

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

BY JANET HANSON

Our church school year is rapidly drawing to a close. I would like to express my thanks to all of those who have given time to teach for us. We are lucky to have so many dedicated adults involved in our RE programs. Teachers - committee members - our RE Chair - all make ours a well run and planned program. Your time, all of you, on behalf of our future is extremely important to the whole congregation.

It is not easy to write this last article for our newsletter. I have enjoyed my years as your DRE and will miss all of you and the work of our church profoundly. We are, of course, looking to Minnesota in as positive a way as we can. Instead of dwelling on what we will miss, let me extend to you an invitation to our hospitality should you head in our direction. I wish you luck next year and in the years to come - you will always be in our hearts and prayers.

TO AYS TEENS & PARENTS

We would like to express our thanks to the teens in our AYS class and their parents. To the teens: thanks for your openness, trust, honesty and sense of humor. Working with you has been a joy - we hope the experience will benefit all of you as much as it did both of us. To the parents: we are so touched and honored that you entrusted to us such an important part of your children's growing up. This is a fine group of young adults. We are lucky, indeed, to have them with us. Remember, the invitation for a visit in Minnesota is open - we hope you will come.

BOB AND JANET HANSON

ABW's Latest Book is Available

Everybody in the Fellowship mid-week passed stacks of cartons in the coat area. The cartons were full of books freshly delivered from the publisher.

The book, compiled by Alice Blair Wesley, is a collection called *Odysseys: The Lives of Sixteen UU Ministers*. These are the stories of their life and work with UU Congregations, as told to other ministers attending retreats and study groups. Their varied and diverse tales are fascinating. Anyone reading them is bound to learn a lot about us. Kay Saucier, who typed the text, was often heard exclaiming - "Wow" - as she worked.

The UUA bookstore will soon be selling them. If you want, you may buy yours here. Make your check payable to ABW for \$12.50.

SOCIAL SLATE

You definitely don't want to miss:
The Annual Fellowship Picnic
June 28th at 11 am
at Skippers Point

Along with an intention to party, please bring a covered dish, beverages, meat to cook, lawn chairs and yard games.

Directions: Rt. 24 S. through gate at Edgewood Arsenal. At 1st light make a left on Magnolia Rd. Go to 2nd light, make a left on Bush River Rd. Make 1st left onto Scully Rd. Make a right onto Skipper Point Rd. and follow to park.

For those of you out there who think you would like to be part of our "social activities endeavor" but were too afraid to ask - Please, show a sign. We would love to have you. (We are an equal opportunity employer - both males and females welcome.)

A special thanks to Georgiana Moore and Judy Layton and all of the others who made sure we never went without our coffee fix. This is a service enjoyed by all.

For those of you anxiously awaiting information about the Fall Retreat - dates will be available after June 1.

A Wonderful Honor for Mary and for our Fellowship

Each year the UU Service Committee selects an outstanding social justice advocate to receive the UUSC Social Action Leadership Award. Recognition, a cash award and a trip to the General Assembly, at which the award is presented, goes to one who has demonstrated creative and effective leadership and inspirational qualities.

The 1992 honor will go to UUFHC Member Mary Woodward. Ours, Mary, is the honor of knowing you and of working under your cheerful and tireless leadership. Our sincere thanks go to our Vice President and Human Concerns Committee Member Mike Kabik who filled out the forms and wrote the letter nominating Mary.

We have known all along, of course, how splendid are Mary's accomplishments and dedication. It's very nice to have others praise her, too.