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### **SUMMER 2003**

#### **Fourth Annual TRI-STATE UU GATHERING August 10, 2003 10:30 a.m. Pioneer Village, Worthington, MN**

This year we will celebrate the 170th birthday of "Pagan Bob," otherwise known as the great American Infidel - Robert Ingersoll. He was born on August 11, 1833. Many UUs, especially in the midwest, are familiar with his writings and politics, and he is often quoted.

Sarah will start off with some historical and biographical notes, then open the floor to others to share their favorite Ingersoll stories or quotations. So go to your Ingersoll writings, and pick out something to share!

Following the service, we will have our usual potluck lunch, ending with cake and ice cream and a birthday party for Mr. Ingersoll. (Sarah will provide the cake and ice cream; you bring salads, main dishes, and accompaniments.)

**SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

Some Ingersoll Quotes:

"I hope the time will come when the government will give as much to educate two men as to kill one."

"There is but one use for law, but one excuse for government - the preservation of liberty."

"Until all nations submit their differences to an international court - a court with the power to carry its judgment into effect by having the armies and navies of the world pledged to support it - the world will not be civilized."

## TO KEEP IN TOUCH

Bud Anderson is now residing at the Luther Home in Madelia. He is still in good spirits, but would like to see friends.

The Brown County food shelf has sent notes thanking Nora Church for our donations of food, and for the cash donation from our church service on Syttende Mai in the park.

Members Duane and Patsy Anderson of California celebrated their 50th Anniversary on June 20. Congratulations to them, and to Noah and Janet Rosenbloom, who will celebrate their 50th on August 8.

Other anniversaries include:

July 18 - Beverly Jean and Wally Wellmann

August 4 - Dave and Jean Wenk

August 18 - Ann and Sheldon Reike

August 24 - Brad and Linda Blomquist

August 26 - Jerry and Susan Allen

Mark and Brenda Wiger

August 29 - Clayton and Shirley Olson

August 30 - Dave and Michelle Bethke

Happy Birthday to:

July 1 - Clarice Sandmann

July 6 - Alon Chambard

July 8 - Ann Reike

July 16 - Virgil Schmiesing

July 18 - Nancy Dickson; B.J. Wellmann

July 20 - Carol Chambard

July 21 - Clayton Olson

July 22 - Gerard Rathman; Arline Schmiesing

July 27 - Pat Reedy

July 29 - Ron Peck

August 1 - Tarrie Swenstad

August 21 - Jordan Rathman

August 2 - Dorothy Swanson; Ryann Rathman

August 22 - Jeanie Hinsman; Nina Mikkelson

August 23 - Lee Schmitt

August 28 - Melvin Mikkelson

## YOU ARE INVITED--

to the 50th Anniversary celebration of Janet and Noah Rosenbloom. August 3, Open House at Nora Church, 2 - 4 pm.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sometime in August, the children of the church will have an "outing" together. Look for a letter with details.

Ann Reike and others are planning the program for next year. They hope to have an exciting RE experience for the kids. One idea is to make a "rainbow banner" incorporating the seven principles. If any adults in the church can sew, or would be willing to help with projects, teaching or substituting, or being mentors, please contact Ann.

## VACATION TIME

Sarah will be at the General Assembly from June 24-30. She and Jerry will be leaving July 2 for a month's vacation, visiting their children and grandchildren, and attending the Michigan State and National Square Dance Campers conventions. In an emergency, Sarah can be reached at: 507-382-4106.

We hope you will all have an enjoyable summer, whether you go away or remain home and relax. We will see you in September!

## NEXT CHURCH SERVICE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 7!

