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## Embodying Resilience

When did we decide that resilience was a solo project? It's not that we consciously chose to define it that way. It's just what we were taught, from the time we were little: "Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps," "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." The cultural consensus is clear: resilience depends on your personal toughness and inner strength.



But other voices are on the rise. Author/activist Soraya Chemaly writes: *In spectacular arrogance, our mainstream vision of resilience encourages us to ignore, minimize, and even punish the desire for our greatest resilience assets: interdependence, collective versatility, and shared care. Instead of revealing our relationships to one another, our environments, and the systems we live in, this vision highlights and glorifies self-sufficiency, limitless positivity, and individual strength against all odds. It makes us less resilient, not more.*

In a world facing numerous threats of collapse and conflict, including right here in the Twin Cities, Chemaly's words help us see that correctly defining resilience is not just an intellectual exercise, but a matter of life and death. We can't afford to overlook a single source of resilience. We need people who challenge those old-school chants of "You can do it!" with a new mantra of "We can't do it on our own!"

That doesn't mean we have to abandon old messages about personal resilience entirely, but it does mean that we need to get better at noticing when they get in our way. It's fine to celebrate the classic resilient image of a tree flexibly leaning and bending with the wind, but today, the kind of leaning that matters most is leaning on each other.

While resilience has a lot to do with what is inside us, it is even more dependent on what is between us. We survive our wounds and weaknesses by having the strength to tell others about it. We find the courage to make our way through hard times when we sense we are not alone. Internal and individual grit only gets us so far; empathy, assurance and love from others gets us the rest of the way. Boil it all down and you get this: there really is no such thing as a resilient person; there are only resilient relationships from which resilient people arise.

So friends, this month, let's look around as much as look within. Let's let up on all the "grin and bear it" talk and instead grab the hand that is reaching our way. We are in this together.

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, February 1: Restoration and Resilience: Rewarding Adventures at Camp Unistar with Carla V. Ries and Gabe Vigliaturo

Rest, restoration and renewal are all key to resilience - to bouncing back and getting back in the game. As a people called to fight for justice and help our neighbors, UUs often push ourselves beyond our limits. But, "You can't pour from an empty vessel..." Places like Camp Unistar offer Unitarian Universalists a place and a chance to indulge in self-care in meaningful ways such as being in nature, meeting other like-minded folks, and learning new ways to engage with our world. Gabe Vigliaturo and Carla V. Ries join forces to share some of the wonder of our best-kept secret on "up nort". There will also be an information table downstairs during social hour.

Music by Nicole Collins, Tom Ehlinger, Kaizen Hummer, and Lark Lewis.



## Sunday, February 8th: February 8: Why Unitarian Universalism? With Rev. Diana McLean and Maria Bavier, Director of CYF Ministry

So often really young children ask "Why?" over and over again as they learn about their world. Youth continue to ask why and it is classic UU to keep asking questions and learning throughout adulthood. Join Rev. Diana and Maria to explore this topic. We have visitors coming from First Universalist's Youth Group this Sunday as well!



## February 15: Collective Resilience with Rev. Diana McLean and Greg Kirkwood

We as individuals can be resilient, but together, we are more so. We'll explore how we here at MVUUF can be resilient, and can support resilience in our wider community, in these challenging times.

Music by Lark Lewis.





# Sunday Services

## Sunday, February 22: Happy Birthday MVUUF: Sixty Years of Joyful Community



This Sunday, we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the official founding of MVUUF with the signing of the bylaws on February 20, 1966. Come hear stories from throughout those years, and stay for a celebratory potluck after the service!

Music by "Music by Members"

### 60 YEARS OF JOYFUL COMMUNITY

**February 22 will mark the 60 year anniversary of MVUUF!**

- Join us for a celebration service!
- Learn about our history through stories, pictures, and video.
- Enjoy a pot luck after the service.

[Sign up with sign up genius for the pot luck](#)

Email Kathy Eager or Lisa Herschberger with stories and/or pictures.



Founders at the ground breaking for the remodeling of fellowship .

Standing: Al and Helen Hyman. Sitting: Luella Newstrom. Betty and Helmet Gutmann



# Uni-Sun

## Letter from the Board Chair

Greetings,

I admit it is hard to think of something positive to say today, January 21 st . I am overwhelmed by everything that is happening to our state and our communities. By the time you read this, I sincerely hope there has been some kind of resolution, and we can all breathe a little easier.

But onward we must go. Thank you SO much to everyone who sent an end of the year donation to MVUUF. We received over \$10,000 to supplement our budget, which was very much needed and appreciated. Also, thanks to everyone who attended and supported Chad's ordination. The event went very smoothly, thanks to many wonderful volunteers.

And even more thanks to David Olson for procuring a new/used AED for us as our old one was no longer working. We will be asking for folks to get trained in how to use it and also possibly be offering a CPR class here at MVUUF, as this hasn't been done for a long time.

The Board continues to work on creating some new Safety and Security policies, as well as planning for our future through the work of the Vision 2028 group. These are both big projects which you will hear more about.

I am so grateful for our community.

Please note, the February Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17 th ; postponed one week from our usual date which is the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. You are always welcome to attend. Or send us an email at [board@mnvalleyuu.org](mailto:board@mnvalleyuu.org)

Linda Hayen

Board Chair



As Unitarian Universalists, we value the democratic process.  
Please participate in Caucus Night if you are able!



# Communications & Administration

Hello friends. I am always the last to create my content for the Uni-Sun. As all other contributors send in their material I begin working on the editing, adapting, revising, adjusting, creating graphics or updating marginal graphics. The Uni-Sun is only one of our communication tools but it takes days to put it together out of more than a dozen different writing styles, allegiances to deadlines, software programs (outdated or current) and priorities. To add to the complexity, it is currently a constantly changing and evolving landscape in our world.

Today as I write this (on my birthday!) that landscape appears a little more hopeful and so I glad I am able to write something in the spirit of that hope. It's too early to tell but maybe progress is being made.

It's a little ironic that our themes for January and February have been resistance and resilience. As our Governor said, *I have never been prouder of Minnesota*. We have all the lessons we need right in front of our eyes. Creative resistance, ongoing resilience. Way to go, Minnesota.

Community life continues to be very busy at MVUUF. That is exactly what we want -- an engaged, active community. As we have continued to grow, change and get ever-busier, it's become clear to me that we need to have a transparent, clear and fair communication policy. I have been working on this policy and should have it available in February. It will help us all understand and be in alignment on how communications work at MVUUF. The policy will late out priorities, timelines for various promotions, and how information is generally and fairly disseminated.

We will create an area for flyers that will divided into different categories so folks can find out what's happening at MVUUF, in the community, with our sharing partners or even event that members or kids are a part of. I am also developing a style sheet so that all contributors to communications at MVUUF can help me to be efficient and clear in communicating. It makes a difference if we are all using clear, readable fonts, if our graphics are high quality and if the look of communications are consistent. I look forward to sharing the new policy with you soon.

Stay safe and warm, friends.

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## **SOUL MATTERS MONTHLY THEME: Embodying Resilience**

There is a plethora of resources in this month's Soul Matters Packet, which includes guided questions and activities, recommended readings, films, music playlists and more. Ask Jeannie for a copy if you are interested.

The Soul Matters packet ponders some good questions. How would you answer?

- What parts of you did you have to hide to survive? What would it look like to invite them back into the world?
- Have you been trying to act strong for far too long?
- Why do you keep pushing through when you could save yourself by courageously quitting?
- Might your resilience be found by releasing yourself from the role your family system has stuck you in?



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## Children, Youth & Family Ministry

**Embodying Resilience:** In my hometown, 500 students walked out of high school in protest of ICE, in solidarity with their immigrant classmates and in memory of Renee Nicole Good. They chanted, "This is what democracy looks like." (source: [MPR News](#)) This tree is what resilience looks like. And we are what resilience looks like. Let this MVUUF community be resilient this month as we look toward our next 60 years and as we support our immigrant and BIPOC neighbors.

Resilience isn't just about enduring; it's about finding ways to move forward with courage, creativity, and joy. This month our Nursery | Preschool and Elementary gatherings will center finding resilience through nature, through grit, through community and last but certainly not least through silliness.

As it is Black History Month, we are lifting up and celebrating several Black inspirational Unitarian Universalist ancestors whose courage, vision, and resilience continue to inspire us today.

This theme also allowed us to highlight and honor one of our core sources of UU inspiration: Direct experiences of transcending mystery and wonder, which move us to a renewal of the spirit. With all that is going on in the world, I suspect we all long for renewal of our spirits. May you find that for yourselves as you help the children in your care connect with the many sources of resilience within and around them.



Our Middle and High School Youth Group is hosting the 7th graders from First Universalist on February 8. We will have an all-ages worship service and welcome them to stay and visit during social hour.

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Spirit Grove helped lead a Winter Solstice Service on Solstice. MVUUF Children sang and made the sounds that went along with the story "The Rabbit Listened" by Cori Doerrfeld.

We set up a Soul Works Table outside the Sanctuary with some new toys and fidgets for the holiday season.

Alt. Photo Text: Young child in yellow and black striped shirt holds up a sparkly orange elephant toy for the camera.



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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 2/1, and 2/15
- Middle and High School Youth Group is especially invited to 10:30 all-ages service on 2/8, and will meet on 2/25
- Special Events: MVUUF 60th Anniversary and Celebration on 2/2

*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



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

### **Embodying Resistance Through Music**

Music has always been at the heart of justice movements. Its power to amplify truth, strengthen courage, and unite communities makes it an essential tool for collective resistance. Minneapolis is currently flooded with joyful resistance and restorative singing! Looking to get involved? Here's a great option [Good Trouble Sings](#)

### **Justice Choir Songbook**

For those looking to weave music into their justice work, the Justice Choir Songbook is a powerful resource. Justice Choir is a movement that empowers communities to sing together for social and environmental justice, built around a collaborative collection of 43 new and re-imagined songs created through a national Call for Scores. Co-edited by Abbie Betinis, Ahmed Anzaldúa, and Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, the Songbook invites communities to raise their voices for change, equity, love, and peace.

Listen: [YouTube Playlist for the Justice Choir Songbook](#)

### **SAVE THE DATE! Trans in Trumpland-a collaboration between the SARJ and Music Committees!**

Come, be in community, while supporting MVUUF's continued dedication to: continuing and improving our wholehearted welcome to LGBTQIA2S+ folks.

As a UUA recognized Welcoming Congregation, MVUUF will offer the documentary Trans in Trumpland, with a powerful opening song performed by members of the MVUUF Choir and special guest on Saturday, February 28th at 10:30am in our Sanctuary.

[View preview here.](#)

### **Virtual Hymnal Feature: “Green” (Mayer/Podd)**

This month's Virtual Hymnal selection celebrates the winter tradition of evergreens—symbols of resilience and life that endure even in the darkest season. Set to the centuries-old French tune **BESANÇON**, UU singer-songwriter **Peter Mayer** offers new lyrics inspired by “People Look East,” arranged by **Adam Podd**, music director at First Unitarian Church in Brooklyn. Together, they bring a fresh, hopeful musical reflection on the enduring strength we carry into winter.

“El pueblo unido jamás será vencido/The people united will never be defeated.”

### [MVUUF Choir Calendar](#)

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## Groups and Events



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

 **MINNESOTA VALLEY**  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
FELLOWSHIP

**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.



**Exploring**

 **unitarianuniversalist**  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
*freely following jesus*

**UU Christian Fellowship**

**No Meeting in February. Save the date: March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



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## SARJ - Social Action/Racial Justice

Come, be in community, while supporting MVUUF's continued dedication to continuing and improving our wholehearted welcome to LGBTQIA2S+ folks.

As a UUA recognized Welcoming Congregation, MVUUF will offer the documentary *Trans in Trumpland*.

[View preview here.](#)

In the film, trans filmmaker Tony Zosherafatain drives across the country to examine the lasting impact of anti-trans laws. He is forever changed by the resiliency of people in the trans community's fight to exist in their own country.

Reverend Diana and member Kai Hummer will lead a conversation after the film.

Plan to come and support trans folks in our community. Come to watch a film created and directed by a transman. Come to consider where we can go from here as members of this Welcoming Congregation.



**When:** Please watch your Friday email for date and time.

The program will begin with a very special song performed by volunteers including Lark, Nicole, and members of the choir. Light snacks provided throughout, heavy snacks after the movie (~1pm), followed by discussion lead by Rev Diana and Kai.

**Where:** MVUUF Sanctuary for the movie, social hall downstairs for the discussion and heavy snacks

**Childcare:** provided for the duration of the movie.

This event is supported by the SARJ (Social Action Racial Justice) and Music Committees.

All members and friends of MVUUF are invited and it is encouraged for all to bring trusted friends to this event. Please do not share this event publicly through social media. This will be a secure event, meaning our fellowship doors will be locked during the event and we will have one or more people posted at the door to let members and friends in until ~ 11:15 am. Afterwards, visitors must ring the bell for admittance.

This is an "in person" only event. The film can be viewed independently on Apple TV, Prime Video and TUBI.



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## SARJ - Social Action/Racial Justice

### February Sunday Sharing Partner



The Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) partners with scholars at all stages of life to ensure they realize their potential by providing academic assistance, resources, and opportunities for families to support their success in school, work, and life

A photograph of the United States Capitol dome at night, illuminated against a dark sky. In the foreground, a yellow caution tape with the word "CAUTION" printed on it is draped across the scene, partially obscuring the view of the dome. The text of the quote is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Fascism's most effective tool is that it makes you think there's time, that you can speak up in a bit, not quite yet. You know, when it gets bad enough... by which time, of course, it's too late. Much like that frog in the proverbial warming pot of water.

Sarah Wilson



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## Groups and Events

### Discovery Meeting Sunday, February 8th

Are you interested in exploring your interests in leadership at MVUUF?



The Nominating Committee is hosting a Discovery Meeting as a way for potential lay leaders and others to learn about our committees that keep MVUUF running and thriving, and about open leadership positions for the 2026-2027 church year.

Come join members of the Board of Trustees and Program Council (a group of MVUUF's Committee chairs) on Sunday, February 8 after the service to hear their experiences and to answer your questions.

### LIFT February 7th 10:30

Saturday, February 7th, 10:30am

Join LIFT for a talk on  
THE INVENTION OF WHITENESS



KATHARINE GERBNER  
UMN Associate Professor  
Columbia Univ. BA  
Harvard Univ AM/PhD

#### Did you know...

- Whiteness did not exist as a racial category before the 17<sup>th</sup> century?
- Do you know how the laws in Barbados affected our laws on slavery?



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## Groups and Events

### Winding River Sangha

Winding River flows along.

Since mid-September we've met regularly for 20 weeks. A dozen or so MVUUF members and friends come at least now and then. Our weekly meetings include meditation, readings from Thich Nhat Hahn, and shared reflections (deep listening).

Currently we're finishing Hahn's *You Are Here: Discovering the Magic of the Present Moment*. Join us if you'd like!

All are welcome, regardless of experience with meditation and/or Buddhism.

\*Winding River is now part of the UU Buddhist Fellowship, an alliance of over 200 congregational sanghas.

\*We now have a Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/windingriversangha/>

### 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

We hope that you put lots of books on your holiday wish list! If any of them overlap our selections, we invite you to join us for a lively, thought-provoking discussion. Our next few meetings will include the following book choices, alternating fiction and nonfiction, they are:

**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.

### Religion, Ethics & Ideas February 26th

#### What's Up with Venezuela and the US?

Religion Ethics and Ideas will meet On February 26th at 7 PM on Zoom. The topic will be: What's Up with Venezuela and the US?

Carla Ries will open the session by giving us some history, background and share her insights on what is going on today in Venezuela. Carla, a long-time member of the congregation and past BOT chair is uniquely qualified to speak on this because she is a native of Venezuela and still has family, friends, and contacts in Venezuela. Carla will take questions and then time permitting we will open it up to a broader dialogue on the topic. Questions contact John Peloquin.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83032364504?pwd=wQssrkOJpNeinz9U1bg5mSjoJHz48R.1>



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## Groups & Events

### Second Thursday

There will be no Second Thursday group meeting in February 2026.

Second Thursday will resume in March on Thursday March 12th at 7PM on Zoom.

The topic will be Lobbying and the Legislative Process in Minnesota. The speaker will be John Pollard.

John Pollard is well qualified to speak on the topic he is currently the Legislative Director for Local 49 International Union of Operating Engineers (heavy construction equipment operators). John has more than twenty years of experience in the legislative process.

Please see March Uni-Sun and March Friday emails for more information about this event.

## Like Games?

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

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



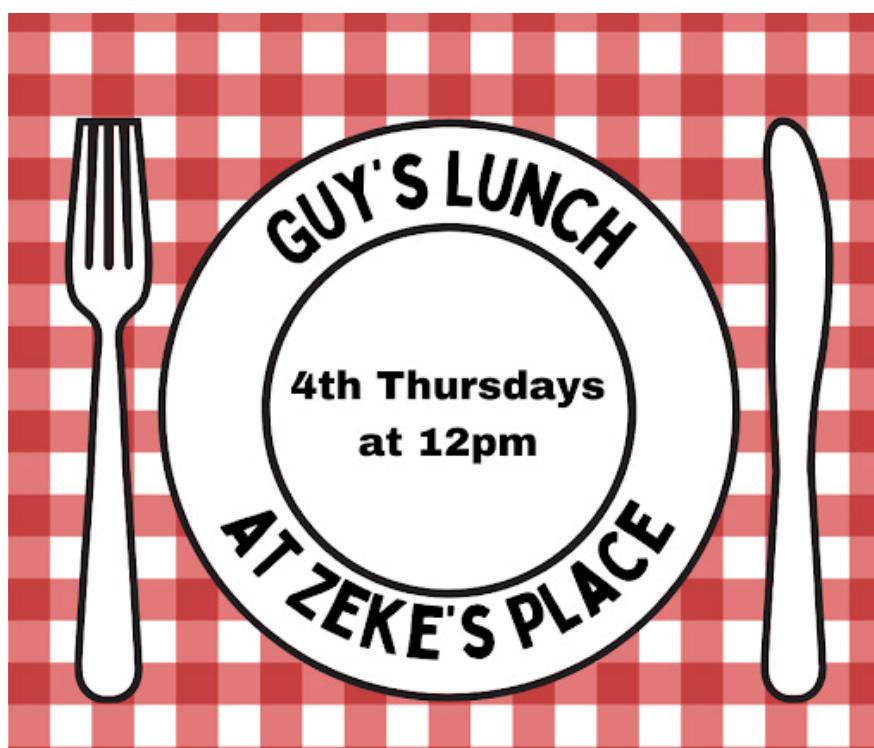
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**Beyond Sunday Group**

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



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## 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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## MVUUUF Calendar

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10am - OWL Conf. 10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:45am - SARJ - 12pm - Cakes for the queen		6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir 7:30pm - Extended choir		10am - Mah Jongg 11am - Uke Jam - 7pm - Poker		10:15am - LIFT 3pm - Buddhist Sangha
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:45am - Spirit Grove	10am - Needlework 6:30pm - Program Council 7pm - Needlework	6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir 7:30pm - Extended Choir		10am - Mah Jongg 10am - Needlework 5pm - chess group		3pm - Buddhist Sangha
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:45am - 60th bday 11:45am - 60th bday		10am - Needlework 10am - Needlework 7pm - NWG evening	6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir 7:30pm - Extended Choir	12pm - Guys Lunch 7pm - REI on Zoom	10am - Mah Jongg	10:30am Trans in Trumpland 3pm - Buddhist Sangha



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## MVUUUF 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 MVUUUF 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 MVVUF?

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.

## WE ARE:

ALL CONNECTED

STRONGER TOGETHER

LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

CALLED TO CREATE JUSTICE

RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE  
ANOTHER AND THE EARTH



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## Staff, Committee & BOT

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

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

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

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### MVUUF STANDING COMMITTEES AS OF 7/1/2025

Committee	Chair(s)
Aesthetics	Karen Olson
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Children, Youth & Family	Maria Bavier
Congregational Care	Barb Gilliland
Committee on Shared Ministry	Nikki Holm
Endowment	Jean Danko
Finance	Steve Danko
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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)

