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MINNESOTA VALLEY UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Practicing Resistance

Of all of our themes this year, resistance is among the most complex, but it also may be the most simple.

Let's start with the complexity. Sometimes resistance involves bravely picking up a picket sign; other times it asks us to courageously put down our masks and allow who we really are to see the light of day. Sometimes it involves defeating the enemy; other times it's a matter of noticing that treating "them" as the enemy defeats us all. Often the path of resistance asks us to stay in it for the long haul, but just as often it's about taking that first tiny step. Most of the time it requires us to fight to the bitter end, and yet there are many moments when we need to stop resisting and let go. Resistance certainly takes the form of speaking the truth to power, but often what the world needs even more is for us to speak the truth in love. Bottom line: practicing resistance is tricky business and takes multiple, even contradictory, forms.



Rev. Diana and her mother Kathy McLean  
at a No Kings Rally in July

There is, however, one nearly universal truth about resistance: it's most powerful when done together. The power of our picket sign is amplified when it is one of hundreds or thousands. Being who we are usually begins with another person loving us for who we are. Both the long haul and our first courageous step are made possible by reaching out to receive a helping hand.

It's all one big reminder that none of us have to do the work of resistance alone.

Yes, we certainly need to be pushed and prodded this month. But maybe what we need most is to be reassured. Reassured that when the road gets too treacherous and the forces against us grow too big, others will be by our side. Maybe it's not more courage that is required, but more connection. Maybe what we really need to hear is not simply "Resist!" but "I will resist with you!"

Maybe it is as simple as that.

In gratitude,

Rev. Diana and Soul Matters Themed Ministry

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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



# Sunday Services

Sunday, January 4th: Fire Communion with Rev. Diana McLean and Maria Bavier, Director of CYF Ministry



Join us for our annual New Year's ritual of releasing what we are ready to let go of from the past year in a fire ritual.

Note: This is an intergenerational service, so there will be no children's programming on this Sunday, but nursery care will be available.

Sunday, January 11th: Joy as Resistance, Resistance as Joy with Rev. Diana McLean and Greg Kirkwood



Activists, especially those from marginalized identity groups, have been teaching us for years that joy is a form of resistance—and that resistance can be joyful. We'll explore the intersection of joy and resistance, and apply it to our current context.

Music by Lark Lewis.

Saturday/Sunday, January 17th & 18th: MLK Weekend of Service (No Sunday Service)



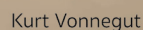
On this weekend, we continue our tradition of honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by engaging in acts of service rather than a traditional Sunday service in our sanctuary. (We will begin in the sanctuary for opening words and a song.) Stay tuned for more details as we finalize the list of available activities for you to engage in!





Music by the MVUUF Choir directed by Nicole Collins.

- Has joy ever been an “act of resistance” for you?
- What song, book or movie has inspired or supported your resistance efforts?
- How is your corner of the world calling you to help save it?
- Has your resistance to change grown or eased as you’ve gotten older?



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## Letter from the Board Chair

Happy New Year!

By the time you read this, the holidays will be over and hopefully it will be sunny and beautiful outside.

The big news from the Board this month is that we have decided to offer to extend our contract with Rev. Diana for two more years. This will give us plenty of time to decide if we would like to call her for our settled minister, which is more of a permanent position that requires a vote from the congregation. The details still need to be worked out but we received lots of feedback from you all and most folks expressed their opinion that two years was a good idea. Thanks to everyone who attended a chat session and/or filled out the survey.

The other big news is we are hosting Chad's ordination this month! If you have never been to an ordination, you will be very impressed with this inspiring and beautiful event. It is a ceremony in the sanctuary that will involve several ministers and other speakers. It will be so joyful to see Chad again and help celebrate him and then we get to officially send him out into the world as a real live minister! Elsewhere in this newsletter are details and how you can volunteer to help.

The new Safety Committee is working hard to develop a comprehensive plan for our building and how to keep us all safe. You will be hearing much more about that in the weeks ahead. We are almost finished updating our Governance Manual with the addition of a new Personnel Handbook, thanks to the Personnel committee, headed by Myra Basar. This has been a work in progress for a couple of years. Everyone is always welcome to attend our Board meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. It is almost time to begin thinking about who will serve on the Board next year so if this is something you are interested in, attending a meeting is a good way to see what it is all about.

It is so heartening to see all the activity going on at church. As always, if you have questions or suggestions for us, please let us know. The Board email is [board@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:board@mnvalleyuu.org)

Linda Hayen

Board Chair

P.S. On Dec. 21st, the Board presented each of our staff with a beautiful tile created by Becky McPeck in honor of their 6 years of service to MVUUF. We are extremely grateful to all of them.





# Uni-Sun Communications & Administration

Hello friends - Happy New Year! What a year this has been - such a full year.

In counting my joys of the year, performing *What the River Carries* with Nicole at our fabulous Solstice Service will be on it. It was wonderful to see all of you and to be a part of service with Spirit Grove and MVUUF staff. Staff appreciated the surprise recognition and appreciation as well. It was a perfect end of year event. Please remember that the office is closed until January 6th. Sunday services will still be held. I have included my Solstice poem for 2025 below. I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Jeannie Piekos  
Director of Administration and Communications  
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*Every year, each day*

*Solstice 2025*

As ever, I am here writing you this missive.  
As always, I am tying myself to your days with my words  
across the miles, the missing and the memories.  
Outside the window, winter life goes on  
but you and I know that by now. We have lived it  
together in these lines before. There's a river,  
something frozen, and a stalwart, snowy sky.

And always there is this hopefulness. That somewhere  
in the fissures and faultlines of our darkest night,  
in the deep, buried secrets of our secret selves,  
in the cold kitchen when dinner is exhausted,  
hungry and mean, we will remember  
the promise of being human.

And that with that promise we can glow brighter.  
We can forgive and call it an act of self-preservation.  
We can extend generosity with no bill of sale.  
We can dream of a gentler future without  
being oblivious to the present. And that  
our fiercest act when despair is looming,  
might be surrendering to a moment of joy.  
We can trust that as the darkest night comes  
to an end, tomorrow will be our new beginning.



# Children, Youth & Family Ministry

**January's Soul Matter's Theme is Practicing Resistance.** This month is all about exploring how we can resist what pulls us away from our spiritual selves and lean into what reflects our values, even when it's challenging.

We will focus on resisting the pressure to fit in, on resisting unhealthy screentime, resisting racism, and resisting monkey mind. The "monkey mind" is a Buddhist concept which reminds us to notice when our thoughts are restless, distracted, or full of worry - and to practice resistance by finding calm and focus. There are so many ways to do this and we will delve into a few and share more as a group.

This month's theme allows us to highlight our UU value of Justice, with its call to "dismantle racism and all forms of systemic oppression." We hope to spark curiosity, courage, and creativity in your family and provide tools for practicing resistance in ways both big and small.

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Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry

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[Link to register for CYF](#)



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EAGAN, MN 55121**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25  
5-6:30PM**



Please mark your calendar for our annual meal-packing event at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. We are scheduled for our group (children ages 5+ through adults) to attend on Saturday, January 25 at 5:00 p.m. The event will be approximately an hour and a half. [Sign-Up Here](#).



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## Children, Youth & Family Ministry

### Our Children, Youth and Family Ministry Programming Calendar

All Sunday programming is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. unless noted otherwise

- Nursery|Preschool meets every Sunday
- Elementary Soul Matters Exploration meets 1/11 and 1/25
- Middle and High School Youth Group meets 1/14
- OWL 1/11, 1/25, and 2/1 starting at 10 a.m.
- All-Ages Worship Services
  - January 18th is our Service of Service where we will do service projects together to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and work to create Beloved Community
  - January 17th is Chad's Ordination at 2:00 p.m. at MVUUF!

*Minnesota Valley UU Fellowship*

## WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

**OPEN POSITION :**

- Nursery Coordinator

**REQUIREMENT :**

- Experience with Children
- Proponent of the UU Values
- Sunday Morning Availability





For more information visit us  
[mnvalleyuu.org](http://mnvalleyuu.org)

We are hiring for our nursery coordinator position: we are seeking a person who has experience working with young children, is a proponent of our UU values and has availability on Sunday mornings. Job description linked [here](#). We are inviting you to share this widely. Applicants are invited to contact Maria at [CYF@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:CYF@mnvalleyuu.org) for more information. Thank you for supporting our youngest members!



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## Music at MVUUF

### Choir Calendar Updates

All dates in the choir calendar have now been refreshed for the new year. We're excited to welcome the choir back on Wednesday, January 21st.

If you've been thinking about joining choir, January is the perfect time to begin! New voices are always welcome. For questions or more information, please reach out to Nicole.

### Chad's Ordination

We are honored that the MVUUF Choir will be joining forces with Merging Waters to offer music for Chad's ordination on Saturday, January 17th. It is a privilege to be invited, and we look forward to singing as part of a larger, joy-filled community.

### Music by Members

The Music Committee is delighted to announce the re-launch of the Music by Members program! This initiative invites MVUUF musicians to brainstorm song ideas and bring them to life through singing and playing together.

The first session will be led by Liv Martin, and all are warmly encouraged to participate—whether by singing, playing, or simply sharing in the creative spirit. All are welcome! Bring your song ideas!

### Rehearsal Schedule

- Sunday, January 4th
- Wednesday, January 7th
- Sunday, January 11th
- Wednesday, January 14th
- Sunday, January 18th

Sundays: 9:15–10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6:30–7:30 p.m.

As we move into the new year, may our music continue to be a source of joy, connection, and renewal. Whether through choir rehearsals, special services, or the Music by Members program, each voice adds to the harmony of our community. We look forward to singing, celebrating, and growing together in 2025.

### [MVUUF Choir Calendar](#)

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This will be our reply  
to violence:  
to make music  
more intensely,  
more beautifully,  
more devotedly  
than ever before.

Leonard Bernstein



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## Groups and Events

### Ordination for Chad Snyder January 17th

Our wonderful former intern, Chad Snyder has asked us to co-host his ordination. This is a huge honor and we are glad to do this. It will be held at MVUUF at 2:00 on January 17th with a reception following.

Please plan to attend to support Chad. In addition, we need many volunteers to make this happen! Please signup to help. You can be a greeter, an usher, a door monitor or bring snacks to share. Or if you really want to be important, you could be in charge of the coffee! Here's the [link to sign up](#):

The background of the flyer is a photograph of a snowy evergreen forest at sunset or sunrise, with a warm orange glow. Overlaid on the left is the Spirit Grove logo, a stylized blue knot-like symbol. To the right of the logo, the text "Spirit Grove of the Twin Cities" is written in a green, serif font.

**IN-PERSON**  
2ND SUNDAY  
AFTER  
SERVICES

**ONLINE**  
4TH SATURDAY  
AT 6PM

Spirit Grove is a new Pagan affinity group at MN Valley UU Fellowship in Bloomington. The group is open to all.

Contact Anthony Dallozzi for more information at [SpiritGroveTC@gmail.com](mailto:SpiritGroveTC@gmail.com)

The logo for the Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, featuring a stylized blue and green circular emblem with a flame-like shape inside, followed by the text "MINNESOTA VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP" in a sans-serif font.





# ART AT MVUUF!

## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: A PAGAN SOLSTICE EXHIBITION



Featuring Yule-themed art by Paul B. Rucker and Helga Hedgewalker

### *Light in the Darkness: A Pagan Solstice Exhibition*

### *Winter Solstice-themed art by Paul B. Rucker and Helga Hedgewalker.*

We still have the very special art show in our gallery through January. Both Paul and Helga are prominent artists and well-known in art and Pagan communities. There is planning in the works for a January event with Spirit Grove. Also, sales are available as long as the show is up.

*Two local artists explore the Pagan roots of Winter Solstice and the darkest time of the year, through images originating in traditions all over Europe. From the Yule Goat to the Solstice Stag, to Mother Night and the Yule Father, these interpretations bring beauty from the past into the present to help bring everyone through winter's cold, with a promise of light.*

Helga Hedgewalker is a Mythopoetic Artist, Priestess and Witch with decades of professional experience in illustration, painting, and graphic design. She's currently busy with the forthcoming "The Craft of the Wise" tarot deck and book, from Llewellyn Publishing, early 2027.

Her work can be seen at [HelgaHedgewalker.com](http://HelgaHedgewalker.com) and [helga-art-store.com](http://helga-art-store.com)

Paul B. Rucker makes Pagan-inspired mythopoetic art in acrylic, pen and ink, pencil, and mixed-media assemblages (including face/body painting combined with digital imaging to create what he calls "camera paintings"). His award-winning work has been exhibited all over the country, with collectors in the USA, Canada, Australia, and Europe. See more of his work at [paulruckerart.com](http://paulruckerart.com) and [paulruckerart.com/shop](http://paulruckerart.com/shop)

Paul and Helga have been art partners for over 13 years, having founded the "Third Offering" art show at Paganicon ([tcpaganpride.org/pconartgallery](http://tcpaganpride.org/pconartgallery)). Together they are co-founders of MCPA (The Minneapolis Collective of Pagan Artists) which later became Mythic Art Circle ([mythicartcircle.com](http://mythicartcircle.com)).



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## Groups and Events

### Stewardship Corner

**Stewardship corner from Steve Vincent, Holly Bruce & Sue Martin**

The stewardship committee is looking for a couple of members.

This group will create a multi-year plan to keep the congregation informed, work with membership and finance to create the pledge packets for the spring pledge drive, follow-up and answer questions on what stewardship means. This group is seeking to keep MVUUF financially sound so we can provide and expand the programs, support, music, fellowship we are all searching for.

If you would like to support your community this way, please let us know.

**The Endowment fund has increased from \$65,980 on 6/30/25 to \$72,136 for a gain of \$6,156.**

**This is the largest interest driven year-to-date gain in the endowment fund in the past 4 years.**

**At the end of November, \$96,970 had been paid out of the \$203,000 pledged for 25/26.**





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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

*freely following jesus*

## Exploring

### UU Christian Fellowship

Please Join Us  
January 25th  
after the  
Sunday Service



## SARJ - Social Action/Racial Justice

### January Sunday Sharing Partner



joyce  
uptown  
foodshelf

Joyce Uptown Food Shelf began in 1969 when Joyce United Methodist Church in Minneapolis began assisting neighborhood families with bags of groceries. The operation then integrated the makeshift food shelf into Joyce Church, with members of the congregation serving as volunteers. In the fall of 1968, Joyce UMC purchased the building and continue to operate at 1222 W. 31st Street serving many members of the local community.

### Hands-on Solidarity: Concrete Ways to Respond to Immigration Enforcement

An online informational session for people looking for how and where they can plug in and help.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
6:00 - 7:30 PM | Online



Wednesday, January 7, 2026, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
<https://secure.everyaction.com/IMXitFw0wUCbzzmRUBiyDg2>





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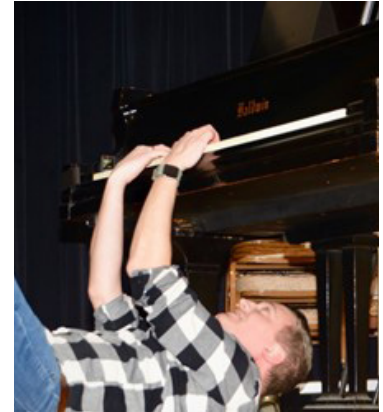
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### LIFT January 10th 10:30

**LIFT (Learning in Fellowship Together)** meets on January 10th at 10:30am.

Join LIFT for Pure ENTERTAINMENT with NATE HANCE! Nate is a pianist with amazing talents to keep you entertained. Bring the whole family. Known for playing the piano upside down, turning audience song requests into genre-bending mashups, and crafting spontaneous medleys that keep every performance fresh and unexpected,

Nate makes every audience feel seen, heard, and part of the experience. With a background in classical training and a passion for bold creativity, Nate takes familiar tunes and flips them on their head (sometimes literally).



Fun for the whole family!!

PRESENTED BY: LEARNING IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER (LIFT)

Date: Saturday, January 10th

Time/Place: 10:30am – 11:30am in the Sanctuary

Cost: \$5 for this session or \$25 to join LIFT for the year

### MVUUF will be 60 next February!

Coming up in February you will see a longer timeline and a service dedicated to our history.

Later in the year, the last ten years to accompany our 50th history book will be available electronically.

We will be compiling a booklet of essays of your memories of MVUUF.

Please submit them to Kathy.



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### Yoga Offering from Fran

Do you need to just take a breath and de-stress with friends? If that sounds good to you, perhaps a chair yoga class is for you!

A class that includes mindful breathing and gentle movement will be offered at MVUUF for 2 weeks during the holidays. The 45 minute classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for all 6 classes or \$7 per class, payable to MVUUF. Please bring a block if you have one.

Dates are: Monday, Dec. 29th  
Wednesday, Dec. 31st  
Friday, Jan. 2nd

A limited amount of standing will be suggested during class, using the chair as support. Emphasis is on seated, mindful breathing and stretching with modified strengthening exercises. What do you need to bring? Nothing! Just wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothing for freedom of movement. Do you have family in town for the holidays? Great! You are encouraged to bring a friend—non-members are welcome. No previous yoga experience is required. Please note that scented oils may be used in this class.



Your guide for this class is Fran Bohlke. Questions? Please email [bryawnte@msn.com](mailto:bryawnte@msn.com)

### Winding River Sangha Saturdays at 3pm



Winding River Sangha meets weekly in the Sanctuary on Saturdays at 3pm. All are welcome to attend regardless of prior experience with Buddhism or meditation.



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## Groups & Events

### Evening Book Club

Was one of your New Year's Resolutions to read more books? We are here to help. Plunge into the New Year by reading one of the books on our list and join us for a lively discussion. Our book selections, alternating fiction and nonfiction, are:

**January 15, 2026**, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* by Jonathan Haidt

**February 19, 2026**, *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghy

**March 19, 2026**, *The Age of Diagnosis: How Our Obsession with Medical Labels is Making Us Sicker* by Dr. Suzanne O'Sullivan

**April 16, 2026**, *This Strange Eventful History* by Claire Messud

**May 21, 2026**, *Pathogenesis: A History of the World in Eight Plagues* by Jonathan Kennedy

**June 18, 2026**, *The Quiet Librarian* by Allen Eskens

**July 16, 2026**, *Why Nothing Works: Who Killed Progress and How to Bring it Back* by Marc J. Dunkelman

**August 20, 2026**, *Breathless* by Amy McCulloch

The Evening Book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month throughout the year at 7 PM usually via Zoom. The only requirement to participate is that you read, or attempt to read, the monthly selection. Feel free to come to any or all of the meetings. Let us know a little ahead of time so we can send you the Zoom link. We welcome newcomers! Questions? Email Joyce at [joyceamcmartin@gmail.com](mailto:joyceamcmartin@gmail.com) or text at 952-210-1372.

### Second Thursday Group January 8th

Second Thursday will meet on Thursday, January 8th, 2025, at 7PM on Zoom (see link below).

#### Where do People Get News in the Digital Age?

Second Thursday will meet on Thursday Jan. 8 at 7 PM. The topic will be Where do People Get News in the Digital Age? Their speaker will be C. Daniel Myers, a professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota. Dan teaches courses on American politics and political psychology and has published research on a variety of topics including political discussion, partisanship, and the decline of local newspapers.

Questions contact John Peloquin. Zoom link [here](#).





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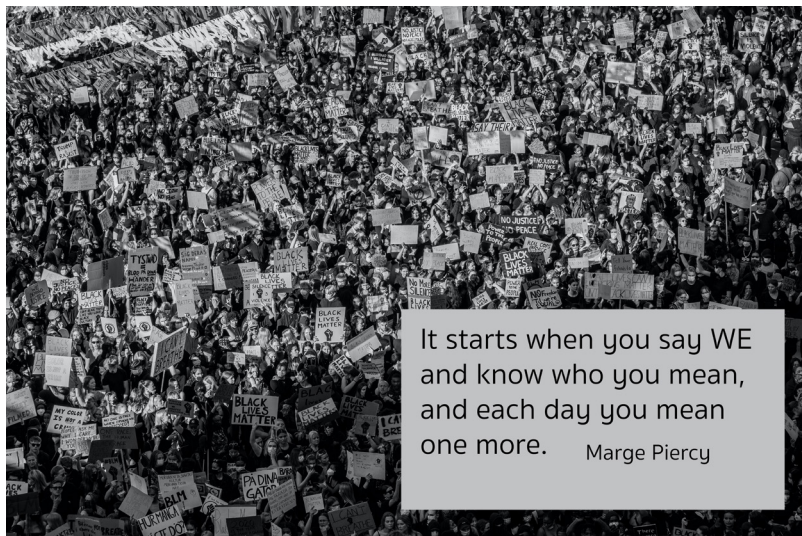
### Religion, Ethics & Ideas

There will be no Religion Ethics and Ideas in January.

## Like Games?

**Mah Jongg**  
**Fridays at 10am**

**Poker**  
**1st Friday at 7pm**



It starts when you say WE  
and know who you mean,  
and each day you mean  
one more. Marge Piercy



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### Beyond Sunday Group

**Friendship & Conversation**  
**1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 1:00pm**  
**Perkins Restaurant at 8324 Lyndale**

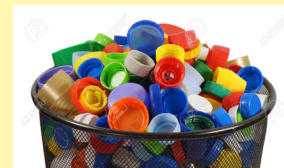




## Helpful information

### More to Recycle at MVUUF!

We are making a difference with Ridwell. It's wonderful that so many people are taking advantage of this premium recycling service. December pickups are the 14th and 28th. Please have your recycling sorted properly by January 13th and 27th



**The featured item in January will be holiday lights. Now you don't need to throw broken or antiquated string lights. This category included rope lights, icicle lights, clear and colored string light. They can be broken or working. Bring your unused holiday lights to MVUUF and recycle them with Ridwell.**



MVUUF members and friends can recycle the following: multi-layer plastics, batteries, light bulbs, **plastic 6-pack rings, plastic bottle caps, prescription bottles, cords and cables.** Please be sure your items are clean and that your batteries are not corroded. Place items in the appropriate bag inside the box on the lost and found shelf by the front door. Additional information about what can be included is on the front label of the box. Thank you for helping MVUUF make a difference!

**Remember plastic** film goes in the bins on the outside by the front doors. Linda Hayen takes them to a different recycling service where they can be transformed into park benches.

For questions about recycling at MVUUF or Ridwell, please contact Jeannie at [office@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:office@mnvalleyuu.org).

### What Kind of Plastic Is This?

There are two ways to tell. You can check the Ridwell app ([Download for iOS](#) [Download for Android](#)) or watch the video below which explains the difference between multi-layer plastic and plastic film. If you have other questions about our recycling email [office@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:office@mnvalleyuu.org).



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## MVUUF Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>28</div> <div>10:30am - Sun. Svc</div>	<div>29</div> <div>3:30pm - Chair yoga</div>	<div>30</div> <div>10am - Needlework</div>	<div>31</div> <div>3:30pm - Chair yoga</div> <div>6pm - MA Marijuana</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div> <div>10am - Mah Jongg</div> <div>11am - Uke Jam -</div> <div>3:30pm - Chair yoga</div> <div>7pm - Poker</div>	<div>3</div> <div>1pm - Joint Choir</div> <div>3pm - Buddhist Sangha</div>
<div>4</div> <div>10:30am - Sun. Svc</div> <div>11:45am - SARJ -</div> <div>12pm - Cakes for the Queen</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9:30am - Brass band</div> <div>6pm - MA Marijuana</div> <div>6:30pm - Choir rehearsal</div>	<div>8</div> <div>7pm - Second</div>	<div>9</div> <div>10am - Mah Jongg</div> <div>10am - Needlework</div>	<div>10</div> <div>10am - LIFT -</div> <div>12:45pm - Maria in</div> <div>3pm - Buddhist sangha</div>
<div>11</div> <div>12:15pm - COSM -</div> <div>10am - OWL Conf.</div> <div>10:30am - Sun. Svc</div> <div>11:45am - Spirit</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div> <div>10am - Needlework</div> <div>6:30pm - BoT</div> <div>7pm - Needlework</div>	<div>14</div> <div>9:30am - Brass band</div> <div>6pm - MA Marijuana</div> <div>6:30pm - Choir rehearsal</div>	<div>15</div> <div>5:30pm -</div> <div>7pm - Evening Book</div> <div>7pm - Needlework</div>	<div>16</div> <div>10am - Mah Jongg</div> <div>11am - Uke Jam -</div> <div>5pm - Chess Group -</div>	<div>17</div> <div>10am - NWG - Come</div> <div>1pm - Chad's Ordination</div> <div>3pm - Buddhist Sangha</div>
<div>18</div> <div>10:30am - Sun. Svc</div> <div>12pm - Cakes for the Queen</div>	<div>19</div> <div>10:30am - Soul Matters</div>	<div>20</div> <div>10am - Needlework</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9:30am - Brass band</div> <div>6pm - MA Marijuana</div> <div>6:30pm - Choir</div> <div>7:30pm - Trio rehearsal</div>	<div>22</div> <div>12pm - Guys Lunch</div>	<div>23</div> <div>10am - Mah Jongg</div>	<div>24</div> <div>3pm - Buddhist Sangha</div> <div>5pm - CYF at Feed My Starving Children</div>
<div>25</div> <div>10am - OWL Conf.</div> <div>10:30am - Sun. Svc</div> <div>11:30am - UUCF</div> <div>11:45am - OWL</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>10am - Needlework</div> <div>7pm - NWG evening</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9:30am - Brass band</div> <div>6pm - MA Marijuana</div> <div>6:30pm - Choir rehearsal</div> <div>7:30pm - Trio rehearsal</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>10am - Mah Jongg</div>	<div>31</div> <div>3pm - Buddhist sangha</div>



# 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. Please see our website for more information. [mnvalleyuu.org](http://mnvalleyuu.org)

<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, please contact Steve Vincent or email the office at [office@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:office@mnvalleyuu.org)

Print copies of Uni-Sun

Would you prefer a print copy of the Uni-Sun? We can mail you one or look on the wall by the nametags for the current month. If you want one by mail, please email Jeannie at [office@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:office@mnvalleyuu.org)

## Church Directory



Are you a member of MVUUF?

Would you like a directory of Fellowship members or would you like to access our online membership software program, Breeze?

Email Jeannie at [office@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:office@mnvalleyuu.org) for an electronic or hard copy directory or get signed up with Breeze.

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LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

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# Uni-Sun

## Staff, Committee & BOT

### BOARD OFFICERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP AS OF 7/1/2025

Chair & Board Member	Linda Hayen
Chair-elect & Board Member	Becky McPeck
Secretary & Board Member	Kathleen Coate
Treasurer	Richard Duffin

### BOARD TRUSTEES AS OF 7/1/2025

Trustee & Board Member	Doug Bruce
Trustee & Board Member	Tom Ehlinger
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### BOARD WORKGROUPS

Vision 2028	Doug Bruce, Anthony Dallozzi, Steve Danko, Richard Duffin, Candace McClenahan, Candace Wayes
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### MVUUF STANDING COMMITTEES AS OF 7/1/2025

Committee	Chair(s)
Aesthetics	Karen Olson
Archives	Kathy Eager
Children, Youth & Family	Maria Bavier
Congregational Care	Barb Gilliland
Committee on Shared Ministry	Nikki Holm
Endowment	Jean Danko
Finance	Steve Danko
Membership	Steve Vincent
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### Uni-Sun Item Submission Information

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

Submit articles to [office@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:office@mnvalleyuu.org)

