

Happy 2007 from one of the “Twelve Great Places You've Never Heard Of”

When 2006 began, I knew I was going to move out of the Twin Cities, but I didn't know where to. Fairfield, Iowa had made a good impression during my bike trip, so I paid it a second visit in April, and sure enough, I decided to settle here. I'm enjoying the slower pace of life, the low cost of living, the astonishingly cosmopolitan cultural life and progressive politics, and above all the active, friendly community here.

Being hired in January as Web Coordinator for the Prairie Star District Unitarian Universalist Association was a marvelous stroke of luck, since I was able to bring the job with me to Fairfield. I've been freelancing on the side (<http://InterdependentWeb.com>), but the PSDUUA is my bread and butter. I couldn't ask for a better position with a better bunch of people.

Here are just a few highlights from 2006, many of which are shown on the reverse:

- I studied Aikido for nine months and enjoyed it immensely.
- The Minneapolis Central Library, which had been in temporary quarters during the years I worked there, moved into its beautiful new building.
- I volunteered with the Permaculture Collaborative in Minneapolis and learned a lot from one of the most dynamic and capable groups of people I've ever met.
- My cousin Tiff and her family came to visit me in Minnesota.
- I served as lead planner for a conference, an experience everyone should try once.
- All my worldly possessions fit into less than half of the smallest size U-Haul truck.
- I got to see a good friend graduate from UU seminary, and two more marry each other.
- I visited my sister's family in Pittsburgh for Labor Day (and again for Christmas) and my parents (and assorted other family) in Bartlesville for Thanksgiving.
- I got to hang out with the “Big Green Summer” sustainability interns and audited a university class on renewable energy technologies.

You're always welcome for a visit! But call first - I plan to move across town to more permanent quarters in 2007! Note my new email address and phone number:

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