

Need help filling out your pledge or setting up an automatic deduction? Ask Jeannie.

Want to understand the Stewardship process or the budget? You can talk to a board member or staff to find the right contact.



We tend to think
of the artist's work
as the output.

The real work
of the artist is a way
of being in the world.

Rick Rubin

Soul Matters



Soul Matters

DROP-IN SHARING CIRCLE

Have you wanted to try a Soul Matters
Sharing Circle? Join us for these drop-in
sessions, no commitment required.
on Zoom, Tuesday, May 16th at 7pm
or in person on Sunday May 28th at 12pm

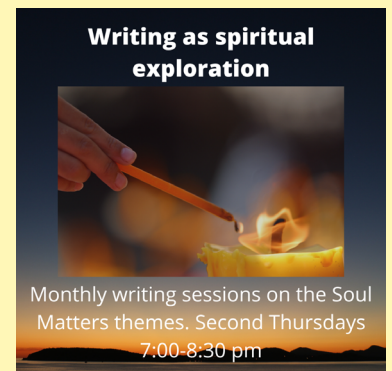
**Writing as spiritual exploration. Monthly writing sessions on the Soul Matters themes.
Thursday May 11th 7:00-8:30 pm.**

Writing is a powerful and creative conduit to exploring our spirituality. In these monthly sessions, writer and poet Jeannie Piekos designs a unique curriculum that builds on the monthly Soul Matters themes. The one and half hour workshops offer participants many tools to encourage a deeper dive into the monthly themes. We explore together through readings of poetry and prose, writing prompts, and objects.

You don't have to be a writer, just curious and willing to experiment. Sharing is always optional.

May's writing session on *creativity* will be on **Thursday, May 11th at 7pm.**

For more information please contact Jeannie at office@mnvalleyuu.org



Our Creative Community

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH

The fun begins at 5:00 p.m.

- View amazing art pieces of all kinds created by MVUUF members and friends!
- Enjoy Beverages, including a “Signature Cocktail” designed by Nicole Collins
- Enjoy small plates, including a “Signature Appetizer” created by Rev. Laura Thompson
- Fill up at the Taco Bar and other tidbits donated by the Finance Committee
- Bring an appetizer to share ***optional***

The show begins at 6:00 p.m.

An amazing extravaganza including:

- a Greek tragedy performed by our youth
- a juggle
- line dancing,
- poetry readings
- an accapella quartet
- synchronized swimming demo, and MORE

There will be an intermission with treats!

Bring a treat to share ***optional***

The themes of the show are appropriate for older children. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This May Community Night is sponsored by the Finance Committee. The event is free. A suggested donation of \$10 per family would gratefully be accepted to help offset the costs.

Thank you to everyone who is participating and contributing to Our Creative Community!

AND – if you have been thinking about this but not yet offered your visual or performing art piece, there is still time (but not much!) to be included.

The Final Deadline is April 30th.

Send your information to:

Performing art: Linda Hayen linda590.lh@gmail.com

Visual art: Fran Bohlke bryawnte@msn.com

Questions? Call Linda Hayen at 651-214-1279



Groups and Committees

Social Action/Racial Justice

The next meeting of the Social Action and Racial Justice Committee is May 7 at 9 am in the Fireside Room.
All are welcome!

Update on the Ukrainian Refugee Sponsorship

There are 12 members of the fellowship who have signed up to help with the sponsorship. We are part of a team consisting of members from First Unitarian Society and the Dakota UU Church. **Team 3 is looking for another co-leader who will be present during the 3 month sponsorship process.** Housing has been located for 3 Ukrainian groups that will consist of families or groups of persons who want to come together. The groups could be single mothers, men or couples.



The interview process has not begun yet, but when it does, each team will be connected to a group and through zoom and video the interview process will determine if there is a good fit. Both parties have to agree to the sponsorship. After this the permit processing begins at which time the visas are issued and paperwork completed to travel to the United States. The process is expected to take 6-10 weeks. We will keep you posted as the path to sponsorship moves ahead. At some point, after arrival we will host a dinner and introduce the group to our fellowship.

Helping the Ukrainian families and groups consists of 7 areas and the first month will be busy with registering for school, work and jobs, health care, language, transportation, financial help, housing and more. It will be a busy time of adjusting to life in a new country. Thanks to everyone who has offered to be part of this effort and watch for more information and asks.

Fund raising will be done by all 3 teams and First Unitarian Society is setting up a funding venue for everyone to contribute who can. Questions? Contact Nan Corliss.

Nan Corliss,
Social Action/Racial Justice Committee
612-518-9118 ncorliss41@aol.com

The Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry invites feedback to the Article II Study Commission to include the words “all beings” in the First Principle.

Submissions to the online forum are due by 4/30/23. In addition, Amendment Discussion Workshops by zoom are scheduled for May 11, May 18, and May 21, at 6:00 PM CT. Registration required. For more information visit UUAM.org.



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Women's Group Saturday May 6th 10:30am



Some of you who are newer to MVUUF may not know that an important part of our Women's Group mission is to strengthen friendships amongst the women here. While some of our programs are devoted to educating ourselves and to re-enforcing our UU ideals, but May's program will focus on helping us to get to know each other better and facilitating friendships.

Ruth Keely will start out leading a fun activity that will help us find some of the things we have in common with the other attendees. Then, we'll divide into small groups and spread to some of the classroom spaces for quiet to take turns responding to five questions that will be listed on the day's agenda. Come a little early, if you want, to look over those questions and to visit with other early arrivals over tea or coffee.

As usual, we'll have a 10-minute business meeting following the hour-long program, and then we'll share lunch and more conversation. You're welcome to bring your own lunch or purchase the catered boxed lunch for \$8.00. If you want the catered lunch, notify Kathy Eager (kathy@darrelleager.com) no later than the end of the day on Tuesday, May 2, whether you prefer an egg salad sandwich or a chicken salad one. All people of the fellowship who identify as female, friends and as well as members, are welcome to attend. We welcome new people, and we hope to see you there!

Men's Group May 11th 7pm

The Regulation of Research Involving Human Subjects

Men's Group will meet on Thursday May 11 on ZOOM at 7 PM. The speaker will be David Peloquin, who will talk about the regulation of research involving human subjects in the United States. David will address the historical and ethical framework on which the current regulations are based, the role of the federal government and state governments in regulating research, and emerging topics such as the intersection of data privacy laws with laws governing research and efforts by the Food & Drug Administration and Congress to increase the diversity of subjects enrolled in clinical trials.

David is well qualified to speak on these topics he is a partner in the health care group of the international law firm Ropes & Gray LLP and senior advisor to the Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center of Harvard and Brigham & Women's Hospital. (David is the son of John Peloquin & Eva Mach and grew up attending the fellows-hip.) All are invited regardless of gender. Questions contact John Peloquin.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89481748619?pwd=S3dMVDhtaXdGSk5SdUNiUkx6NzN0dz09>

Meeting ID: 894 8174 8619

Passcode: 755943

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REI

No REI for May. Stay tuned for June

Religion, Ethics, Ideas

Golf Group



Birnamwood Golf Course in Burnsville is calling our your name.

MVUUF summer golf is teeing up for a swingin' good time.

Starting in June, 8 am Sunday.

Greens fees 9 holes \$16.50. Pass of 10 \$135. Cart \$14.

Contact Darrell or Kathy Eager for more info.

Fitness with Fran

“Practicing yoga improves your concentration, and helps you to find your balance in life.”

There are only 2 classes for this month—May 1 and 3. We meet from 4:15-5:15 downstairs at the fellowship. There is no fee, but you are asked to make a donation to MVUUF.

The classes consist of stretching, strength-building, flexibility, right/left brain work and balance practice for all. You are encouraged to go at your own pace and to do only the poses/movements that suit you and your needs.

Bring a yoga mat and strap, wear loose, comfortable clothing, and come prepared to move and have some fun.



Fran Bohlke is your instructor. Questions? Please email Fran — bryawnte@msn.com

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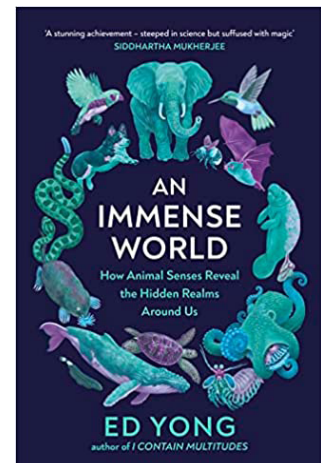
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Evening Book Club

Summer came for a week and once again we are facing snow in the forecast. While we wait once again for actual spring to come, it is always a great time to read. Our group has some suggestions. Read a book on our list and then join the Group for interesting conversation. Alternating nonfiction with fiction as is our tradition, our upcoming choices for discussion are:

Alternating nonfiction with fiction as is our tradition, our remaining selections are:

- On May 18, 2023, *Desperate Remedies: Psychiatry's Turbulent Quest to Cure Mental Illness* by Andrew Scull
- On June 15, 2023, *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides
- On July 20, 2023, *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* by Ed Yong
- On August 17, 2023, *In the Beauty of the Lilies* by John Updike
- NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER
- On October 19, 2023, *Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It* by Richard V. Reeves
- On November 16, *Trust* by Hernan Diaz



The Evening Book Group usually meets on the third Thursday of the month throughout the year at 7 PM. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. The only requirement to attend is that you read, or attempt to read, the monthly selection. Feel free to come to any or all of the meetings. We may meet in person as the situation allows. The location of meetings might vary, but we can be accommodating. If you wish to attend a discussion let us know a little ahead of time so we can let you know the location, or send you a Zoom invitation.

We welcome newcomers! Questions? Call Joyce McMartin at 952-942-7143 or text 952-210-1372 or email at joyceamc-martin@gmail.com.



When in doubt,
make a fool of yourself.
There is a microscopically
thin line between being
brilliantly creative and
acting like the most
gigantic idiot on earth.
So what the hell, leap.

Cynthia Heimel

MVUUF Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:30am - Sunday 10:30am - CYF 11:45am - Linda	1 2:45pm - Nicole 4:15pm - Yoga	2 11am - Nicole Voice 3:15pm - Nicole	3 3:30pm - Nicole 4:15pm - Yoga 5:30pm - Midweek Meditation 6pm - MA -	4 6:30pm - Starting Pt	5 11am - Uke Jam -	6 10:15am - Women's Group
7 10:30am - Sunday 10:30am - CYF 11:45am - Linda 12pm - Program	8 2:45pm - Nicole	9 10am - Needlework 3:15pm - Nicole 7pm - Needlework	10 3:30pm - Nicole 5:30pm - Midweek 6pm - MA - 6pm - OCC rehearsal	11 6:30pm - Starting 7pm - Writing as Spiritual Exploration 7pm - men's group	12 10am - Needlework 5pm - Our Creative Community Event	13
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MVUUF Service Schedule

SUNDAY Service is at 10:30am. Services are multi-platform. You may join us in person, on Zoom or you can livestream on YouTube.

<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 Uni-Sun for all the MVUUF events

If you would like to volunteer to help as a Greeter, Usher or treat-bringer, here is a [link to sign up](#).

The latest Covid guidelines are available online and on page 2 of this newsletter.

Church Directory



Are you a member of MVVUF?

Would you like a directory of Fellowship members?

Email Jeannie at office@mnvalleyuu.org for an electronic or hard copy directory.

WE ARE:

ALL CONNECTED

STRONGER TOGETHER

LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

CALLED TO CREATE JUSTICE

RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE
ANOTHER AND THE EARTH

Board, Committees and Staff

BOARD OFFICERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP AS OF 7/1/2022

Chair & Board Member	Myra Basar
Chair-elect & Board Member	Kathleen Coate
Secretary & Board Member	Carla V. Ries
Treasurer	Richard Duffin

BOARD WORKGROUPS

Covid-19	Rev Laura Thompson, Myra Basar, Jeanne Simpson, Richard Duffin, Kelley Hughes

MVUUF STANDING COMMITTEES AS OF 7/1/2022

Committee	Chair/contact(s)
Adult Education and Enrichment	Rev. Laura Thompson
Aesthetics	Karen Olson
Archives	Kathy Eager
Congregational Care	Emily Kampa
Committee on Shared Ministry	Barb Gilliland
Endowment	Bob Boucher
Finance	Steve Danko
Membership	Eric Grady
Music	Barb Becker
Nominating	Linda Hayen
Operations	Mark Clary
Religious Education	Maria Bavier
Social Action & Racial Justice	John Chlebeck
Stewardship	Kelley Hughes
Technology	Richard Duffin

BOARD TRUSTEES AS OF 7/1/2022

Trustee & Board Member	Eve Bergmann
Trustee & Board Member	Holly Bruce
Trustee & Board Member	Jody Gray
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