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Embracing Possibility

Historically, when others saw depravity and sin at the core of human identity, our Unitarian and Universalist religious ancestors saw potential. When many were preaching that this world is fallen, they fell in love with the possibility of heaven on earth. Theologically, you might say we were the people who believed that God hadn't given up on us and so we shouldn't give up on each other or this world. Psychologically, it's led to us being a people of "why not?" Why not give people another chance? Why not fight what seems like a losing battle? Why not risk a little failure? Or forgiveness? Why not trust in the possibility of a new dawn?



So that's our religion. What about us personally? How open have you been recently to "Why not?" How's your faith in possibility doing? As we honor our religion's unwavering faith in what's possible, we need to acknowledge that trusting possibility isn't so easy for many of us. We all tell ourselves so many small stories about who we and others are. We all, at one time or another, have lived in tiny tales of what the world could be. Part of it has to do with real life defeats, but often a bigger part of it is about fear and protecting ourselves. There's comfort in convincing yourself that the effort is hopeless; that way you don't have to try and risk failure, hurt, or disappointment. All of which is to say that maybe embracing possibility has more to do with being able to embrace vulnerability and courage than we've thought. The work isn't just about believing in possibility. It's about being willing to endure a few wounds along the way. It can hurt to be hopeful.

If that's true, then it seems that the core question this month isn't simply "Are you ready to embrace possibility?" but "Who binds up your wounds and tends to your hurt when you risk possibility?" A whole host of clarifying questions spill out from there, such as: Whose faith can you lean on when yours grows dim? Have you placed yourself in the orbit of someone who consistently tells bigger stories than you? Have you found a friend or partner that sees more possibility in you than you do yourself? The thread woven through all these questions is, of course, the fundamental truth that no one makes it down the road of possibility alone. Perhaps that's the real secret: remembering that "Why not?" is something we all have to say and sing together. It's not a solo act. For "Why not?" to sink in—and better yet, take flight—it needs to be at least a duet. Of course a quartet is even better. And just imagine what we might pull off if we can gather a choir, all singing the tune of "Why not?!" at the top of our lungs!

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

April 5: We, Too, Rise Again with Rev. Diana McLean and Sarah Collins.



Unitarian Universalist congregations often have mixed feelings about Easter: some members have happy memories of celebrating it and want to continue, some find it theologically troubling, and some are in both of those categories. We will take a broader-than-Christianity approach to this season, focusing on what "resurrection" looks like in our individual and communal lives.

Music by Lark Lewis.

April 12: The Power and Possibility of Poetry with Rev. Diana McLean and Carla V. Ries.



Both reading and writing poetry can be spiritual practice, emotional nourishment, comfort, and more. This April is the 30th annual National Poetry Month, so let's take a Sunday to celebrate poetry! Stay for the Service Auction after the Sunday Service.

Music by Bob Aldrich.

April 19: Music Sunday



Our annual Music Sunday—a service dedicated entirely to music by the talented members of our community.

April 26: The Paths That Brought Us Here with Rev. Diana McLean and Rev. Shay MacKay.



Diana and Shay followed very different paths to Unitarian Universalist ministry, beginning with the fact that Shay was raised Catholic and Diana was raised Unitarian Universalist. They'll share their journey, and explore what this means about the stories each of us brings to our Unitarian Universalist identity.

Music by Lark Lewis.



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Letter from the Board Chair

Greetings,

At our Sunday service on Zoom on the snowy day, we shared ideas on how to “pay attention” or, live in the moment. Heather Warweg created a list of the ideas that were shared and I found it so helpful, I thought I would share it. Spring feels like the perfect time to use some of these ideas.

Places that have a labyrinth:

- Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Centennial Lakes in Edina
- Caponi Art Park in Eagan
- Como Park in St. Paul
- Metro State College outside of library
- Sheperd of the Lake Lutheran in Prior Lake
- This [Facebook group](#) appears to be dedicated to local labyrinth options

Meditation

- Winding River Sangha meets at MVUUF Saturdays at 3:00
- [Assisi Heights](#) in Rochester has classes and spaces
- [Charlston Meadows](#) Victoria MN (nonprofit offering retreats and forest bathing for those in helping professions)
- [Common Ground](#) ½ day retreats

Other resources:

- Forest Bathing - U of MN run: <https://arb.umn.edu/learn/shinrin-yoku>
- Wheel of Awareness - Kai Hummer shared this resource about the [Wheel of Awareness](#)

Dr. Siegel has written several books. His book *Aware: The Science and Practice of Presence--The Groundbreaking Meditation Practice* is his book that goes into depth about The Wheel Practice.

March had so many wonderful events happening at church and more are coming up. For anyone who is interested in learning more about how to get involved here at MVUUF, look for information about the Discovery Meeting hosted by the Nominating Committee.

See you at church!

Linda Hayen

Board Chair



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Communications & Administration

Happy April, my friends. A month filled with possibility—the possibility of spring, of rebirth and of the hopeful witnessing that what we planted last fall will survive the harsh winter and break through, pushing up through the hardened crust of the ground to reach the light. That possibility is alive in us as we are all seedlings pushing up through our own hardened crust to feel a new beginning.

It's poetry month and we need poetry more than ever. But there is no poetry without poets so even more, we need poets. And to hear poetry from the poets' mouths. That is possibility, too—a world where poetry matters, a world where being a poet matters. I've collected some links below of poets reading their work.

Please note these are not all easy poems. There may be swearing. There may be big emotions. They are as complicated as life itself. I hope you enjoy these words from poets.

[Dorianne Laux on what's broken](#)

[Patricia Smith on losing her father](#)

[Richard Blanco on DACA](#)

[Wendell Berry on how to be a poet](#)

[Ellen Bass on her dog](#)

[Joy Harjo on heartbreak](#)

[Andrea Gibson on maga hat in the chemo room](#)

Jeannie Piekos

Director of Communications and Administration

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Embracing Possibility

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?

- At what stage of life did you have the greatest sense of possibility?
- What have you learned about finding the possibilities that live on the other side of grief?
- We all tell ourselves, "One day I will..." What "One day I will" sentence has been with you the longest?
- What possible or un-lived life do you think about the most?



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Welcome to April! Our Soul Matters theme is **Embracing Possibility**.

In our Nursery|Preschool and Elementary Gatherings, we will be **Embracing the Possibilities**:

- that lie Beyond Grief and Loss (Easter, April 4)
- of Building a Better World (April 12)
- of Healing the Earth (Music Sunday! and Earth Day, April 19)
- in Each of Us (April 26)

One of the things I love most about this theme is how naturally it invites us to notice and celebrate our UU values and our connections to Easter and Earth Day. In our first session, we explore the UU value of Transformation as we reflect on the possibilities found in the Christian Easter story. In our third session, we celebrate Earth Day through the lens of our UU value of Interdependence. Finally, our fourth session leans into the fun of National Superhero Day as a way to recognize the possibilities that live within each of us.

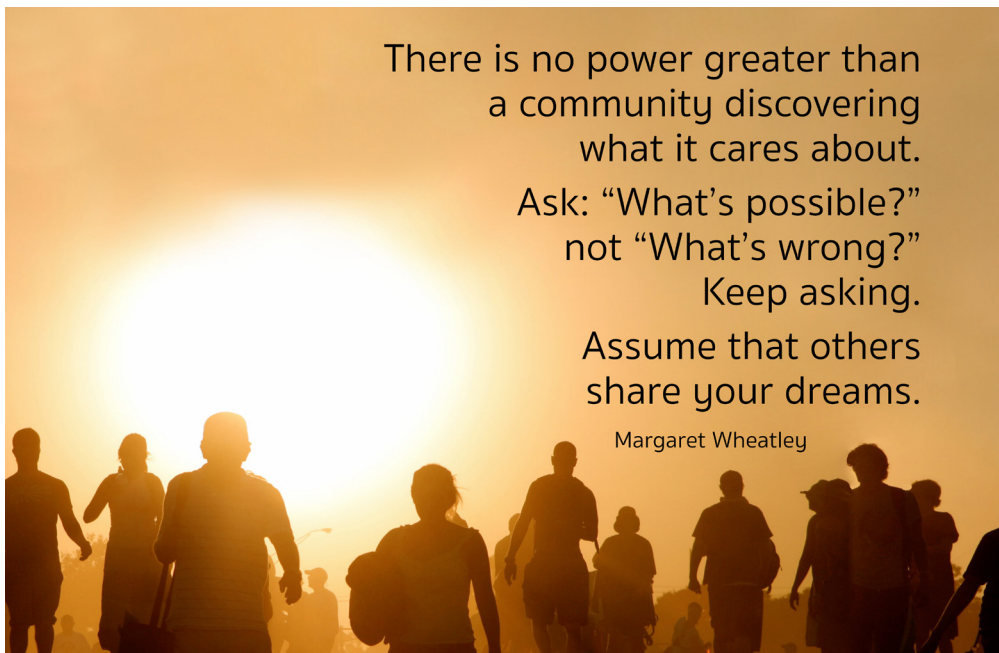
As always, thank you for the many ways you help birth the possibilities within the children in your care — empowering them with inspiring stories, celebrating their unique talents, and reinforcing the belief that a better world is attainable.

Maria Bavier

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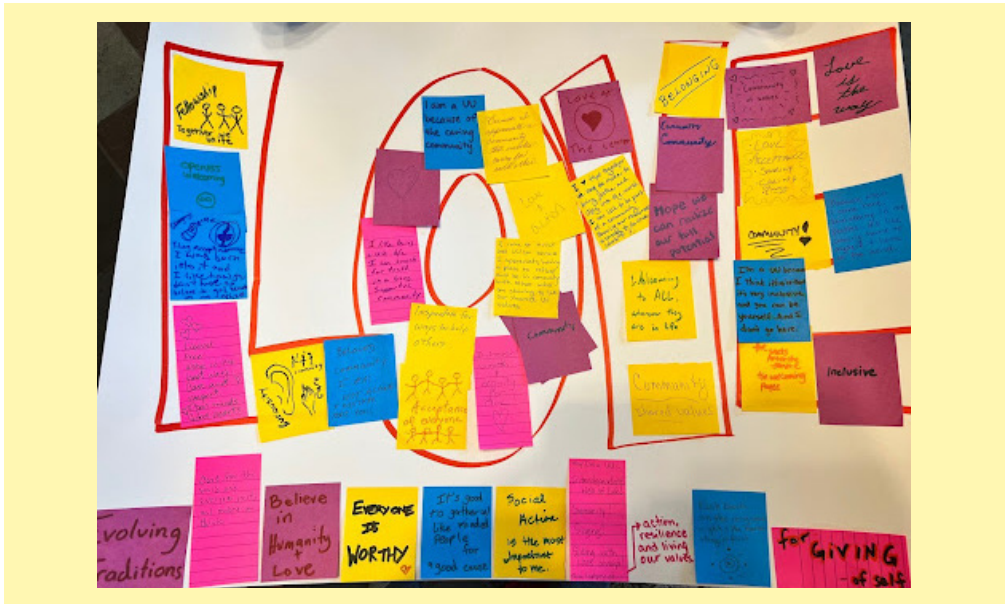
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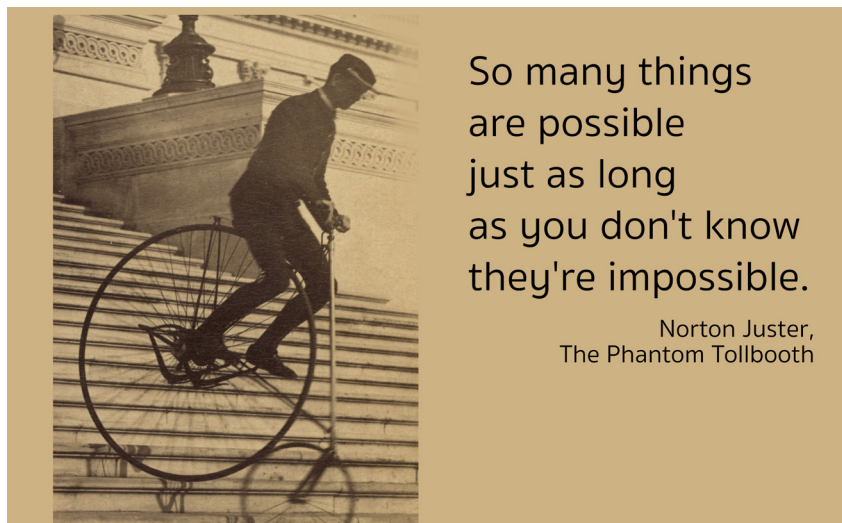


We all reflected together on why we are Unitarian Universalists. We wrote our ideas on post-it-notes and placed them on a poster in the shape of the word "LOVE." Some of my favorites are, "Forgiving of self" "Everyone is worthy" and "Belonging."

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 April 12 and 26
- Youth Group meets Wednesday, April 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m
- Special Events: OWL last workshop & celebration



So many things
are possible
just as long
as you don't know
they're impossible.

Norton Juster,
The Phantom Tollbooth



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Music at MVUUF

Be Part of Music Sunday on April 19!

Our annual Music Sunday is coming up—a beloved service devoted entirely to the power of music in our community. Whether you'd like to sing, play an instrument, offer an original piece, or share something meaningful from your musical life, we'd love to include you in the program.

To participate, please reach out to Nicole to get on the schedule.

If your piece requires accompaniment or rehearsal support, please also contact Lark Lewis to coordinate practice time.

Nicole is available to help any Music Sunday ensembles fine tune and rehearse on Wednesdays: April 1, 8, and 15, 5:15-6:15, if scheduled ahead of time. Contact Nicole if interested.

Let's make this year's Music Sunday a joyful celebration of the many gifts within our congregation.

[MVUUF Choir Calendar](#)

Nicole Collins
Director of Music Ministries
Email: Music@Mnvalleyuu.org
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Calling All Youth Singers!

All MVUUF youth are invited to join in singing the powerful protest song *This Is What Democracy Looks Like*, written by Elizabeth Alexander, as part of our upcoming Music Sunday service.

Rehearsals

Sundays, April 5 and April 12
11:45–12:30 • Sanctuary

Music Sunday

Sunday, April 19

We'd love to have a strong, joyful group of young voices lifting up this message together.



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Music at MVUUF

MUSIC SUNDAY!
SUNDAY, APRIL 19!
CONTACT NICOLE ASAP
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM
NICOLE@MNVALLEYUU.ORG



**SHARE YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS WITH
OUR COMMUNITY**



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MVUUF Events

Discovery Meeting April 2 6:30 PM

What are your interests in lay leadership at MVUUF?

Come learn more about leading volunteers and how you can contribute to MVUUF committees or to our Board of Trustees.

Current committee members and trustees will be on hand to answer your questions and share their experiences.

Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Please contact the office for Zoom link.

Stewardship

You can still pledge to the 2026-27 Stewardship Campaign.

It's not too late to make a pledge to our 2026-2027 Stewardship Campaign.

Did you know?

- Pledges make up the bulk of our budget.
- You don't need to be a member to pledge.
- Every pledge, no matter the size, is appreciated.
- Funds are still needed to meet our pledging goal of \$240,000.

We invite you to think about what the Fellowship means to you and show your support now. Please make your pledge today and keep our community vital. You can pledge [online](#) here.

Do you have questions about last year's pledge or need help with pledging? Jeannie can help! Please email her or call the office. jeannie@mvalleyuu.org or 952-884-8956.

Thank you for your generosity and for all the ways you support the MVUUF community.



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MVUUF Committees

Service Auction Sunday April 12

The MVUUF Service Auction will be held on April 12th immediately following the service until 12:45. The Service Auction is an important part of funding our yearly budget so we encourage your participation in both donating your gifts and purchasing your favorite offerings.

For our newer members and friends this is how the day works: After the service we offer a light lunch (free will donations accepted). Tables will be set up both upstairs and down with the silent auction bid sheets. Munch while bidding on dinners, food, tickets to plays and events, services offered and other good things. When you are done bidding you can leave, we usually close all bidding about an hour after the service ends. Your auction team will tally the winnings over the next few days and notify you of your winnings by email. You pay for and pick up your items the following Sunday. What remains unsold will be offered during the following week at fixed prices. If you can't make the silent auction in person, absentee bidding will be available.

Tickets go on sale on Sundays before and after the service starting March 29th. We ask for a \$10 admission price per family which covers our expenses for the auction. We'll also have raffle tickets on sale for \$2 each - buy plenty, they're cheaper when you buy more. The prize is 1/2 of the money collected from the sale of the raffle tickets. Look for more details in the Friday emails and at mnvalleyuu.org. If you have questions please ask. See you at the auction!

Jean Danko, Barb Becker, Lisa Herschberger, Maureen Murphy, Karen Olson, Leslie Swenson, Mary Tuttle



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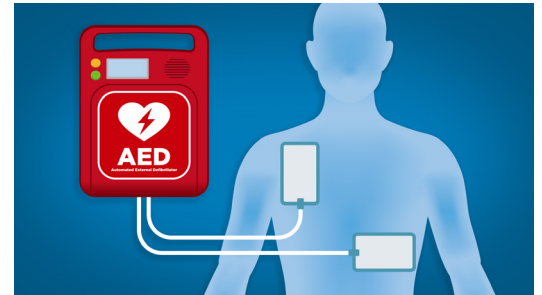
MVUUF Events

AED Training Offered

We would like as many people as possible to learn how to use our new AED device which could save a life.

Plan to stay after the service on Sunday, March 29th to learn.

We will meet in the Fireside Room at 11:40 for a short training and demonstration, led by David Olson and Linda Hayen.



Pastoral Community Gathering Space

2nd & 4th Thursdays 5:30pm



Join Rev. Diana and other members/friends for an opportunity to be together in a nurturing space of love and concern.



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Affinity Groups at MVUUF



Spirit Grove
of the
Twin Cities

IN-PERSON
2ND SUNDAY
AFTER
SERVICES

ONLINE
4TH SATURDAY
AT 6PM

Spirit Grove is a 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



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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SARJ - Social Action/Racial Justice



Please plan to attend three consecutive sessions about responding to the anti-trans movement. Light refreshments will be provided. You will leave with concrete action items to support our beloved members.

When: Saturday, April 11, 9 AM to noon

Where: MVUUF, upstairs

Session 1: Trans 101 (25 min)

This session covers what it means to think of gender as a spectrum rather than as a binary, some of the many different ways trans people experience and describe their identities, some important pitfalls to avoid in how you think about and talk about trans folks, and how embracing and celebrating gender diversity helps all of us get free.

Session 2: What You Need to Know About the Anti-Trans Movement (34 min)

This session provides an overview of the anti-trans political movement, where it came from, and some of the threats that trans people in the U.S. are currently facing, then offers facts to counter some of the worst misinformation that is a central part of the anti-trans movement's tactics to erode public support for trans people.

Session 3: How to Ensure Your Congregation Is Truly Trans Welcoming (35 min)

This session covers both basic and deeper actions that are needed in order for UU congregations to uphold their commitment to be Welcoming Congregations and offer spaces of safety and belonging to trans people and our families in this moment, and what you can do to help.

Registration isn't required, but please contact the office if you'll need childcare.

MVUUF earns our Welcoming Congregation designation through ongoing events, discussions, and training, organized by SARJ.



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March Sunday Sharing Partner Camp UniStar



Camp UniStar is a non-profit, volunteer-managed camp for people of all ages, aligned with Unitarian Universalist values & principles. Families and individuals come seeking personal growth, community, friendship, and a deeper connection to nature.

Camp UniStar

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 the perfect place 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.

Learn more at <https://www.campunistar.org/>



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LIFT April 4 10:30

LIFT IS PLEASED TO PRESENT GREAT DECISIONS
AI and American National Security

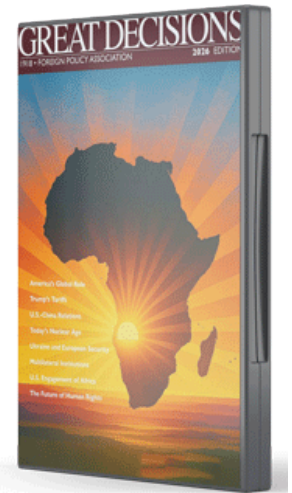
The AI revolution is the leading edge of a larger high-tech revolution which promises to transform the world. Experts argue that international cooperation is needed to expand the opportunities these new technologies hold while protecting societies from their dangers. What are the key policy debates in this area, and what are the opportunities and limits on global AI rules of the road? How will the AI revolution impact American national security? What are its policy options to secure the benefits of AI and guard against its dangers? Please join us for a video and discussion.

PRESENTED BY: LEARNING IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER (LIFT)

COME JOIN US

Time/Place: April 4 at 10:30am – 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall

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



Stay after for fellowship and community. Feel free to bring your lunch and eat with us.

Religion, Ethics & Ideas April 23 7 PM

What is Art?

Religion, Ethics and Ideas will meet on Zoom on April 23, 2026, at 7:00 PM. The topic will be What is Art?

As part of that discussion, I think we will touch on such things as the relationship between art and beauty. What makes someone an artist? Does art imply skill or talent? Why is modern art often ugly? Should the government ever subsidize art? Importance of art in Religion. Should government ever censor art? Should knowledge of who the artist is matter to our evaluation of their art? Is it important to know the gender, race or ethnicity of the artist in evaluating art? Should art or artists be “canceled” based on revelations about the past behavior. Should art be part of a core curriculum in schools...if so what artists or works should be part of the core? What is the relationship between “good” art and popular art? Why do some pieces of art obtain astronomical prices ... can it really be that good? All are invited to attend.

Questions contact John Peloquin.



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Evening Book Club

Use the last few snowy days of winter (or is it spring?) to read a book on our list and join us for a lively discussion. Our next few meetings will include the following book selections, alternating fiction and nonfiction, they are:

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 or text at 952-210-1372.

Second Thursday April 9

Our Modern Understanding of the Bible

Second Thursday will meet on Zoom on Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. David Breeden, whose talk is titled “How German ‘Higher Criticism’ Changed the Way People Think About the Bible.”

In the early-nineteenth century, German scholars began studying the Bible as a historical and literary text. Rather than relying solely on traditional interpretations, they examined the social setting in which the books were written and explored questions of authorship, sources, and original meaning. This movement, known as “Higher Criticism,” profoundly reshaped our modern understanding of the Bible.

Rev. Breeden is well qualified to speak on this topic. He is a poet and practical theologian, former Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Society in Minneapolis, and—most importantly to us—a former minister at MVUUF. He is also the author of several books.

All are warmly invited to attend.

For questions, please contact John Peloquin.



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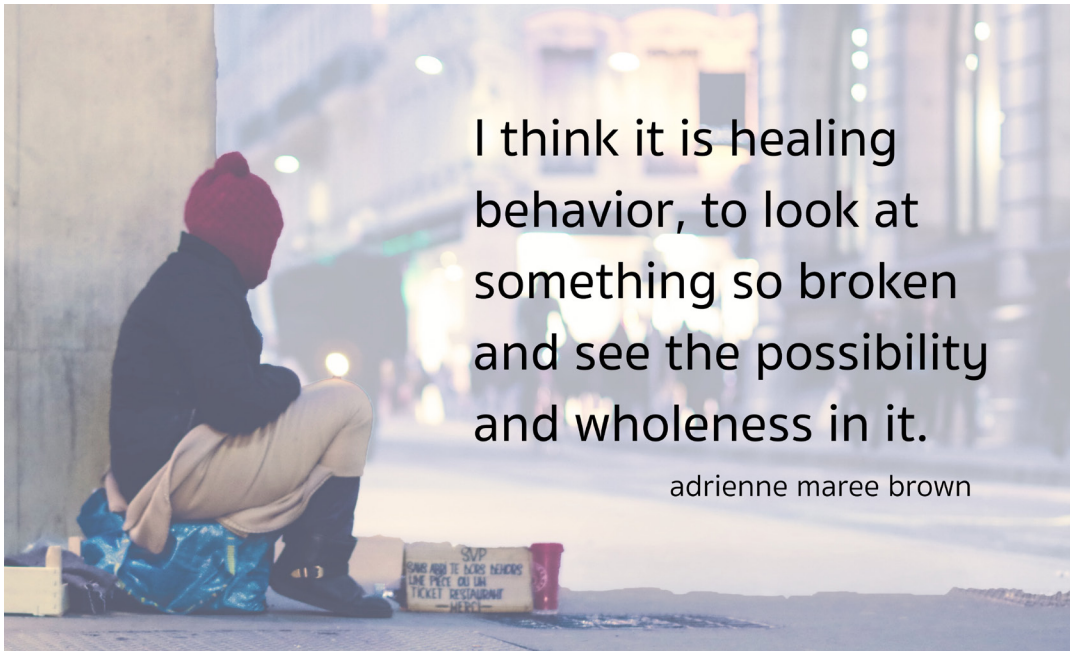
Like Games?

Mah Jongg

Fridays at 10am

Poker

1st Friday at 7pm



I think it is healing behavior, to look at something so broken and see the possibility and wholeness in it.

adrienne maree brown



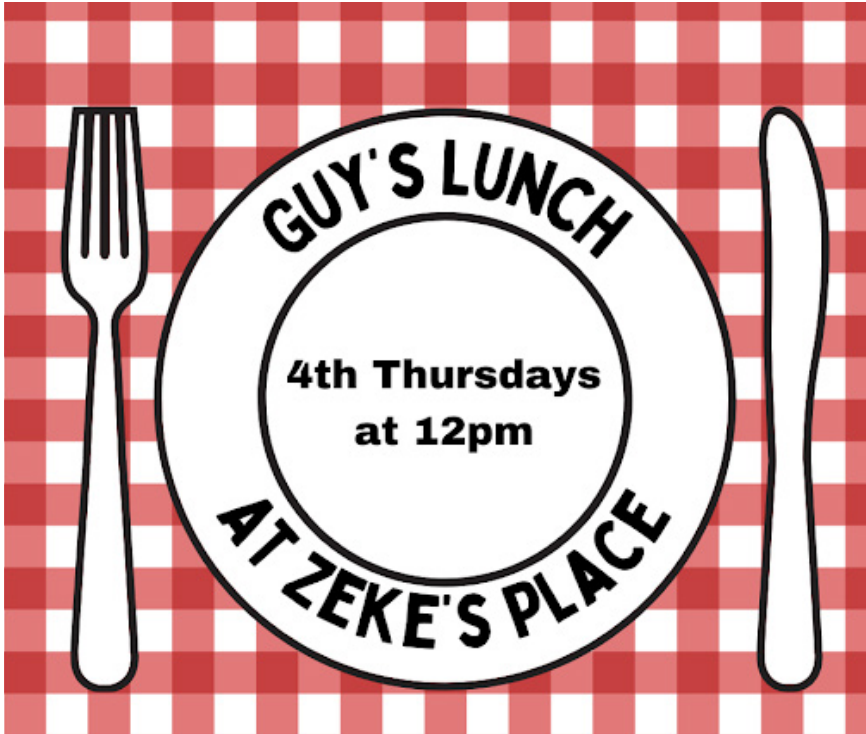
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Beyond Sunday Group

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



GUY'S LUNCH
4th Thursdays
at 12pm
AT ZEKE'S PLACE



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Helpful information

More to Recycle at MVUUF!

Do you think we are making a difference with Ridwell? Ridwell recently reported that together Ridwell clients have saved 40 million pounds of garbage from the landfills. They said that we on track to surpass more than 50 million pounds by the end of 2026. How much is 40 million pounds? If it were all plastic bags, you'd have 200 million of them—enough to circle the Earth 1.5 times. So yes, we are making a difference with Ridwell.



April pickups are the 8 and 22. Please have your recycling sorted properly by April 7 and 21.

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.

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.



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MVUUF Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10am - OWL Conf. 10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:45am - AED training	30	31 10am - Needlework 10am - Svc Auc Mtg	1 9:30am - Brass band 6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir 7:30pm - Trio	2	3 10am - Mah Jongg 11am - Uke Jam - 7pm - Poker	4 10:15am - LIFT 3pm - Buddhist Sangha
5 Easter 10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:45am - SARJ - 11:45am - Youth	6	7 10am - Svc Auc Mtg	8 9:30am - Brass band 6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir	9 5:30pm - Pastoral Care Group 7pm - Second Thursday	10 10am - Mah Jongg 10am - Needlework	11 9am - HOLD SARJ 10am - Set up 3pm - Buddhist Sangha
12 Service Auction 10am - OWL Conf. 10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:45am - Spirit 11:45am - Youth	13	14 10am - Needlework 6:30pm - BoT 7pm - Needlework	15 9:30am - Brass band 6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir 7:30pm - Trio	16 5:30pm - Cong Care 7pm - Evening Book	17 Needlework Annual 10am - Mah Jongg 11am - Uke Jam - 5pm - Chess Group -	18 Needlework Annual 10am - NWG - Come 3pm - Buddhist Sangha
19 10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:30am - Auction goods	20 2 pm - Soul Matters	21 10am - Needlework	22 9:30am - Brass band 6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir	23 12pm - Guys Lunch 5:30pm - Pastoral Care Grp 7pm - REI on Zoom	24 10am - Mah Jongg 5pm - venezulean dinner	25 3pm - Buddhist Sangha
26 10am - OWL Conf. 10:30am - Sun. Svc 12pm - COSM	27	28 10am - Needlework 7pm - NWG evening	29 9:30am - Brass band 6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir 7:30pm - Trio	30	1 10am - Mah Jongg 11am - Uke Jam -	2 10am - Gabe 10:15am - 1st Sat. 3pm - Buddhist Sangha 5:30pm - WiCoM



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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. Please see our website for more information. 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.

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

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 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

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Treasurer	Richard Duffin

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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
Music	Barb Becker
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Operations	Steve Danko
Safety	Anthony Dallozzi
Social Action Racial Justice	Liv Martin
Stewardship	
Technology	Richard Duffin

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