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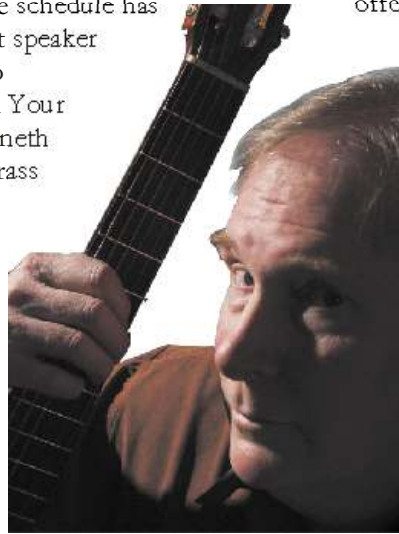
## HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING

The 2004-05 church year is upon us and there is no shortage of activities planned to kick it off. The first three weeks begin with the return of Adult Sunday School, the First Service Potluck, the second annual Family Campout and then, on October 2, Prairie Fest.

Plans for Prairie Fest are coming together wonderfully. Hundreds of color brochures are in circulation throughout the community and the schedule has been finalized. At 10:00 a.m., guest speaker John Rogner will present "Chicago Wilderness: World-Class Nature in Your Backyard." At 11:15 a.m., Dr. Kenneth Robertson will present "The Tallgrass Prairie: Origins, Ecology, People."

The outdoor music stage then opens up with performances by local folk musicians Jill Dawson (at noon), Peg Lehman (1:00), David and Jennifer Briggs (2:00), Patti Ecker (3:00), and all the way from Massachusetts, Jim Scott will headline the Fest at 4:00.

These wonderful musicians will be performing (weather permitting) on an amplified hay



*Jim Scott, Prairie Fest performer*

wagon located on the west side of our property, overlooking our beautiful prairie.

We also will be offering

continuous children's activities, delicious food from Lynn's Garden Deli, historical reenactments, craft vendors, several informational booths (including Edythe Nagler's research project displaying our property's composition, the Sierra Club, the National Wildlife Federation, McHenry County Defenders, the Kane County Forest Preserve District and Friends of the Fox), and labyrinth walks.

We anticipate a great crowd at Prairie Fest, and we could use a lot of help in making it a success. For more information, contact Linda Porter or visit [www.uuce.org/prairiefest](http://www.uuce.org/prairiefest). It's an exciting time to be part of the UUCE!



## ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The Family Activities Committee is planning our second annual UUCE Family Campout on September 25-26 at Buffalo Park Forest Preserve. Several families enjoyed this event last year and we hope to make it bigger and better this year! We will meet at the campsite Saturday afternoon (as your schedule permits), fish, canoe, explore, play games, share a campfire dinner, and camp overnight. In the morning we will have breakfast, pack up and attend church at 10:45.

Buffalo Park has 54 campsites suitable for tents or campers. It is equipped with bathroom facilities. It is located on the Fox River with easy access off of Route 31 in Algonquin. Bring your gear and join us for fun, food, songs, stories and adventure. Many members have extra camping supplies, so please don't let lack of equipment deter you. A sign-up sheet



will be at the church. Contact Debbie or Eric Prebys.

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## From the Minister

In this culture the New Year is celebrated on the first of January. Islam celebrates the New Year around February, and the Jews in early fall. Many of our ancestors celebrated the New Year around the spring equinox.

For this church community there is a sense that our New Year begins the first Sunday after Labor Day when our “regular” schedule of services resumes. Like all New Year’s observances, it is a time to look forward with vision, hope and planning. The potential is always great. We can bring more meaning, joy, and justice to our lives and the world through our companionship. How much will depend on the depth of our compassion, our courage, and our commitment.

It happens through the small passing everyday acts of caring, the larger acts of organized action, and everything in between. It all matters.

Let us begin this New Year committed to being instruments of love, truth, and justice. Let us worship those ideals in our actions and words.

Remember what is important.



Rev. Dan Brosier

### CARE TEAM

The beginning of the new church year seems like a good time to remind members and friends of the congregation of some of the services offered by the UUCE Care Team.

The Care Team attempts to coordinate efforts to provide support and assistance (such as meals and transportation) in times of need such as illness, surgery, or bereavement. (It does not provide counseling or direct financial support but can furnish resources for referrals.)

Through the Team’s medical equipment loan program, members and friends of UUCE can borrow wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, raised toilet seats, bedside commodes, benches for tub or shower, shower wand, waterproof cast cover, dressing aids, and monitors for blood pressure, pulse, or blood sugar. To borrow equipment, contact Alice Macy or Shirley Wolin.

As an outgrowth of the “End-of-Life Decisions” workshop presented last November, the Care Team offers members the opportunity to place on file at the church a “Personal Affairs Worksheet” which includes emergency contact information, the location of important papers, burial or cremation arrangements, funeral or memorial service plans, etc.

Because of the wide geographic area represented in our church, the congregation has been divided into five Neighborhood Care Groups, each with a neighborhood coordinator. Those coordinators are Kathy Hislip, Esther Hermann, Bob Jackson, Helen Maxwell, and Bonnie Schwank. Other members of the Care Team are Linda Porter, Alice Macy, and Shirley Wolin, chair. Please feel free to contact any member of the Team for assistance.

### TENDING OUR COMMUNITY

What I learned on my summer un-vacation:

#### 1) Jackie Van De Warker is a priceless gift.

Jackie, as office manager, is responsible for keeping our office running throughout the year. It has been my pleasure to sit in for Jackie this summer while she recuperated from surgery and follow-up treatments. I am delighted to announce that she returned to work on August 18. She has resumed doing all the valuable tasks she does for our church every week. From making nametags to overseeing church rentals, she makes sure things happen smoothly—in short she makes it all look easy. I know I will appreciate her twice as much now and hope you will let her know how much you appreciate her as well. After all, she volunteers her time to do this important work.

#### 2) The heartbeat of our church is its volunteers.

It has amazed me this summer—the number of people who are in and out of the church everyday. They are doing the work that has to happen behind the scenes to keep the church going. For example, as I worked I also watched: Norm Wilkinson changing light bulbs routinely and mowing the grass along the road every week; Jim Burnidge walking around with his watering can checking on the plants; Kathy Underwood carrying out the recycling and garbage cans; Margot Cusimano bringing in soap and re-filling the dispensers in the bathrooms; Mary Alice Masonick hacking away at weeds; Mila Brinker adding her magic touch to the church aesthetics; Bob Bedard and the Youth Group mulching the labyrinth and staining the building to raise money for their summer camp experience; the mowers spending four to five hours each week mowing the grass; and Alice Macy, Betsy Waldron, and Pat Pecho keeping up with our church finances. This is all in addition to the Rummage Sale, Sunday Services, committee/team/task force meetings, and work parties that continue throughout the summer. I, for one, will never look at summer as a lazy time for our church again. For all who helped out, thank you, thank you, thank you.

#### 3) UUCE is a good place to call church.

Every time I drove up to the church building this summer I felt glad to be there. Many of the places I have gone to daily in my career and my life wear thin after a while, but this church community is different. It is a vibrant, lively place to go for work, play and spiritual nurturing. If you have not yet found a way to become a part of this church’s life then I invite you this year to volunteer, join a group, take a class, get involved. There will be many new activities starting this year. Give me a call if you want more information—847-658-1704.

Linda Porter

Community Development and Growth Coordinator

# UUCE Calendar September

# 2004



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00p Covenant Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00p I.L. Covenant Group -O	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 12:00p RE Council 2:00p RE Teacher Training -203
<b>12</b> 9:00a Unichords 9:30a Worship Com. -102 12:00p First Service Potluck 1:30p Prairie Buddha	<b>13</b> 7:00p Finance Com. -FH	<b>14</b> 7:00p Covenant Group -O	<b>15</b> 6:45p Barn Bells 1 7:00p Board of Trustees 7:15p Barn Bells 2	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:00p District Board Mtg (Rental)	<b>18</b> 9:00a District Board Mtg (Rental)
<b>19</b> 9:00a Committee Chair Training 12:30p I.L. Covenant Group  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11:30a Care Team	<b>22</b> 6:45p Barn Bells 1 7:15p Barn Bells 2	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00p Book Group -O	<b>25</b> 9:00a Quilting 6:00p UUCE Family Campout -O
<b>26</b> 9:00a Unichords 12:30p Green Sanctuary 1:30p Prairie Buddha	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00p Covenant Group -O	<b>29</b> 6:45p Barn Bells 1 7:15p Barn Bells 2	<b>30</b>		<i>Prairie Fest</i>

FH - Fellowship Hall

S - Sanctuary

O - Off Property

L - Library

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## Month of Sundays

### September

#### 12 Ingathering

The New Year has begun. At this, the first service of the new church year, we sing, tell our stories, and remind ourselves what we are all about. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

#### 19 Simply UUs

A celebration of who we are as a religion and a religious people. We have much to share with the world and be proud of. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier

#### 26 How to Raise a Non-Racist Child

Racism is still one of the biggest sources of violence in this nation. In many ways it is a subtle and quiet violence, a violence unseen by many light-skinned Americans, but one that continues to grind up people's lives. In this service we look at what we might do. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

### CIRCLE SUPPERS

From October through April (less December), members and friends meet once a month in groups of six to eight for an evening of shared (bring a dish) dinner and conversation. The plan is to share each dinner with different couples and singles. We alternate hosting. Participants can be 'regular' or 'alternate.' An alternate is invited if a regular is not available.

Our goal this season is to have at least 24 hosting units. A hosting unit is a single person or a couple serving as host once (or more) each season. The plan is to meet in October, November, January, February, March and April. Some may choose to extend into May! In the past the dinners have been planned for the third Saturday, but that is NOT in concrete, so please sign up regardless of other plans or commitments you may have. Hosts and guests are, after all, flexible UUs!

Sign up on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall, or call Bonnie or Dennis Schwank.

You'll be late for dinner if we do not hear from you by 6:00 p.m., Sunday, September 26. We will send you the 2004-2005 Circle Supper schedule via email—or snail mail, if you are among the unenslaved few who remain PC-less.

The first Circle Supper is 'tentatively' October 16, or thenabouts, depending on what the host(s) and guests work out.

### OUR CHILDREN

Childcare on Sunday mornings resumes September 12 at 9:00am with Ms. Debbie and Ms. Sharon providing their services in nurturing and guiding our children. For those of you who had children in the childcare program last year, you know the quality of care provided by Ms. Debbie and Ms. Sharon. Activities, stories, music, movement and play are in the curriculum each week. Sharon and Debbie bring a wealth of experience and expertise in childcare, and we are indeed fortunate in having found these two wonderful, caring people to be with our children from 9:00am-1:00pm on Sundays. Registration forms, nametags, and the sign-in book can be found on the table outside the nursery door. We ask that you fill out a registration form for each child using the childcare facility at any time during the Sunday morning period. We will be using the sign-in/sign-out book again this year. Nametags will also be available for the children.

Last year we were fortunate in having some start-up childcare monies available, but the story is different this time around. We have an amazing opportunity to demonstrate to our children how important they are to us as a church community. A childcare fund has been established to finance our childcare obligations, and we can begin contributing immediately. In fact, we can double the impact of our dollars, because for every dollar contributed to the fund a matching dollar will be added, up to \$2,000. That would give us \$4,000 for the first \$2,000 we give. We need at least \$6,500 to keep the Sunday morning childcare in place, and we are thinking even bigger thoughts about our childcare needs.

We are looking at funding the same quality of childcare to be offered on Wednesday nights. Wouldn't it be nice if we could gather to share a meal and then move on to taking care of church business, or practicing bells, or meeting with our covenant groups, or taking part in workshops, and while we're involved in those activities our children would be having their own programs? We're thinking BIG here. This really is an opportunity for all of us, whether we have children in the program or not, to contribute to a new idea. Marion Wright Edleman once stated the we must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee. This is a small daily difference we can make and with all of us doing our part what a wonderful BIG difference will take place. This will be an ongoing fund, so we can continue to contribute in large or small amounts throughout the year. All we have to do is write childcare fund on the memo portion of our checks or on the envelope if cash is given.

One last thought on providing professional childcare for our children—actions always speak louder than words. We can say something a million times, but when we actually take action, it becomes the truth. And the truth of the matter is we not only spoke volumes when we began providing for the care of the youngest members of our congregation, we walked our talk. Let's continue that walk in funding Sunday morning childcare and looking to the future with BIG ideas for Wednesday nights.

## Announcements

### CIRCLE OF LIFE

We are saddened by the news of the death of Margot Cusimano's mother. After a prolonged illness, she died in her sleep. We are also saddened by the news of the death of Ruth Gnuechtel's mother.

### BOOK GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the members of the Book Group at any of their upcoming meetings, which begin at 7:00 p.m.

September 24 - "Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight" by Alexandra Fuller. At the home of Denise Benson.

October 22 - "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon.

At the home of Margot Cusimano.

November 19 - "Three Junes" by Julia Glass.

At the home of Jackie Van De Warker.

### SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

Did you know that our fourth principle—"a free and responsible search for truth and meaning"—entails drawing from the wisdom of the world's religions to inspire us in our ethical and spiritual lives? Well, it's true. And to make it easier for you to do so, starting Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m., the Adult Sunday School will begin its 04-05 year studying World Religions. Join us on the third floor and become part of the search for truth and meaning. There is child care available if you need it. See you there!

### OUR VACATION IS OVER

It's again time to start bringing in your donations for the All Peoples Inter-Faith Pantry on September 12. The pantry staff indicated a need for diapers, juice, applesauce, and Jell-O. Please deposit your donations in the blue "pantry" bin in our Fellowship Hall.

### LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS WORK PARTY

The final Landscape and Grounds Work Party will be on September 18 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We need a good group to get the church grounds looking good for the Prairie Fest. Bring weeders, clippers and sturdy work gloves if you have them available. We will also supply work tools for those who need them. Contact Linda or Jim Porter.

### BACK TO CHURCH POTLUCK

Sunday, September 12 is our first Sunday back at church for the fall season. It will also see the return of our annual Back to Church Potluck. Bring a dish to share and join us.

We are trying to keep the potluck simple this year to cut down on the work. We will use up our current paper plate supply. In addition, everyone is responsible for ensuring that the container for their potluck dish goes home with them for washing or disposal. In this way, we hope to minimize clean-up time and allow the potluck organizers to participate in the fun.

### Kudos to:

**Janeen Vanko, Kathy Underwood, Jim Porter, Norm Wilkinson, Mary Alice Masonick, Carol and Sherm Ovelmen** for being our garden caretakers; **Paul Anderson, Tim Davis, Mitch Kremer, Joe Masonick, Jim Porter, Todd Underwood, and Norm Wilkinson** for continuing to mow our church grounds; all those who helped clean the church on August 21; **Kathy and Dan Hislip** for coordinating the clean-up; **The Worship Committee - Karen Olesch-Williams, Susan Anderson, Susan Stafford, Elise Wall** for leading the Summer Services; **Paul Anderson and Lee Anderson** for playing the piano this summer; **Lydia Larrabee, Kim Cecil and Linda Porter** for leading the Board Retreat; **Todd Underwood** for creating the beautiful posters and brochures for Prairie Fest; **Bob Bedard and crew** for completing the staining of the outside of the building.



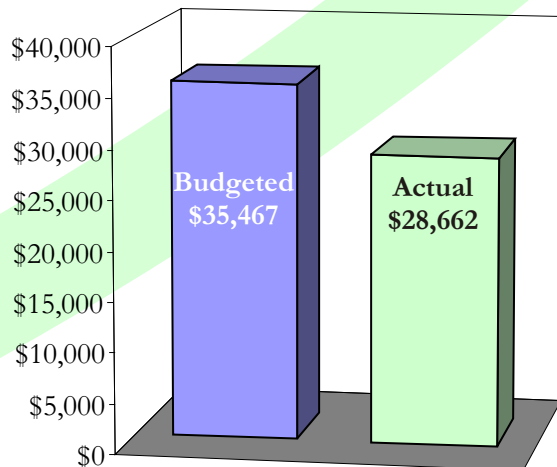
### WISHLIST

A large wheelchair with leg rests and brakes to be kept at the church.

### COMMITTEE CHAIR TRAINING

Any new or existing committee chairs are invited to attend a workshop to strengthen leadership skills and to gather insights from each other in regards to leading meetings and achieving goals. Please plan to attend at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 19. A continental breakfast will be provided. Questions? Call Laurie Kiesewetter or Joe Masonick.

Member Pledges—Year to Date



The 2004-2005 budget calls for \$106,400 in pledges; four months' worth of this figure is \$35,467. Questions? Contact your treasurer, Alice Macy, at [treasurer@uuce.org](mailto:treasurer@uuce.org).

# Religious Education



Kathy Underwood, DRE

Welcome Back! I hope you enjoyed the summer. Now things are settling back into a routine—kids off to school, regular work hours begun. I still try to recapture the summer feel every so often in the fall by sitting out in the sun on a cool day, reading a book or taking a cat nap. It feels so luxurious!

The Religious Education Council and I have continued to work over the summer, although at a more relaxed pace. Our teachers are in place, the classrooms are cleaned, new supplies brought in, goals set for the year. We're ready to roll!

Our focus this year for our classes, except for preschool, is Judeo-Christian heritage. Our goal is to help our children and youth learn about the Jewish faith, as well as many of the Christian faiths that they may encounter through their friends and extended family.

The preschool class will be using the curriculum "Chalice Children". In the K-2nd grade class, we will be using two curricula: "Special Times" and "Stories About God". In the 3rd-5th class, the curriculum will be "Bible Stories". For the 6th-8th class, we will be using "Neighboring Faiths", which is a new curriculum for us here at UUCE. The high school class will be starting with "Conversations with the Bible", which is an adult curriculum I am tweaking a bit for them.

Registration will begin on September 12, and continue through the month. It is important that you register your child(ren), so that we have updated contact and medical information. A prospectus will be provided at that time. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or bring concerns.

We have a few events planned, too. On September 25, the classes will be helping with special projects for the Prairie Fest. In October, we will be going on our annual nature hike at Burnidge Woods. We will also finish collecting any prairie seeds remaining after the events at Prairie Fest.

We have placed all of the steppingstones in the pathway to the playground, so be sure to look at them. The landscapers will be spreading dirt and grass seed sometime soon, so please try not to walk on it until the grass grows in. It will look wonderful next spring when the grass fills in!

We have been notified that Susan Stafford and Charles Landauer are moving to St. Louis with their children, Megan and Ben, soon. We wish them well, and know that there's a UU home for them there, too.

I'm looking forward to another year of challenges, fun, hard work, and joy!

Kathy

## GREEN CORNER

Imagine being part of a food system where you can feed your soul as well as your body! Let's get together for a cup of coffee and reflect on the possibilities.

Coffee is big business. A heavily-traded commodity (similar to oil, gold or pork bellies), coffee is the second largest source of foreign exchange for the Developing World. Potentially 70% of the coffee we drink still comes from small, isolated coffee farmers, using traditional methods. Yet historically the coffee trade has been characterized by the increased concentration of wealth, resources and power. While coffee is a shade crop, the development of new full-sun hybrid coffees has led to clear-cutting for enormous chemical-intensive coffee plantations. The impact is negative for both the traditional farmer and the natural eco-system.

Fortunately, because coffee is such a vital commodity, there is hope for a better alternative. Equal Exchange, a worker-owned Fair Trade Organization, is committed "to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relations between farmers and consumers, and to demonstrate through [their] success the viability of worker-owned cooperatives and fair trade." The UU Service Committee Coffee Project is a partnership between Equal Exchange and UUSC that both supports this mission and enhances UUSC projects around the world.

The Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Committees of UUCE have pooled their resources to purchase from Equal Exchange a variety of organic, shade-grown, fair trade coffees by the case. This coffee, (plus teas and cocoa) will be available for purchase to members and friends of UUCE throughout the church year. Starting September 12, watch for sales during coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee comes whole bean or ground, regular or decaffeinated, and in a variety of flavorful roasts. After surveying local grocery and specialty stores, we are confident that you will not find such high-quality, organic, shade-grown, fair trade coffee at lower prices anywhere. And while you drink your coffee, you can savor not only the aroma and flavor of a fine brew, but the knowledge that you are honoring several of our seven principles.

*UUCE Green Sanctuary Committee*



## Who Am I?

This famous UU was born in New York in the year 1800 and rose from the frontier to the White House to become the 13th president of the United States of America.

*(Answer will appear in the next Unichord)  
July/August's Who Am I was Abigail Adams.*

## Co-Presidents' Report

We're back! And we'd like to welcome each of you back also. Hopefully, y'all (a handy Southern word which indicates a plural you) had a wonderful summer hiatus with opportunities to travel or get some much needed and well deserved rest and relaxation. We are excited about seeing everyone again and catching up on how you spent the summer. No, there will not be an essay on "How I Spent My Summer Vacation," but we do hope you are returning refreshed and ready to start our new church year. The theme of this message is reunion.

We, as a church community, are getting back together. With the abbreviated schedule of worship and meetings over the summer, many of us haven't seen each other for a couple of months. We are looking forward to plugging back into the goings-on in your lives and hearing everyone's summer stories. Plus, this will give us a new audience to hear our tales of misadventures and baseball stadiums.

We are reuniting with high expectations for meeting new and exciting challenges and taking advantage of some spectacular opportunities this year. By the time you read this, one challenge will have been met and conquered. Our facility was spruced up for the coming year, and we extend a big THANK YOU to all who joined in the cleaning on August 21. We know this is hard to believe, but it really was fun painting, sweeping, dusting, washing, moving, and rearranging with a group of cheerful workers. The church building and grounds look great.

It probably depends on your perspective whether the activity is a challenge or an opportunity, but here's what we have going. New covenant groups need your participation. There are social action issues to be explored and teaching positions to be filled. The adult religious education class is looking for your voice to complete its circle in studying World Religions. You can quilt or join the book group or work on the environment. You can greet or make coffee or clean up after coffee hour. You can join in pulling weeds on the landscape and grounds work days, or the upcoming Prairie Fest offers many ways to be involved. You can join the Circle Suppers group or try one of the ethnic dining experiences. Whatever your interest, there is some activity or group waiting for you. And if there isn't one, ask and we'll find one for you.

Get ready, because on September 12 we gather to start up our new church year. Childcare resumes at 9:00 with Ms. Debbie and Ms. Sharon returning to provide a nurturing and fun program for our children. The adult religious education class begins at 9:30 a.m. on the newly cleaned third floor. Religious education for children and youth starts during the church hour. The potluck after the kickoff church service always provides great food and company. What a wonderful way to reunite after being away over the summer—food, fun and fellowship.

All that is needed is you. Come and join us. See you there!  
*Dan and Kathy*



*Dan and Kathy Hislip  
Board Co-Presidents*

## COMING OF AGE/BOSTON BOUND

The RE Council has been discussing a Coming of Age program for students in 6-8th grade. Coming of Age programs are rites of passage for youth as they transition from childhood into young adulthood within our UU community. Many UU churches have Coming of Age programs that serve to connect the youth to UU history, communities, and our principles. As a preliminary model we have some ideas that would include: adult mentors paired with students; discussions and retreats that emphasize self-awareness and confidence building; service to the church and community, and fundraising. The program would culminate with a trip to Boston, which would include a tour of the UUA, as well as other Boston sites important to UU's. This program would require parental support as well as overall church support. The RE Council will set up a meeting in October to meet with parents of 6th-8th graders to see if there is interest and commitment. Watch for more information.

## NOTE CARDS

A heartfelt thank you to Susan and Paul Anderson for their donation to the church's permanent art collection. Paul and Susan commissioned J. Eric Anderson, Paul's father, to do a watercolor of our Prairie Cathedral. His creation is lovely and is on display in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to stop by and take a look at our latest addition. Again, thank you to Susan and Paul and J. Eric Anderson for their contribution to our Art of the Soul gallery.

Notecards have been made from the Prairie Cathedral print and are on sale for \$5.00/six cards. The notecards will be available during coffee hour beginning September 12.

### Ways to Get in Touch

Church Office	847-888-0668
Web site	<a href="http://www.uuce.org">www.uuce.org</a>
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### **Board Co-Presidents**

Dan & Kathy Hislip

### **Newsletter Editor:**

Todd Underwood

### **Deadlines**

Order of Service	Thursday PM
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## September Birthdays

1 Stan Forrester	18 Brandi Thompson
2 Susan Stafford	19 Mackensie Freeman
2 Susan Anderson	22 Charles Landauer
4 Dave Briggs	22 Ann Kremer
6 Gail Tischke	23 Jim Porter
7 Janeen Vanko	26 Abigail Anderson
10 Andy Carey	28 Roslyn Tischke
10 Trent Sherrell	28 John Tischke
12 Anna Navadomskis	



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



*Norm Wilkinson reached for the sky as he helped spruce up the church at the All-Church Clean-Up on August 21.*

## **PRAIRIE FEST HELP NEEDED**

The first UUCE Prairie Fest will be held on October 2. It will include free live music, craft activities for kids, excellent speakers, booths, self guided tours and more. Beautiful brochures, created by Todd Underwood, are available in the church lobby for you to pick up and distribute. Also, we need lots of help before, during and after the festival. In particular, we need help with setting up for the festival on Friday and Saturday mornings, parking coordination, manning (or wo-manning) our church information, children's craft and food booths, security, and clean-up. Please consider signing up to help out on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall. Or contact Linda Porter.

## **SPONSOR A CHAIR IN OUR SANCTUARY**

We are offering our church members a unique opportunity. The church would like to purchase ten additional chairs for the church sanctuary. This will help ensure that we have adequate seats as we continue to grow over the next few years. Would you or your family be willing to sponsor a chair for the sanctuary? The cost of each chair is \$80.00. A small plaque with the message of your choice will be placed on the back of each donated chair. Please contact Linda Porter or Dan Brosier at the church, 847-888-0668, if you would like to help out.

## **HOW ABOUT A PRAIRIE FEST "BOUTIQUE?"**

In amongst the artisans and crafters at our October 2 Prairie Fest, we hope to have a space for "environmentally inspired" items that we can sell. Please look around your home for this kind of object to donate. Examples: books on gardening, ecology, etc.; art pertaining to same; planters and vases (no plastic please); garden sculpture and art; outdoor furniture & accessories; etc. Please, only things in saleable condition. Contact Helen Maxwell or Pat Pecho.