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PRAIRIE CALENDAR

SUN

8 PM LRV Meeting at Portal Foster Center (postponed to 6 Oct).

TUES

8 PM SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE meets at the Willards, 2217 Westlawn. Phone: 256-2801. All welcome.

1 OCT

SUN

10 AM PEOPLE IN CITIES: YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR BREAD BUTTERED ON BOTH SIDES, led by Steve Friedman.

6 OCT

THURS

8 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING at Mary Slabaugh, 2416 Gregory. Phone: 233-4454.

10 OCT

FRI

8 PM FOLK DANCING, led by Hermine and Charlie Davidson, at Portal Foster Center.

11 OCT

SUN

10 AM HARVEST CELEBRATION: a family service followed by dancing.

13 OCT

MON

7:30 PM PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets at Theron Caldwell's, 1228 Sherman Ave. Phone: 255-9974. All welcome.

14 OCT

SAT

7:30 PM PLAYREADERS meet at the Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon. Phone: 238-6053.

19 OCT

SUN

10 AM VIOLENCE AND VIOLATION, led by Al Nettleton.

20 OCT

FRI-SUN

PRAIRIE RETREAT

25-27 OCT

SUN

10 AM SERVICE to be announced for those not attending the retreat.

27 OCT

SUN

FALL PARISH MEETING. Mark your calendars now and save this date.

17 NOVEMBER

THE NEW FISCAL YEAR at Prairie begins on October 1st. Those of you with outstanding pledges from the year now ending might like to clear these up before new pledges are solicited. Checks should be mailed to: Charlie Davidson, 2210 Waunona Way, Madison, WI 53713.

BABES IN THE WOODS

Anyone willing to help plan children's activities at Upham Woods, and/or offer an hour or more to the children that weekend, please call Nancy McElreath at 233-7491 after 3 PM. Volunteers will be asked to meet during the middle of October to set up programs for two age groups: the 3-7 year olds, and the 8-11 year olds. The 12 year-olds will be part of the Teenage Program coordinated by Dan Willard. No babysitting, as such, will be provided for the under-3 group. Parents of those little ones are encouraged to swap babysitting with other parents, or contract with other adults or teenagers. Children's activities are tentatively scheduled from 9-11:30 AM; 1-4 PM; and 6:30-7:30 PM on Saturday, and from 9AM-10AM on Sunday. Parenting the dormitory in the evenings will be considered at the planning meeting.

PARENTS: We're going to try our best to provide stimulating activities for all children, but some children are more "inter-stimulated" than others, and might tend to wander off, especially the older ones. Let us know how much freedom those kids should have, and we'll try hard to accomodate everyone. The Upham Woods staff is very specific about managing children, especially when it concerns child safety (not to mention maintaining the physical condition of the camp). We're willing to guarantee that children's programs will be available, but we won't take responsibility for exceptional behavior. Please talk to your children about these things BEFORE you come to Upham Woods.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: The term "deadline" means the last possible moment for submitting news items, not, as so many of you seem to interpret it, the first moment at which I am willing to accept items. Won't you PLEASE try to get items to me as soon as they are available? If you are a committee chairman or a group leader, won't you give me a phone call either during or immediately after your meeting (while the information is fresh in your mind) and let me know when and where your next meeting will be held, and what your group has done or is planning to do. Your cooperation would GREATLY facilitate the writing of the newsletter and would be very much appreciated. DEADLINES for the next two newsletters are Sun. October 6th and Tues. October 22nd. If I could get all materials except emergency notices well before the deadlines posted, I would be able to cut at least two days from the lead time needed to get the newsletter out.

* THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE is looking*
* for a new bell to replace the *
* one which disappeared. If you *
* have one to donate, it would be *
* much appreciated. *

* Prairie is looking for a *
* volunteer to water the plants *
* in the baptistry. If you can *
* take this on, please call *
* Bunny or Gene Wilkening at *
* 233-1208. *

OUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, Rosemary Dorney, is seeking the addresses of Jim and Naida Finane, John and Marilyn Hempstead, and Mary Burbridge. If you have contact with any of these people, would you call Rosemary at 238-4382.

FALL PARISH MEETING: Please note members must have six weeks notice for any proposed changes in the By-Laws and the Bond of Union. Thus, any such change must be in member's hands by October 6th.

 SHOW AND TELL: The first Show and Tell meeting of the year will be at the Davidson's, 2210 Waunona Way, on Sunday, Oct 6th at 7:30 PM. Hermine and Charlie will talk about and show slides on Sailboat Cruising in the Carribean. Come and join them.

~~Due to the length of this issue of the newsletter, the AD PAGE has been postponed to the next issue. This gives you an added opportunity to submit ads. They should be sent to: Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Place, Madsion, WI 53705 along with one penny per word, by 6 Oct.~~

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF HOUSING AND PROPERTY: Bob Elkins is the alternate in coordinating the stacking of chairs and the rearrangement of the auditorium-after the service each Sunday morning. Help is needed in s stacking the chairs carefully (to prevent pinching the plastic seat covers), and putting other items in their places. The more who trade off in this weekly chore, as with the coffee clean-up, the less often each will need to help. Thanks to those who have helped and will be helping. Thanks, also, to Fran Remeika and Melinda Roznoy for getting the plants back in the baptistry after their summer outing. . . . Gene Wilkening.

 * ANNIS PRATT and Andrea
 * Loewenstein will give a
 * reading of their own poetry
 * on October 16th at 8PM at
 * the Memorial Union. You are
 * all invited to attend. The
 * program is entitled,
 * "Transparent Names."

There will be no Folk and Square Dancing at Portal Foster on Fri. Oct 25th, due to the Retreat.

UNITARIAN ANNUAL CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT MEETING. Do you have a spare bed, or two? Want to meet some fellow Unitarians from out of town?

Unitarians from the Central Midwest District will be coming to Madison for the annual meeting which takes place this year at First Society, November 8-10. The theme of this year's meeting will be "Look Inward, Look Outward." A variety of workshops ranging from highly personal topics to ones of broad social concern will be presented.

Overnight housing for Friday and Saturday nights, Nov. 8-9, is needed by some delegates. If you have an empty bed and can help, call Ruth Calden at 233-5717.

Prairie is assisting in other ways, too. Your Denominational Affairs Committee has been meeting jointly with the First Society's committee, preparing for this event. The Prairie Chicken Pluckers will be featured in the Friday night fun, Nov. 8th. On Sat. morning, Charlie Davidson will chair a workshop on Prairie's system of rotating lay ministers. Watch for a brochure with more details, coming soon.

 * FOR THE "FIRE" PRAIRIE SORT: *
 * Who wants an L.R.Y. anyway? *
 * If YOU do. . . come to Portal *
 * Foster Center about 8 PM on *
 * October 6th. For those of you *
 * new to U.U'ism or Prairie, *
 * LRY is for high school kids, *
 * organized and programed by *
 * those kids and loved and *
 * agonized over by one or two *
 * adult advisors chosen by that *
 * group. *

NEWS ABOUT PRAIRIE MEMBERS:
 JOHN LAURENCE has successfully auditioned for Madison Boy's Choir. . . . THERON CALDWELL journeyed to Appleton on Sept 27-28 to help the U.U. church school. . . . GEORGE FEILER, a charter member of Prairie, now residing in San Francisco, was visiting the French's last week.

PRAIRIE AD PAGE

WANTED

To Rent or Borrow: Rollaway *
Bed with nice firm mattress *
for six weeks beginning Oct. *
20th. Call McElreath, 233-7 491*

To Buy: Good dependable used
washer and/or dryer. McElreath,
233-7 491.

To Rent: Modest rental unfur- *
nished house, 2 bedrooms, in *
West High or First Society area*
Call Mary Jane Koehl, eve. at *
238-2939. *

Half a century, but no antique!
50 year old woman, recently
abandoned, but not yet ready
for the scrap-heap, seeks
mature male companion. Contact
Lilo K. (eve.) 3907 Fern Ct.
233-7 383.

To Buy at low cost: Filing *
cabinet, medium size sofa, *
small arm chair, floor lamp, *
vacuum cleaner, loom, kitchen *
scale, dress-up clothes, cook- *
ing pots, dishes, mixing bowls, *
silverware. Call Plum: *
836-5547. *

Would like perennial garden
plants, especially yellow day-
lilies, peonies, white phlox,
mums, buttercups. When you
divide next spring, don't throw
away; call Pat Watkins, 233-5795.

OTHER

Will Trade or Give my duplicate
foreign postage stamps. Call
Pat Watkins: 233-5795

LOST in Prairie ghetto area, 4 yr
old short haired male neutered
cat, tan with white breast & paws.
Call Pat Watkins: 233-5795

TO SELL

*
* Will sell storms and screens,
* assorted sizes, but mostly
* full-size standard. Very
* reasonable. Call Lilo Koehl
* (eve) 233-7383.

Single size spring and mattress
(Rob, now 6 ft, can't fit into
it anymore). \$ 20. Davidson,
222-4280.

*
* Suzuki violins 1/8 size and 1/4
* size. Call Plum--836-5547.

(1) Woman's hiking boots with
Vibram soles; never worn. Size
6½ M. \$ 14. (2) Woman's Dexter
walking shoes--Vibram soles.
Never worn. Size 6½ M. \$ 20.
(3) Woman's woolen winter coat,
blue with white trim. Size 14
or 16. \$ 9. (4) Woman's dress
shoes: maroon patent, brown
patent, black, blue. Cheap.
Call Eleanor Cautley; anytime
at 257-9322 or days at 262-6944.
All prices negotiable.

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* Do you reupholster? Have small
* young girl's boudoir chair with
* excellent frame. \$ 5. Call Pat
* Watkins: 233-5795.

(1) Woman's figure skates, white,
size 8, excellent condition. \$ 6.
(2) Man's racing skates, size 9,
excellent condition. \$ 8. (3)
Man's leather ski boots, size 9
excellent condition. \$ 8. (4)
Woman's leather ski boots, size
7. \$ 4. (5) Punching bag--\$ 5.
Pat Cautley: 238-5373.

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN RETREAT

The Prairie Retreat Committee wishes you to join us at beautiful Camp Upham Woods, near the Wisconsin Dells. (Maps will be available at Prairie Sunday Services.)

I. Dates and Time: Friday, October 25, 5:00 p.m.- Sunday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.

II. Sleeping Facilities requested are:

	# Accomodates
Heated Dormitory (has separate rooms which sleep 4)	56
3 Heated Cabins	
Ihlenfeldt	18
Craig	14
Bewick	16
1 Unheated Cabin (for the hardy)	
Dr. Bible	8
	112

III. Costs per person:*

Dormitory - \$4.00 first night	= \$7.00 for 2 nights
3.00 second night	
Cabins - \$2.50 each night	= \$5.00 for 2 nights
Meals - \$2.00 per person	= \$10.00 for the 2 days
(Friday night we bring our own Pot-luck supper)	

Additional Costs:

Dishwasher per meal (5 x \$3.00= \$15. or)	= .25 per person
Extra to provide 2-3 scholarships	= .50 per person
Total expense per person	= \$15.75 or \$17.75

* Sleeping and food expenses of children three or under is not yet determined.

IV. Program: (Still to be modified some)

<u>Friday</u>	6:00 p.m.	Pot-luck supper: <u>Everyone coming is to bring a main dish or salad to pass.</u>			
	7:00 p.m.	Orientation to Camp Upham Woods by Mr. Jack Heller, Dir.			
	8:00 p.m.	Hootenany			
<u>Saturday</u>	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast			
	8:30 a.m.	Canoe	Hikes	Discussion	Art
	10:15	Trip		Groups**	Workshops**
	10:30 a.m.	Singing	Hikes		
	11:50 a.m.	School			
	12:00 Noon	Lunch			
	1:00 p.m.	Canoe	Hikes	Discussion	Art
	3:00 p.m.	Trip		Groups	Workshops
	3:00 p.m.			(Continued)	(Continued)?
	4:15 p.m.				
	4:30 p.m.	Sundown Service - Dan Willard			
	5:30 p.m.				
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner			
	7:30 p.m.	on Folk and Square Dancing;			
		Discussion Group third meeting, if wanted			
		Other adult interests - Bridge, Conversation, etc.			

** The planned groups which received most votes were:

- "Prairie Ain't Boston: Prairie's Identity as a Unitarian Group"
- "Man and Nature - Indoors and Outdoors"

- Transactional Analysis - Mary Lou Diehl, Leader
 - Art and Nature
 - a) Using things in Nature
 - b) Nature Sketching
 - c) Photography (Nature and otherwise)
 - Singing School: Shape-note songs - Chuck Young, Leader
- There were 6 persons who voted for either "Women's/Men's Liberation" or "Single/Married and Positions Inbetween" or "Partnership Intimacy". It was not a top choice, but if there is a ground-swell for some such discussion group, select a leader and contact Bunny Wilkening so it can be arranged.

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. (?) Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m.
 - ↓ Unplanned period
- 10:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service: Al Nettleton and Steve Friedman, Leaders
- 11:30 a.m.
 - ↓
- 12:00 Noon Dinner
- 1:00 p.m. Clean-up, unplanned period and departure
- 4:00 p.m.
 - ↓

A full teenage program is planned with Dan Willard as leader. His first tentative schedule - to be amended as suggestions from teenagers come in is as follows:

Friday

- 7:30-8:00 p.m. Rules Meeting
- 8:00-10:00 Nocturnal Awareness I
- 10:00 - 10:30 Famous Wisconsin Ghosts

Saturday

- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Nature Education I: Scavenger Hunt
- 10:00-12:00 Another Unit in ongoing discussion - Seidls
- Lunch
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Canoe Trip
- 3:00-4:30 Discussion - Educational Alternatives
- 4:30-5:30 Sundown Service
- Supper
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. Folk and Square Dancing
- 9:00 Nocturnal Awareness II

Sunday

- 9:00-10:30 Nature Education II: Solitude - Can You Take Being Alone in the Woods?
- 10:30-11:30 Sunday Service
- Lunch
- Cleanup

A mini-program is being planned for children, ages 8-11, to coincide with Saturday 8:30-10:15 and 1:00- 3:00 Discussion Groups. Otherwise, children must be with one or the other parent on canoe trips, hikes, Singing School or Art workshops.

For activities planned for children under 7, see the news item of Nancy McElreath's, elsewhere in this newsletter.

V. Outside Friends

Your votes were 2 to 1 in favor of inviting First Unitarian Society members and other outside friends. The Prairie Retreat welcomes them.

VI. What to Bring:

Sleeping Bags or suitable bedding to put on cots
Towels, washcloth and soap, since we are not requesting janitorial service.
Suitable cold/warm weather clothing, depending on weather.

VII. Constraints:

Because of rule-breaking three years ago at Upham Woods, the Prairie Unitarian group has not been welcomed back until this year. We are, therefore "On Probation". It is essential that we adults, our children and our friends obey the rules set down by the director and committee of Camp Upham Woods. When so many groups use a beautiful spot, there have to be strict rules to assure its preservation or such spots are rapidly ruined. There has been a strong desire on the part of most Prairie members to return to this lovely spot for our Retreat. Let us not blow it this time!!

Basic rules - several of which we disregarded last time:

- 1) Parking is permitted only in designated parking lots. Cars are not permitted around buildings at any time.
- 2) Firearms, explosives, alcoholic beverages, and drugs are not allowed on camp premises. (For adults, there is a bar two miles from the Camp.)
- 3) Camp trailers, power boats, trail bikes, and other such equipment are not permitted on camp premises.
- 4) Groups should leave the facilities clean and in order. (Especially as we are not hiring janitorial service, we must be especially careful to leave cabins, dorms, washroom facilities, trails and dining hall and meeting rooms as neat and clean as we found them!)
Breakage and loss of equipment will be charged to the renter.
- 5) Walking should be on designated roadways and trails.
- 6) Do not pick flowers or damage vegetation.
- 7) No running down steep hills. It can be dangerous and it damages earth-holding vegetation which prevents erosion.
- 8) The Ranger-Mac Memorial is a meditation area. Sit, look and listen in silence.
- 9) Sunset Rock is an excellent lookout area. Use stairs to climb to the top, as climbing the side banks destroys the ferns and mosses.
- 10) The camp boundaries for free time exploration are - the river, the road and the barricade to the southeast.
- 11) In cabins and the dorm: Do not jump on beds ; Equipment replacement is No pillow fights. } "sky-rageously" expensive!
Food and eating are not allowed in sleeping accommodations.

The Retreat Committee is responsible - morally and financially, for the conduct of the group. Rule-breaking will not be tolerated.

Sydney Mannering
Nancy McElreath
Richard Perry
Bunny Wilkening, Coordinator
Dan Willard
Chuck Young

VIII. Reservations Due:

Send in your reservations and money for the Retreat by Sunday, October 13 to:

Sydney Mannering
3202 Bluff St.
Madison, Wis. 53705

Request for cabin space will be on a paid-first, come-first basis. After the cabins are filled, the rest will pay for the dorm facilities.

(Fill out, tear off, and send in this form)

Please reserve _____ places in _____	Dorm (\$4. 1st night \$3. 2nd night)	Cost _____
	_____ Cabin (Heated) (\$2.50)	_____
	_____ Cabin (Unheated) a night)	_____

(Number) _____ to be present for all 5 meals. (\$10./person) _____

If you are unable to attend both Saturday and Sunday:

(Number) _____ will be present for _____ meals. (\$2./person per meal) _____

Each person's share of diswasher service. (\$.25/person) _____

Each person's share toward 2-3 scholarships. (\$.50/person) _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Those present from this household, including any friends, will be:

Name

Age (if youngster)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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