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FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

July, 2009

A Welcoming Congregation



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUMMER 10:00 AM

July 5 – We will choose questions posed in summer issue of UU World for spiritual reflection and group discussion.

July 12 – Thad Sand, Molly and Darren Matthews will provide us with musical entertainment. Bring your instrument if you wish to join in.

July 19 – We'll be taking a quiz developed by Bruce Christopher in which we explore the difference between men and women.

July 26 – Grace Linden wants to tell us about a surprise discovery she made while traveling in Illinois last May. It relates to our church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8 -- Siouxland Progressive Clergy Gathering at St. Marks Lutheran Church

July 25 -- Gathering of Small congregations in Okoboji

August 9 -- Tri-State UU Gathering, Pioneer Village, Worthington, MN at 10:30 A.M.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As a candidate for a Masters of Teaching Degree at Morningside College, I had to take a number of research and psychology courses. Dr Earle Moore taught adolescent psychology. When asked a question about any topic his answers were often vague. He would look at the ceiling or the floor for a moment as if choosing his words and then he would give us an example which illustrated his answer.

During one class period a student asked him "How do people get to be leaders?" He stopped, looked as though he was considering the question and then told the student he would have to get back to him on that. I was surprised, thinking he couldn't answer the question.

Near the end of the class, Dr Moore told us we would do a simulation. We had done them before simulating decisions on student's performance, handicap interventions, and crisis response. But this was different. Our simulation was to establish a colony on the moon. There were weight and space restrictions for all the stuff we needed to take. As the project began, small group of students brainstormed ideas and scenarios.

After 3 minutes, he stopped the scenario and addressed the student who posed the leadership question earlier, "There's your answer." When facing a problem, people who feel they have something to contribute; people who are engaged by their lives; people who take responsibility, they are leaders.

Often in our church community when I hear that something needs to be done, someone does it. Someone takes the responsibility to fulfill a need without being asked. That's leadership!

We here at First Unitarian have many committees with one or two members. If you would like to exercise your leadership skills please consider joining one of these committees. If you are unable to join one committee, you can still submit ideas, suggestions or brainstorm. Finally, you can be a leader in recognizing the efforts of others. A Thank You note or a personal thank you goes a long way in bolstering the spirit of sharing we have here at First Unitarian Church. Share your gratitude!

Sincerely,
Robert Yeska
Board President

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