



## UUFM *BLASTS* FROM THE PAST Celebrating 70 Years as a Fellowship Tidbits from March Newsletters

### *Our children, Our first ministers, Our Banner*

#### **Prioritizing our Children:**

**1977:** On March 6, the Fellowship began providing child care (“babysitting”) for the first time during services. Providing child care during Sunday services, choir practices, and meetings has been a priority of our fellowship for a long time.

#### **1985:**

The first mention was made to include the children in the beginning part of the adults’ program each week. “In addition to our regular responsive reading, we will be using a reading on Unitarian-Universalism from the hymnal, intended as a statement for all ages of what we are all about. Also, we are going to try having a short story each week, hopefully something of interest to children of all ages.”



This has become a beloved tradition on Sunday mornings. Adults and children alike look forward to the ‘Children’s Story.’

#### **First joint minister with Hanska:**

#### **1990:**

3-11-90: The first joint ministerial candidate for the Hanska and Mankato UU congregations, Rev. Mary Kapper, was approved by both congregations on March 11, 1990. Rev. Kapper was our joint minister for only the 1990-91 church year.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:**

#### **2002:**

UUFM’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated on 2 Sundays with games, dinner, and sharing of stories and poems about the Fellowship, along with special music from Vicki and Steve Dunn.

#### **Rev. Lisa Friedman:**



March 7, 2004: “The Chance of a Lifetime” was the title of the first sermon Rev. Lisa Friedman gave in person to our congregation at 114 Pohl Road, Mankato. A luncheon was served after the service to allow people to visit with Rev. Lisa and her family.

2005: The Board approved having Rev. Lisa in the pulpit twice a month, up from once a month.

#### **Our Lovely Quilted UUFM Banner:**

**2010:** Mention was made of the talented group of people who collaborated to plan and create our new banner: Connie and Jim Rovney, Joan Christensen, Molly Smith, Sandra Walberg, Nancy Allan and Sam Heyman. This banner was unveiled at the UUA General Assembly in June of that year.

