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MINNESOTA VALLEY UNITARIAN
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May: Awakening Curiosity

Unitarian Universalist minister Rev. Victoria Safford speaks of curiosity using the metaphor of perception and sight. She writes:

To see, simply to look and to see, is an ethical act and intentional choice; to see, with open eyes, is a spiritual practice and thus a risk, for it can open you to ways of knowing the world and loving it that will lead to inevitable consequences. The awakened [and curious] eye is a conscious eye, a willful eye, and brave, because to see things as they are, each in its own truth, will make you very vulnerable.

We rarely think of curiosity in terms of consequences, but I believe Rev. Safford has it right. There is a type of curiosity that is about enjoyment and adventure, and another that demands not just our attention, but our courage. It's not interested in entertaining us with the wonders of the world. Instead, it wants to enlist us in the work of the world.



Think of how we UUs talk about our experiences with curiosity. Those of us who did not grow up UU sometimes tell stories about peppering our Sunday School teachers with “Why?!” and “Who says?!”—and sometimes about how asking got us kicked out of Sunday School. Some of us don't just talk about being open-minded; we talk about how our open-mindedness caused tension with loved ones, or even led us to leave home and family. Recently, many of us have leaned into the hard work of being curious about our role in upholding institutional racism and structures of white supremacy, which is clearly about more than learning new and interesting things about ourselves.

As hard as these paths of curiosity can be, we are often grateful for them, which suggests that part of us doesn't want curiosity to just be fun or interesting. It wants curiosity to change us, to make us anew. It wants us to be altered, not just enriched.

Curiosity grounded in our Unitarian Universalist values of justice, equity, transformation, pluralism, interdependence, generosity, and love is more than being inquisitive for the fun of it. It drives us to constantly become more, for our sakes and for the sake of others. May we engage in that kind of curiosity!

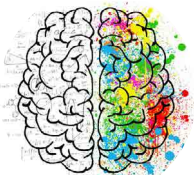
In gratitude,
Rev. Diana and Soul Matters Themed Ministry
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MVUUF is a liberal religious congregation guided by democratic principles whose mission is to engage members in a shared quest for spiritual and intellectual growth leading to lives of service, compassion, and justice

Sunday Services

May 3: Convergence on Neurodivergence: Coming Together to Understand Variations of Brain Function With Ian Ries and Carla V. Ries



What is neurodivergence? Why is this important? How do I become an ally? These - and more! - questions are answered during this service. Join Ian Ries, Carla Ries, and various congregants as we share both information and personal reflections from folks who are neurodiverse as well as those who love them. For those interested in further conversation on this topic, please, join a few of us in the Sanctuary following the service. Music by Nicole Collins.

May 10: The Activist Roots of Mother's Day With Rev. Diana McLean and Sarah Collins



Did you know that before Mother's Day was about cards, flowers, and brunch, it was about anti-war activism? Come learn the history of this holiday!

Music by Lark Lewis and the MVUUF Choir directed by Nicole Collins.

May 17: Milestones and Stepping Stones With Rev. Diana and Maria Bavier



From the small accomplishments to the big ones, this interactive worship service celebrates the milestones of all ages. What milestones are you celebrating this year? This Sunday we will awaken curiosity to a variety of spiritual practices including stepping stones, bubble breathing, and balloon balancing to take us from what we already know to something new.

May 24: Patriotism in a Time Such as This With Rev. Diana McLean and Greg Kirkwood



On this Memorial Day weekend, we will both honor those who have died in service to our nation, and contemplate what patriotism means in a time like the one we are in now.

Music by Lark Lewis.



Sunday Services

May 31: Hildegard of Bingen: A Greening Spirit for Our Time With Rev. Danée Ashley and Rev. Diana McLean



Many UUs have been inspired by the writings of 12th century German mystic and healer, Hildegard of Bingen. Join our featured guest, Episcopal priest and author, Rev. Danée Ashley for this Hildegard of Bingen-inspired service focused on holistic well-being and delight in your viriditas—greening spirit—rising!

The Rev. Danée Ashley is an Episcopal priest, Adlerian psychotherapist, international speaker, and voiceover actress in the Pacific Northwest. Danée uses art, music, drama, poetry, and movement in counseling, spiritual direction, and creation of ritual. She has written for various online publications, as well as being a contributor to podcasts, books, and producing a play about fertility struggle. Danée's book, *My Sap is Rising: A Pilgrimage of Holistic Mental Health Healing with Hildegard of Bingen and Alfred Adler* debuted in March 2026. When not reading, writing, or speaking about Hildegard, you may find her traveling with her husband, making sure their rescue dog is living his best life, dancing with wild abandon to Celtic music, and serious karaoke.

Learn more about Danée's work and purchase her book at www.danaeashley.com. For those of you attending the MVUUF service on May 31, choose "Local Delivery" when you purchase through my website and I will bring an autographed copy for you to the service.

Music by Nicole Collins, Kai Hummer, and Lark Lewis

Note: The annual congregational meeting will take place immediately after the service, followed by a luncheon.



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Letter from the Board Chair

Happy Spring,

As of this writing , we just finished two glorious Sunday mornings; the annual service auction and the annual Music Sunday. The auction was so much fun, with great food and so many different items to bid on! I was not able to attend Music Sunday but enjoyed watching the recording on Zoom. It is so uplifting to see all the people who were involved in both of these events.

In May, our big event is our **Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, May 31**, a bit later than usual this year. Please plan to attend this important meeting that will take place immediately after the service. We need to have a quorum of members to vote on important matters such as the budget and Bylaw changes.

There will also be a couple of pre-meeting meetings to give you a chance to get answers to any questions you may have. Watch your Friday email for the dates and times of these meetings.

Also, as of this writing we still need volunteers to serve on the Board of Trustees and/or several committees for next year. If you have been thinking about this, now is the time to let us know! These leadership positions are vitally important for the continuation of our fellowship.

As always, you can reach out to us through the board email which is board@mnvalleyuu.org

And you are welcome to attend our meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Linda Hayen

Board Chair



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Communications & Administration

Hello Friends - Happy May!

It has been a whirlwind month, both at the office and in my personal life. I have a new grandkiddo due in September so it's been fun to imagine and plan for a new baby in my life again. This will be grandkid number 7. What abundance.

Spring is always a high-energy season here at MVUUF. After the holidays, we gear up for the Stewardship Campaign, roll right into the Service Auction, and—just as we catch our breath—it's time to plan the Annual Meeting.

MVUUF is a vital, welcoming community, but it is also a strategic organization that relies on the dedicated efforts of volunteers and staff. While it may occasionally appear to operate on its own, it is never effortless. Behind every meeting, service, and program are hours of coordination and care.

I am so grateful to the staff, the board, and our many volunteers who work tirelessly to nurture this space. If you are looking for ways to contribute, there are many ways to connect—some of which are highlighted in this very newsletter. You can also reach out to Rev. Diana or any staff member to find the right fit for your talents.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time and energy. You are what makes MVUUF more than just a place; you make it a community where everyone can find connection and belonging.

Be sure to walk through the garden. Becky has been working hard on cleaning up and tending to the plants and flowers that are popping up.

Jeannie Piekos
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Awakening Curiosity

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?

- Has being curious ever come at a cost for you?
- What is the greatest adventure that your curiosity took you on?
- When it comes to you worrying about the future or being curious about it, which one wins?
- Which were you taught was more important: the "expert mind" or the "beginner's mind"?



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Children, Youth & Family Ministry



Top: Children are practicing a play together complete with hats, tie-dye fashion glasses and costumes.

Bottom: The table is covered with building creations. The children and teacher are focused on what they are making. Our lesson that week was about exploring the possibility of building a better world one block at a time.



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Children, Youth & Family Ministry

We are diving into May's theme by exploring how curiosity can be a bridge to other worlds, to what isn't yet but could be—how curiosity can be the spark that nudges us to imagine new possibilities and connect with the world in ways we might not have considered before. Each Sunday will be about exploring how curiosity can be a bridge to more just world, a more diverse world, a more exciting world etc. I am particularly interested in the [UU Value Pluralism](#) (“We embrace our differences and commonalities with love, curiosity, & respect.”) and the work of UU director and screenwriter [Greta Gerwig](#), who said, “*I think religion has always been something that has occupied me as a person, and Unitarianism is the most complete expression of my multiple and, at times, contradictory thoughts about the spiritual life.*” The article linked here is before Gerwig directed the Barbie Movie, and Unitarian Universalism continues to influence her work.

May 10 is Mother’s Day. We’ll explore the broader, life-affirming ways that mothering can happen by honoring Mother Earth and the many caring and life-giving people in our lives. Get ready to introduce the child(ren) in your lives to the world of The Jetsons as we build a bridge to the future. We’ll lift up our UU Values Purpose Statement that calls us “to foster a life of curiosity” and lean into the UU belief that no one has the whole truth. It’s a wonderful reminder that we grow wiser when we stay curious and humbly learn from each other.

As we awaken curiosity with the kids this month by exploring these bridges to justice, diversity, excitement, and wisdom, I hope your curiosity is awakened, too!

I am exploring a cooking curriculum for our One Room School House style Children’s Programming over the summer. We will keep our favorite lessons from summers past, too!

Maria Bavier

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Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry

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[Link to register for CYF](#)

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 5/3 and 5/17
- Elementary Soul Matters Exploration meets 5/3
- One Room School House (Nursery-5th Grade) Meets 5/10, 5/24, and 5/31
- Youth Group meets 5/20 from 6:30-7:30
- Special Events: All-Ages Worship Service 5/17



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Music at MVUUF

A heartfelt **thank you** to every volunteer, performer, audience member, supporter, friend, and family member who helped make this year's Music Sunday such a beautiful success.

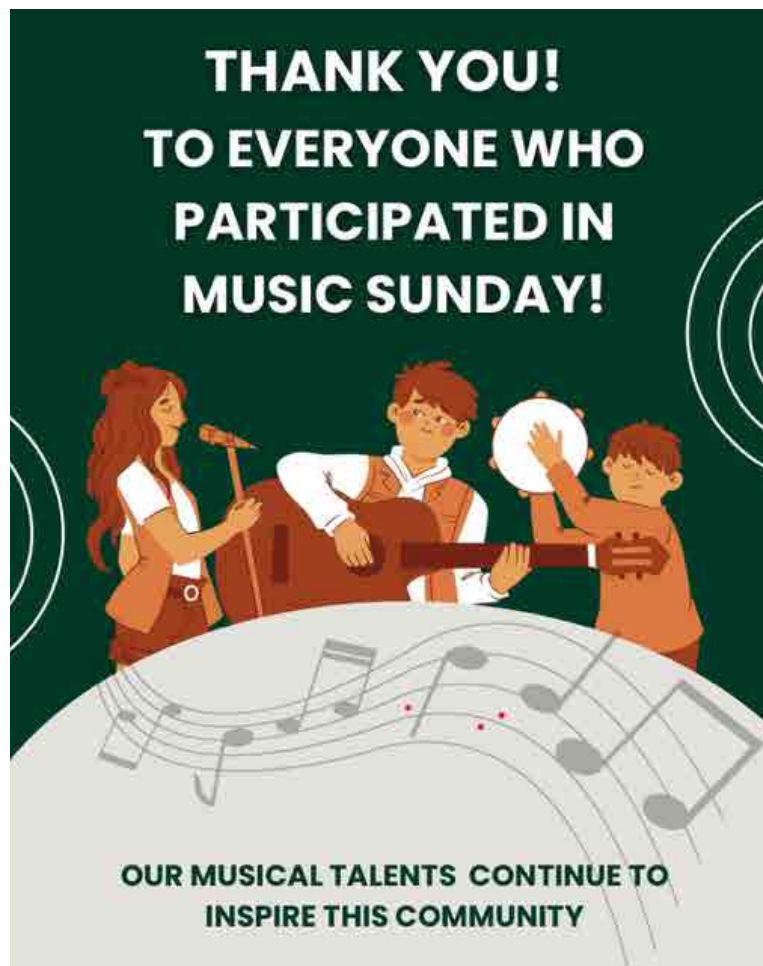
The talent in our community continues to inspire, and your presence—whether on the chancel or in the seats—helped bring a day filled with joy, courage, and connection. Music Sunday remains one of our most cherished traditions because of you.

[MVUUF Choir Calendar](#)

Nicole Collins

Director of Music Ministries

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MVUUF Events



Starting Point provides an orientation for those interested in learning about our Minnesota Valley UU Fellowship. It's open to all who've started attending and would like to learn a bit more about Unitarian Universalism, our congregation's history, opportunities to become more actively involved, and the process of becoming a member.

Meetings last about an hour and are held at 11:45 after Sunday services conclude. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Our next Starting Point meetings will be May 3 and May 17. May 3 will be led by Steve Vincent, our Membership coordinator. The May 15th meeting will be led by Rev. Diana.



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MVUUF Committees

Stewardship

We're at 82% of our goal but \$51,000 short. You can still help us balance the budget.

Meeting our budget means more than just funding operational expenses such as property insurance which doubled in the last two years. It means contributing to the education of our children and families, supporting our social justice work, and ensuring fair compensation and professional development of our staff.

The Board created a matching fund incentive for anyone able to increase their 2026/27 pledge. Board members have collectively raised their own pledge amounts by \$6,000! If the congregation gives \$6,000, it will get us \$12,000 nearer to our goal!

To join in the matching challenge please add to your pledge at this time or make a [one-time donation](#), if you'd prefer. You may reach out to Jeannie at office@mnvalleyuu.org or Richard at treasurer@mnvalleyuu.org. Any increase is welcome, whether it's \$20.00 or \$200.

Nominating

Leadership at MVUUF is evolving.

I'm Kelley Hughes, and I have served in various leadership positions in my 30+ years at MVUUF. This includes nursery school teacher, OWL co-facilitator (twice) and board chair. (And yes, teachers are leaders.) At present, I chair our Nominating Committee.

Leadership at MVUUF can be rewarding, growth-inspiring, and even transformative, whether you are a teacher, committee member, or on the Board of Trustees. I have evolved, and I have been transformed.

I have relied on the leaders who came before me for guidance when I've had questions. This tradition continues.

Our current leaders want and need to make room for fresh ideas. If your time and energy permit, please consider a role on our Endowment Committee, Nominating Committee or Board of Trustees. Contact any Nominating member which includes me, Barb Becker, MJ Dalozzi, Kathy Eager, or Tom Ehlinger. Or email us at nominations@mnvalleyuu.org.



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Art at MVUUF

We will have a new artist in our gallery space in May! The artist is Becky McPeek's daughter. It will be lovely to have her vibrant multi-media art enhancing our space.

Welcome, Elizabeth!

Watch for an artist reception to come.

Elizabeth McPeek Artist statement

Since spring 2024, I have been using acrylic paint on various-sized canvases and incorporating different textures of embroidery thread to create designs.

I explore color and texture influenced by nature and emotions.

When I am not working on new pieces, I work as a clinical social worker. When emotions can't be expressed through words, I find the use of color and texture to express the nuances and meaning has been very therapeutic for me. It has been exhilarating seeing what ideas sit in my heart and are expressed on canvas.



“The best spiritual instruction is when you wake up in the morning and say, ‘I wonder what’s going to happen today.’ And then carry that kind of curiosity through your life.”

– Pema Chödrön



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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 Dalozzi for more information at SpiritGroveTC@gmail.com

 **MINNESOTA VALLEY**
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
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Winding River Sangha

Saturdays at 3pm



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as a river
go as a
sangha



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Affinity Groups at MVUUF Winding River

Winding River's Weekly Meetings

In Buddhist practice we're encouraged not to take things for granted, to avoid the presumption of permanence and to hold in awareness the downsides of clinging to attachments of all sorts.

With this in mind, I'll simply note that our weekly meetings continue, always changing and evolving. At the moment Winding River's alive and well, offering the support and community the Buddha intended when he described sanghas as one of Buddhism's Three Jewels.

Speaking of Impermanence...Two Scheduling Conflicts in May

On the first and last weeks of May we will meet on Sunday rather than the usual Saturday. So, we'll meet **Sunday, May 3** rather than Saturday, May 2. We'll also meet **Sunday, May 31** rather than Saturday, May 30.

Consider this part of our larger dance with the larger Minnesota Valley UU community in order to enjoy the Sanctuary space year-round. On Saturday, May 2 there'll be a wedding and on May 30 a memorial service will be held for a former minister. The congregation is actively promoting Minnesota Valley as a site for weddings so we may well have more conflicts this summer. I'll send out emails when/if such arrangements are made.

A Dharma Book Group

I'd like to propose we offer an opportunity to discuss a well-regarded western Buddhist book outside of our Saturday sangha meetings. That is, that we discuss a book by an author like Pema Chodron, Tara Brach, or Jack Kornfield over several successive weeks, assigning 50-75 pages or so per week or every-other week. We'd do this perhaps three or four times a year.

The meetings would be held in a hybrid in-person/Zoom format; take place during the evening; and last about an hour. We'd begin with check-ins and a five-minute meditation, then have the discussion. I led several book discussions with this format at my previous sangha. They were always popular. Relative to our regular meetings, the gatherings were more casual; attracted a somewhat different crowd than usual; and served as a nice way to explore Buddhism beyond the realm of Thay and Plum Village.

Our first reading might be Sharon Salzberg's *Loving Kindness: The Revolutionary Art of Happiness*. It's an easy read that emphasizes the practice of metta, a form of meditation that directs positive affirmations to oneself and to others in one's life. We'd read the book in thirds, with each session covering sixty pages or so.

The book discussion would be open to the entire Minnesota Valley community.. **If you think you'd be interested (or know someone else who would), please let me know directly. If at least 3 or 4 others are interested, we'll proceed further.**



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SARJ - Social Action/Racial Justice

May Sunday Sharing Partner



Tubman helps people of all ages, gender identities, and cultural backgrounds who have experienced relationship violence, trafficking, homelessness, mental and chemical health challenges, and other trauma.



Check out this [link](#) from the UUA to The Woodlands, a monthly Trans and non- binary pastoral care space.



MVUUF Member Groups

LIFT

There will be no LIFT event in May.

Religion, Ethics & Ideas May 28 7 PM

Religion Ethics and Ideas will meet on Thursday May 28 at 7 PM on Zoom.

The topic will be *The Internet, Social Media and Free Speech*. Likely topics include:

- Should social media be held responsible for the content of things posted on their site (generally they are not under something called section 230)?
- Should social media be subject to libel and slander laws like the news media is?
- Should the government be allowed to pressure social media companies when it believes dangerous misinformation is being spread that could adversely affect public health (think COVID 19)?
- What constitutes hate speech?
- Is social media use harmful to children; if so, what can be done about it?
- Are AI chatbots covered under section 230 free speech protection?
- What constitutes truth; what is the difference between lies, misleading statements, exaggeration, and hyperbole?

If you have questions, please contact: John Peloquin

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86805048740?pwd=sAfwVz0bPq7Cpog2xcKSQuVwW3yqRj.1>

Second Thursday May 14

Second Thursday will meet on Thursday May 14 at 7 PM on Zoom. The speaker(s) and topic To Be Announced. Topic and Speaker will appear in a future Friday "What's Happening at MVUUF" from Jeannie.

Questions - contact John Peloquin.



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Evening Book Club

Spring is finally here. Bask in the sun with a good book. Read one of our selections and join us for a lively and interesting discussion. The next few books on our list, alternating fiction and nonfiction, include the following:

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.

Like Games?

Mah Jongg Fridays at 10am	Poker 1st Friday at 7pm
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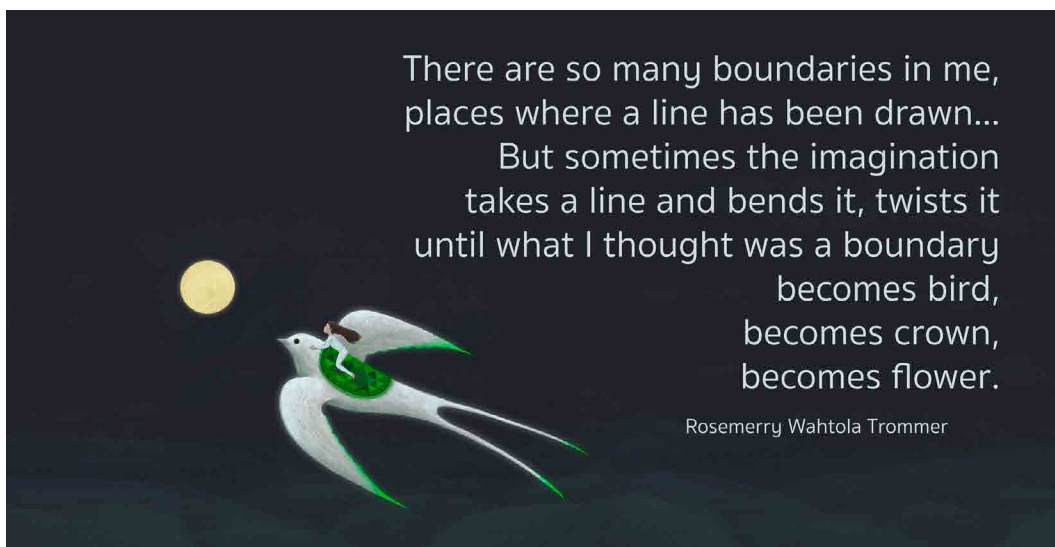
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Events of Interest




Many MVUUF members and friends perform with the Bloomington Chorale. You can catch their performances on Friday, May 15 at 7:30 PM and Saturday, May 16 at 4 PM.

More information and tickets can be found [here](#).



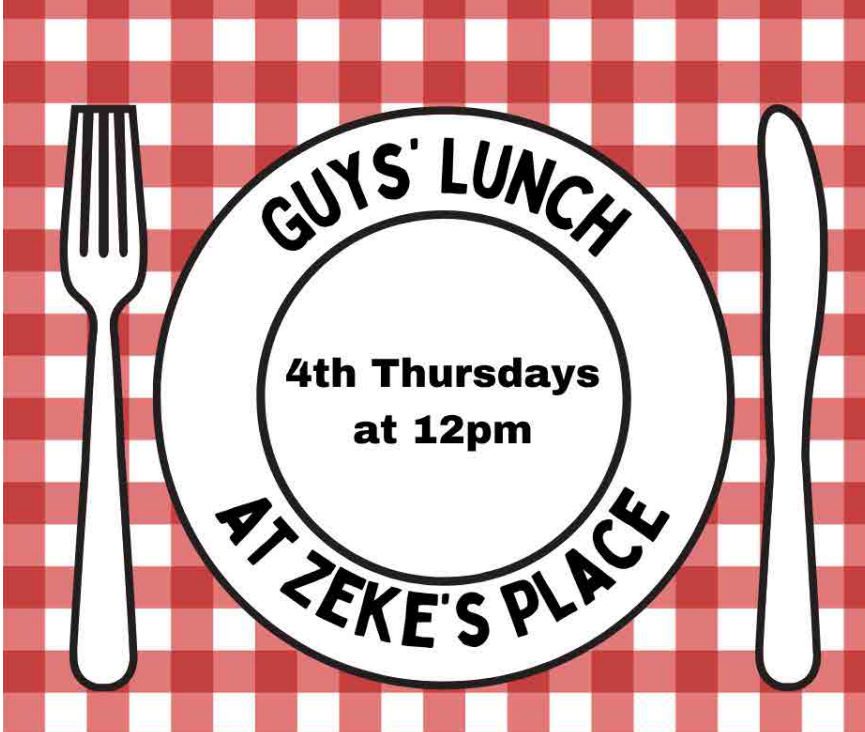
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MVUUF Member Groups



Beyond Sunday Group

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



GUYS' 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.



May pickups are the 6 and 20. Please have your recycling sorted properly by May 5 and 19.

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
26 10am - OWL Conf. 10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:30am - OWL 12pm - Committee	27 10:30am - Soul	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 5:30pm - WiCoM
3 10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:30am - Starting 11:45am - SARJ - 3pm - Buddhist Sangha	4	5	6 9:30am - Brass band 4pm - BUP mtg 6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir 7:30pm - Trio	7	8 10am - Mah Jongg 10am - Needlework 7pm - Poker	9 3pm - Buddhist Sangha
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24 10:30am - Sun. Svc 11:30am - Q&A BOT	25 10:30am - Soul Matter	26 10am - Needlework 7pm - NWG evening	27 9:30am - Brass band 6pm - MA Marijuana 6:30pm - Choir	28 12pm - Guys Lunch 7pm - REI on Zoom	29 10am - Mah Jongg 4pm - trivia game	30 Rev. Myron Andes Memorial
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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.

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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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Music	Barb Becker
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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

