

UUFM *BLASTS* FROM THE PAST Celebrating 70 Years as a Fellowship

Tidbits from May Newsletters

Guthrie Theater; Pohl Road; Ecology Crisis; Welcoming Congregation; New Minister; Marriage Equality



1961: Mrs. John B. Foster reported that on Sunday, May 7, there would be an offering for the Tyrone Guthrie Theater of Minneapolis. Contributions would be forwarded for the building of this new theater and would be an expression of the enthusiasm and interest that the junior members of the Fellowship have in this new undertaking.

1962: On May 6, 1962, the new building on 114 Pohl Road was formally dedicated.

1968: Thomas Gover, a faculty member in the chemistry department of GAC, will speak on “The Historical Basis for the Ecology Crisis.” Our congregation’s interest in the health of our earth began many years ago and is now led by our Green Sanctuary Team.

5-8-88: Our former location on Pohl Road was dedicated as a Peace Site-Nuclear Free Zone.



1988: An end-of-year picnic was announced to be held at ‘the Center.’ When did this wording for our meeting place change?

Summer 1989: First summer newsletter, listing activities from June through August, such as canoeing and camping outings, Summer Solstice Celebration, Pot lucks, and musical theater. This summer also was the beginning of a search for a new minister in partnership with Nora Church in Hanska.

2006: On Sunday, May 21, we voted unanimously , 42 to 0, to become an official Welcoming Congregation!

2012: Announcement was made that Rev. Laurie Bushbaum accepted our invitation to interview for our part-time minister position. Rev. Bushbaum served our congregation for two years from June 2012 through June 2014.

Also 2012: UUFMO4ME (UUFM Out 4 Marriage Equality): After unanimously supporting the resolution to defeat a proposed amendment to the MN constitution to be on the November 6, 2012 ballot, we committed to be a public voice in opposition this amendment by holding at least 1,300 conversations by the beginning of September. We added the names of those with whom we held these heart-to-heart conversations on talking bubble heart posters in our entry. The amendment, which was resoundingly defeated, stated: “Shall the MN constitution be amended to provide that: Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in MN.” We were the first state to defeat an amendment limiting who could marry! Minnesota strongly declared: “Love is Love!”