

Weekly Update copy

**Notes from the President:**

A few weeks ago, the MidAmerica Region of the UUA asked all its member congregations to send them their congregational history, if they had one. We *do* have one, posted on our website (it's at <https://uumankato.com/about-us/history/>), but it is rather brief. With the help of Kay VanBuskirk, I have pawed through a few documents (including part of a sermon on our history that I wrote as part of our 2015 Stewardship campaign) and have begun to fill out some of the details. I'd like your help completing the picture.

There are two ways (probably more than two, but as St. Thomas taught, "Don't multiply miracles!") to write a history—a chronology (dates, names, numbers, etc.) and a narrative (the stories behind the numbers). We have the beginnings of a chronology (you can see it [here](#)) and a narrative (you can see it [here](#)), as well as Jane Foster's recollections at <https://uumankato.com/remembering-uufm/>). Please look at the chronology and add more points or correct/refine the points already there. If the narrative inspires you, consider writing down *your* version of the story (where you sit is what you see, and we each have our own versions of any event). If you're not a writer, no problem! Let me know and I'll find an amanuensis (fancy word for a scribbler) write it for you—or maybe, if there are enough of us, we can get together for an oral history session.