

File History

U-U TIME LINE

UNITARIANS CAME TO COLUMBIA FROM THE EAST, FROM IOWA & FROM UNIVERSALIST ORIGNS

JANUARY 28, 1951 - TIGER HOTEL , 7 PM - UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP
Phil Stone became the first chair. Mrs. Addison Gullich, Vice-chair (she had some Unitarian experience) Phil's parents were Unitarians. Dean Mott, journalism; Huber Croft, engineering; from Iowa City Unitarian. Of course Ruth Stone. See obit.

JANUARY 30, 1991 - A FIRST UNITARIAN SUNDAY MORNING MEETING
SPEAKER, LAWRENCE HEPPLER, "Sight, Hindsight, & Foresight"

March 14, 1951 - OFFICIALLY WE'RE IN THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION - by-laws accepted, \$10 to Boston for affiliation.
Officials from the Unitarian Association in Boston paid encouraging visits, to Phil Stone noted that a Mr. Husband visited in 1951 and again in 1957, each time he gave the same talk! Phil Stone served as chair for 5 years, See his obit. for bkgrnd.

The Missouri School of Religion allowed Unitarians and Quakers to meet in their building, and rent free in the earlier years. The Quakers began meeting some year before Unitarians did. Professors at the school of religion also provided some of the programs for Unitarian Sundays.

Phil Stone observed that "practically all of the ministers at the School of Religion are Unitarians, but for their main audiences they cannot really speak their own minds about religion."

1952-53 - Unitarians send representative to Council on Church Women.

MEMBERSHIP IS UP AND DOWN - BEGIN AGAIN EACH FALL.
Sunday meetings are every other week usually

1953 - Henry and Florence Bent are members.
EMERSON CLUB - YOUTH

1954 - STARTED SUNDAY SCHOOL after attending a conference in KC

1955 - 28 families are members

Dean Mott of the Journalism school provided a drama on Job for one program in 1952. Noel Gist, who became a member after his wife died, also gave some early programs. FELLOWSHIP DINNERS help retain membership

UNITARIAN FATIGUE cause for member-leaders to drop off

MUSIC - from the start. Jessie (Mrs. Harry E. (not G) BROWN, Music chr 1st 5 YEARS

1959 - 50 members, STILL LOOKING FOR A HOME

60's -

- 1960 - Sept. 15, N.S. Patterson bought \$11,000 house, but wasn't right for church.
- 1964 - Annual May Unitarian picnics started- after voting to buy Shepard property
- 1965- Shepard Boulevard PROPERTY FOR CHURCH purchased
- 1965 - Rolla Unitarian fellowship started -- 9 couples, visitors & lots of kids

1967 - Women's Federation starts, holds 1st BAZAAR, to raise funds for planned church building.

Last funds from Women's Federation spent in 88-89, for 70 Corelle plates and the Electrolux vacuum, both which we currently use. Members were always collecting trading STAMPS, BETTY CROCKER COUPONS for chairs, silverware.

1967 - FELLOWSHIP DINNERS BEGIN.

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM ON FRONT SHEPARD PROPERTY

Ginkos from two women faculty from Stephens - Miss Adams, Cynthia Oehler
Pine, red bud, pin oak, given, planted, and watered by members

1968 - Founder, Phil Stone, died of heart attack. His gifted teaching award most dear.

1969 - CONTRACT TO BUILD SIGNED- Nov. 10th

70's -

1971- MOVE IN TO Church building, with 20 year mortgage.

1972 - Patio - a gift of Ollie Cunningham, plus volunteer labor and some church \$
--- . CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY - projects of Women's Federation
. SUPPERS FOR 10 started in homes, Oct. 1972

1972 - PURCHASE OF KAWAI PIANO, FUNDS RAISED BY WOMEN'S FEDERATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS. \$1,750. FINALLY paid for in 1973.
PIANO DEDICATION, MARCH 18, 1972.

--OTHER WMS FEDERATION PURCHASES: 25chairs, Library shelves, silverware.

'72 - SOCIAL ACTION - Boone County Jail project - funds and toilet supplies...

1972 - 3 - WOMEN'S RIGHTS, social action, travel, caring are issues of Women's Federation-- and BAZAARS for fund raising. Sold pecans, baked goods, misc.

1973 - CHOIR STARTED - ART CARLSON, dir., BETH Brown....

Dedication Jan. 6, Cunningham Memorial Book Collection

1974- Jan. 6'74- Ollie Cunningham dedication of her revolving book shelf, book ends, games, books.

DRAMAS - R.E. - 100% CHANCE OF RAIN; NITE THOREAU SPENT IN JAIL

1978 - SINGLETARIANS founded - social group bringing energy to UU.

1978 - April 23 - Dedication of Helen Croft display panels - Founders, Helen & Huber DeWitt Barker and family move -- RE feels loss. We need an RE director

1979 - Rev. Vernon Nichols, Min.-on-Loan, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, 6 weeks

80's -

OLD ENGLISH WINTER DINNERS -

1980-86 - 1st FULL TIME MINISTER, Rev. Gertrude Lindener
WATER CEREMONY STARTS

1981- FORUM STARTED ON REGULAR BASIS - 9AM
CANVASS CELEBRATIONS

80's RE John Tandarich, Young U-U's sponsor, led outings to hunt arrowheads, visits with youth of other churches, eating pizza, raising money for trips.

PRE-CHRISTMAS EVENING MEDITATIONS

1985 - 91 WE BURN THE MORTGAGES

- SECRET FRIENDS - links young and older U-U's --

REV. GEORGE BROOKS, Interim minister

1988 - AVERAGE AGE: 40-60 years old

1988 - Sisters Circle forms after adult RE class

1989 - REV. BILL HANEY -

90's

PAID PART-TIME ADMINISTRATOR, Kathy Bergman 1992

Also Desi Long, Music Director

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Columbia, Missouri

CHAIRS 1951 - 1996