In-Gathering in New Home - Sept 11, 2005

Rev. Eleanor Rice leads the society in an in-gathering service at the new society house on highway 65. New President: Ann Leake. “Old Blue” and adjoining lot sold for $145,000 + $79,000 = $224,000. Closing costs: about $4,000. The Society purchased the new building for $350,000, financing $140,000 at 6.25% for the first five years.

Building Dedication – Nov. 6, 2005

New Brown Building is dedicated. Nancy Heege from PSD is in attendance to congratulate the society.


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Rev. Eleanor Rice - Final Service - June 4, 2006

A flower communion honored Eleanor Rice's years of service to UUSRF as our consulting minister.

Willard Sherman Memorial Service - July 7, 2006

Willard Sherman (4/9/1909 - 6/12/2006) is memorialized in a service led by Rev. Eleanor Rice. Willard, a charter member of the society, was a retired minister and oldest member of the society at the time of his death.

Jay Hermann donates funds to build a storage shed on the property. Joe Young oversees the effort.
Caring Circle Established – Nov. 11, 2006

The Caring Circle is established to respond to members in crisis.

Intergenerational Service – December 17, 2006

Jay Scholtus Memorial Service – Mar. 17, 2007

Founding father Jay Scholtus is memorialized in the new building shortly after his death in 2007.

Youth Group Give Program – Apr. 4, 2007

The youth of the society present an inspiring and entertaining program.
Carl Terwilliger Memorial Service – May 12, 2007

A service for musician Carl Terwilliger is highlighted by a eulogy from his wife Cathy Cliffe.

Ted Asked to Continue - May 13, 2007

The contract for consulting minister, Rev. Ted, is continued two more years at the annual meeting. Tammy Stifter is elected president for 2007-08 and $63,576 is approved for the budget.

Animal Blessing - June 15, 2007

Animals, large and small come to the society to be blessed. Anna Ostendorf leads the service.
Mary Hermann Memorial Service - July 21, 2007

Mary Hermann, tireless contributor to UUSRF, is remembered.


A party celebrates the adoption of Aaron and Kimi by Joe and Tonya Schmitt-Mischke. Bill McGrath reports on lining with Palestinians in the program for the day “28 Days in Palestine.”

First Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast - January, 2008

Welcoming Congregation – Mar. 10, 2008

Welcoming Committee meets throughout 2008 to work toward meeting the qualifications to be recognized as a “Welcoming Congregation.” Soup and bread lunch helps raise funds for the effort.

Brad Moore Becomes President – May 2008

Past president Tammy Stifter passes the pussy willows to Brad Moore.

This I Believe: Ron Sutliff, Tammy Stifter, Renee Soberg - July 20, 2008
Fajita Booth Success – July 2008
The UUSRF fajita booth makes over $1500 during River Falls Days.

Summer Talent Show - August 17, 2008

“Council of All Beings” Intergenerational Workshop - October 25, 2008
Activities surrounding speaking on behalf of another species are followed by Sunday program led by Kaia Svien.

UU Country Gentlemen from Northfield - November 2, 2008
Ed Frost, Bill McGrath, and Randy Broughten entertain. Freshly pressed apple cider provided by Prescott Bergh and Juliet Tompkins.

“Good Grief” Workshop - November 16, 2008
Emberly Hermann and Lindy Merwin shared how personal rituals and memoirs can help us heal.

Sit & Knit Inaugural - November 20, 2008
Sit & Knit has its first meeting at the Great River Road Learning Center in Prescott. The meeting shifts the following month to the West Wind Supper Club in River Falls.

Lectern Dedication – December, 2008
The society celebrates the beautiful lectern built by master woodcrafter Burt Levy.

Men’s Group - January 14, 2009
Men’s group meets to discuss “What will you do differently in 2009 than you did in 2008?”

This I Believe: Heather Liebswager, Willow Gallager, Jim Groves - March 22, 2009

“Beatles Forever” - March 29, 2009
David Lauth and Alan Ware sing some touching Beatles tunes. The service is followed by Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the Youth, to help fund a field trip to Chicago.
Kathleen and Evan Miller, Will and Gabriel Johnson, Fallon Moore, and Trenton Mannetter give service. In May the group would make a trip to Chicago with advisers Stan and Anne-Marie Johnson along with Rev. Ted and Kristen.

Mother’s Day Peace and Love Concert - May 10, 2009

This concert featured the talents of Rachel Knipfer, Beth Ray, Rachel Funk, Brian Copp, Melyssa Rice, and the UUSRF Choir.

Bees Come to UUSRF - May, 2009

Al Webster, who is moving to New Mexico, donates a hive of bees to the society. Thus, begins a long and symbiotic partnership.

Jim Groves Elected President at Annual Meeting - May 17, 2009

Jim Groves takes over the presidency from Brad Moore who served for two years. Membership: 80, Budget: $72,366.
Jim Groves Memorial Service – August 8, 2009

A celebration of life service has held for Jim Groves, current president of the UUSRF, who died on July 31. Jim, great father and avid fisherman, was granted over 30 patents while working at 3M where he earned the first-ever Innovator of the Year award.

Karen Hering Ordination - September 20, 2009

Karen Hering, former member of UUSRF, is ordained by White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church.

Dylan Sunday - November 15, 2009

Thomas R. Smith sings Dylan tunes to accompany Rev. Ted's sermon.

Caring and Sharing Program - December, 2009

UUSRF support a mother and her four children for the first time in this program coordinated by the River Falls Journal.

Grand Piano Dedication - December 13, 2009

The price of $880 was covered by a $10/key purchase by members. Beth Ray gives it a workout.

“Our Chosen Faiths” Workshop Begins
- Jan 10, 2010

First of three workshops on “Our Chosen Faith” offered by Rev. Ted and Brian Copp based on the book by Rev. Forrest Church and John Buehrens.
Nakoma Visits UUSRF - February 28, 2010

Nakoma gives program on Native American Day.

Spring-steen Sunday - March 21, 2010

Thomas R. Smith returns to sing some of The Boss's songs with commentary by Rev. Ted.

20th Anniversary Celebration – April 18th, 2010

Blessing of the Animals Service June 6, 2010

The service in memory of Mary “Mimi” Hermann had Emberly Hermann giving the message and Rev. Nancy blessing the animals.

Pathways to Healing Workshop - June 11-12, 2010

Dr. Lewis Mehl-Madrona leads workshop entitled Pathways to Healing.

Florence Nickum Dies - June 23, 2010

Former UUSRF member self-described “awestruck citizen of the universe,” earned her bachelor’s degree at the age of 55. An informal memorial gathering was held at the Dish & Spoon Café in July.