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Sunday Services

March, 2003

Social Hour: 10:00 A.M. Worship Service: 10:30 A.M.

March 2 - "Ashes, Ashes, We All Fall Down." Ashes are usually the result of some disaster, but in some religious practices, they are considered sacred.

Servers: Jerry & Susan Allen; Kris and Warren Paulson

Musician: Mimi Kamleiter

9:00 - Adult Discussion Group

11:30 - POTLUCK LUNCH

March 9 - "Joseph Priestley - Scientist, Educator, Preacher." Joseph Priestley is one of the most important figures in both British and American Unitarian history.

Servers: Kay Steffl; Jane Thompson

Musician: Ardelle and Doug Becken

9:00 - Adult Discussion Group

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 16 - "Breaking Bread and the World Community," by Jane Thompson, with Kristine Paulson and Susan Allen. Jane will talk about the UU-UN Conference on a Just and Sustainable World.

Servers: Kristy Paulson; Wendy Tuttle

Musician: Sally Hanson

9:00 - Adult Discussion Group

March 23 - "Finding Peace." Can we have peace in the world without finding peace in and among ourselves?

Servers: Algot and Bonita Blomquist Musician: Ryann Rathman

9:00 - Adult Discussion Group

March 30 - "The Jefferson Bible: A Sampler Gospel." Thomas Jefferson wrote to John Adams: "we must reduce our volume of words to simple evangel and select only the words of Jesus."

Servers: Kristy Bodick; Christopher Olson

Musician: Mimi Kamleiter

9:00 - Adult Discussion Group

CALENDAR

March 1 - RURAL PEACEMAKERS will sponsor a discussion to explore issues of War and Peace at noon in the basement of the New Ulm Public Library. Everyone invited.

March 2 - Community Prayer Service for Peace at 7 pm at the Oakwood United Methodist church in New Ulm.

March 5 - Ash Wednesday.

March 14 - Nora Women's Society will meet at noon for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

March 18 - The "Lunch Bunch" will meet at noon at the Spectators Bar and Grill in Searles. Everyone invited.

March 29 - Brown County Historical Society hosts annual **Women's History Luncheon** honoring women who were rural schoolteachers. Call BCHS for details and tickets.

March 30 - Rev. Oelberg will be speaking in Sioux Falls, SD

A Famous Warrior Who Hated War

“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. The world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children.... This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from an iron cross.”

—From a speech by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953, at the end of the Korean War

TRIP TO TRANSYLVANIA

Would you like to visit Transylvania and see important Unitarian sites and stay in our partner village for a few days? Unity Church in St. Paul is organizing a trip to their partner village, not far from ours, and has offered an opportunity for a few of us to go along. They will be leaving July 24 for Budapest, traveling from Budapest to Kluj-Napoca (Kolosvar) the next day and visiting important Unitarian sites there, then to the villages for several days. Return will be via Deva and other interesting cities, with a pilgrimage up to the citadel where Francis David was martyred. Return to Budapest the night of August 4, with sightseeing the 5th. One could choose to stay in Budapest longer, if desired. It is a beautiful city! The cost will be \$1,700, not including air fare to Budapest or sightseeing there.

If anyone is interested, please tell Sarah soon. There will be brochures available soon. Unity will want to know how many from Nora or Mankato might go fairly soon.

OTHER NEWS

Nora church received a "thank you" letter from the UU Service Committee for our \$103 donation as a result of our Guest At Your Table participation. The money helps UUSC to be a powerful voice for human rights and the values we share.

The Prairie Star District Annual Conference will be in Rochester, MN, at the Holiday Inn City Centre on April 4 - 6. Many interesting speakers, workshops, and social events. Registration forms are on the table in the foyer. We should have a large contingent attending this year!

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For more information call: 1-800-657-3663, or speak to Sarah.

