**PRAIRIE CALENDER**

**SUN 17 FEB 10 AM**  
**THE NEW CHINA.** The program will be presented by Lorne Taichman, physician and post-doctoral fellow in medical genetics, whose major interest is the social structure of China, and who has recently returned from travels in China.

**SUN 17 FEB Noonish**  
Dave and Barbara Carson invite those interested in the Prairie Community Cooperative Garden for a meeting and lunch at their farm after the Service. Please RSVP--221-1244 if you plan to attend. (Directions: Vilas Road, 3 miles east of Madison, 2 blocks south of Cottage Grove Road.

**WED 20 FEB Midnight:** Deadline for the 1 March newsletter.

**SAT 23 FEB 7:30 PM**  
**HOOTNANNY!** To commemorate the 69th anniversary of the Baltimore Fire, at Portal Foster Center. Bring a song to share and bring your own refreshments. For information contact: Chuck Young or Richard Perry.

**SUN 24 FEB 10 AM**  
**PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER.** This will be Pat Cautley's last program as lay minister. (No, we're not Humpty Dumpty, but many aspects of our lives and our society have been changing or "falling apart." What might we do to maintain or achieve personal integration as well as social concern?)

**MON 25 FEB 10 AM**  
**SAUNA-SWIM** at the Karakal Inn. For men AND women. Call Sidney Mannerling for further details.

**SAT 2 March 8 PM**  
Beginning and intermediate folk dancing at First Society. Instructions given. Preceding this month's dancing, there will be a Potluck at 6:30 PM. If interested in the Potluck, call Edith Meerdink at 238-5241.

**SUN 3 March 10 AM**  
**BEAUTY AND OBSCENITY** A MULTI MEDIA PRESENTATION, by Orile Loucks, who begins his lay ministry with this program's Family service.

**MON 4 March 7:30 PM**  
Pat Cautley invites those who are interested in discussing her study of new foster parents to her home at 4805 Regent. (That's Mon., 4 March)

**SUN 10 March 10 AM**  
**ETHICAL ISSUES IN MADISON**  
A group discussion chaired by Orile Loucks.
From Pat Cautley, . . .

One reaction I have, after our first program on "The Sex Role Hang-up," in which Annis Pratt and Fred Seidl contributed so much, is that perhaps we did not talk enough about the significance of parents to their children. There is considerable evidence in research studies, for example, that girls in general suffer from too much overprotection and boys from too little (being forced to be "little men" too early). Girls who become high achievers, independent, and sure of themselves tend to be those whose mothers have given them leeway and not overprotected them or kept them tied to apron strings. Boys with the highest self-confidence and self-esteem have warm relationships with their fathers. As they enter adolescence and gradually develop a more adult identity, girls need the attention and approval of their fathers, and boys need the attention and approval of their mothers—in addition, of course, to the same from their same-sex parent. In fact, it appears that one of the very important factors enabling girls to continue achieving through college and into professional careers is the support of either their fathers or a male friend or husband.

One interesting sidelight on the above is that among the group of 115 new foster families we studied intensively, one characteristic of the fathers who were most effective in caring for a school age foster child was their report that their own fathers had been affectionate to them, coupled with their own expression of warmth for their fathers.

It is interesting to reflect that, even though education per se is quite highly valued in our country, we offer no training or education for parenthood. And yet, probably no task is more important than that of rearing our young. In general, we all probably learn most about this role from the primary "role models" in our lives, our own parents. We don't copy them exactly, of course, and we may consciously decide to behave quite differently than they in at least some ways, but this is not easily accomplished.

A SPECIAL INVITATION . . . As lay minister, I did not feel quite comfortable about the idea of devoting a Sunday morning program to talking about the study of new foster parents in which I was involved for five years. But, I do feel there are fascinating findings from a number of points of view, and of interest not just to social agencies but to others as well. I would be very glad to share the details with you and invite any of you who are interested to come to my home at 4805 Regent Street at 7:30 PM, on Monday, March 4th.

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!!DIAL UP!!  * TODAY'S RICKETY PEG MAY BE TOMORROWS TREASURED ANTIQUE

Will the first * HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! TRY ONE ON YOUR FRONT PORCH,
person to arrive * IN YOUR YARD, IN YOUR BASEMENT. You guessed it! There
at Services on Sun- ** are still some pews available. Call Fran:
day mornings please set.* Remeika for further details.

the THERMOSTAT (at the back *
of the room, above and to the *
right of the coffee table) up to 73 degrees. This will soon give us a * SMILE...YOU'LL LIKE IT!!
comfortable temperature of about 68 degrees. **********
I will be responsible for lowering it when we leave. * Don't forget your *
reservation for the

THANK YOU... Fran Remeika. * Prairie Theater Party

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Pat Watkins is a member of Mayor Soglin's GOALS FOR MADISON Executive Committee. For several years, this committee has been working with resources within the community, both professional and non-professionals, to draw up a set of goals which the citizens of Madison would like to see realized in order to make this an ideal community in which to live. These goals will cover about 14 areas, such as health, public safety, zoning, public and private transportation, the design of the city, culture, education, and many others. Some of you may have been contacted in the telephone survey which was completed last week by the university Research Survey Lab. The committee intends to get additional citizen input by conducting further surveys and discussions among organizations, groups, and clubs in the city. I would very much like to see Prairie contribute their ideas and opinions to this project, and would be very interested in your reaction to the suggestion that we take part. Would you informally and "off-the-cuff" let me know what you think?

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THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE has awarded zoologist JOHN NEES "Prairie Recognition" for his steady and voluntary campaign in the public interest for a sane energy policy for Wisconsin. Dr. Nees has single-handedly caused numerous amenities to be built into the Columbia power plant. He has acted as a watchdog over the selection of sites for nuclear power generation. Active in Environment Decade and the League Against Nuclear Defense (LANDE), Dr. Nees has maintained a full-time commitment to teaching at the University.

Along with the award goes a check for $50., a contribution in appreciation for the tremendous amount of time, financial resources, and personal devotion Dr. Nees has given for the preservation of Wisconsin environment.

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PARISH MEETING ACTIONS: At the meeting on 27 January, a number of important actions were taken: (1) the goal--adopted in May '72--affirming our commitment to a full time minister, was rescinded. The special reserve fund for a future minister was left in existence, however. Use of the funds for another purpose must be considered and approved by a future Parish meeting. (2) a new general goal was adopted: Prairie Society commits itself to continuing as a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship with reliance on the resources and capabilities of the group and the larger community. (3) the by-laws were changed to provide for a period of orientation to familiarize incoming officers and appointees. Elections will now be held in April and officers will assume office in late May. This allows time for them to find out what their jobs entail before the summer break.

The question of whether to continue the lay-minister program or try a different arrangement is to be considered in the next 2 months. The Long Range Planning Committee has been asked by the Board to provide recommendations on this. EVERYONE'S ideas and feelings are welcome and necessary. The LRPC will arrange special open meetings to discuss this, probably in March.

Hopefully, the actions taken at the Parish meeting will help Prairie remain an exciting, stimulating fellowship, as we move forward in the coming years, trying to meet our various needs as a liberal religious community.