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Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. at the YWCA, 101 E. Mifflin St.

April 25 - An Unnamed Program in multi-media by Al Nettleton and Dave Meyer with the help of some of our High School youth.

May 2 - May Day Service

HIKING --

the paths soft
after April (days ago now) downpours
we hope have washed the deaths
of winter from our hearts like
gravel outwash from the lane
at the house.

And our big dog, crazed, aroming
from trail to woods and back,
pursuing God knows what with this
mad pace, panting like
bellows blowing at the season's coals.

But we refuse to rush: the woods
are too quiet.

Only birds dancing for mates,
fresh tracks of wild beasts
(pressed in moist earth as they
strolled along before us),
madrakes pushing up and the first morel,
and the stream chasing itself
(calmer than the balmy dog) through
the sedge meadow below.

We suspect this dog for a lunatic,
for he has no care --
even, apparently, for our suspicions --

he cavorts as if just Spring were enough,
as if our fortunate survival
through the dying season were nothing
but behind us,
as if we, in this wood, felt no remorse
for those lost, for those caught
in lives of ice,
for those without woods to walk.

Round the bend the path drops
through the damp sedges
to the crystal stream.
Our wild thing leaps headlong
and hot, splashing and spluttering,
cleansing his guiltless soul
while we stand idly by:
laughing, silent.

HICKORY HILL FARM. Many who heard Harold Kruse talk last Sunday asked where their Hickory Hill Farm is located. It is south of Loganville on State Route 23 and their roadside stand is on the west side of Route 23.

Our group has planned a visit to their farm on Sunday, July 18, meeting there at 10:00 a.m. We will see their nature trail and the prairie flowers in bloom then, as well as the farm, and can picnic at the wayside. Plan to come.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our trips to visit other churches will begin on May 8 with a visit to Sauk City and Roxbury (Zen Garden, modern Catholic church, and 120-year-old Lutheran church). May 22 has been scheduled for the Greek Orthodox Church in Milwaukee and May 31 will take us to Wilmette, Ill. to see the Bahai Temple and Deerfield, to see the new Unitarian church there.

We will also visit a Jewish place of worship as well as the First Unitarian Society here in town. Watch for details in the next Newsletter, but in the meantime mark your calendar if you have signed up to participate. Parents please note we will need at least one parent with car for each trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The PLAYREADING group will meet at the Birongs' on April 24, at 8:00 p.m. The Birongs live at 599 Glen Dr. in Madison. Everyone is welcome, whether you've been to the readings before or not.

We have information on Camp Unistar for anyone who might be interested in it. This is a beautiful Unitarian camp for all ages which operates all summer long on an Island in Northern Minnesota. Dave and Pat Meyer are the directors there, so see them for any information.

There are copies of Dave's sermon on the ministry of artist and the poem that accompanied that service, for any who are interested. They are on the desk at Sunday morning meetings.

CAN AND BOTTLE PICKUP: Please bring bottles and cans to the Chalet Fondue parking lot on Sunday, April 25 between 10 and 10:30 a.m. Lids should be removed from bottles and they should be separated into clear, green and brown glass. Bring cans in a separate container.

The EVENING ALLIANCE will meet for 6:30 supper on Thursday, May 6, in the hearthroom of the First Society. A representative of the Capital Community Citizens will show the current "Orchids and Onions" film and discuss plans for improving the Madison environment. All Prairie women are welcome. Reservations may be made by Tuesday, May 4 with Mrs. Anna Mae Davis at 233-6384.

NEW PRAIRIE MEMBERS

We welcome Jane and Bill Hammatt and Norma and John Magnuson as members of the Prairie Unitarian Society.