PRAIRIE FIRE

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PRAIRIE CALENDAR

WED
16 OCT 8 PM TRANSIENT NAMES: a reading of original poetry by Annis Pratt and Andrea Loewenstein at the Memorial Union.

SAT
19 OCT 7:30 PM THE PLAYREADERS will read Dylan Thomas' Under Milkwood at the Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon; 238-6053. Large cast required; please join us.

SUN
20 OCT 10 AM VIOLENCE AND VIOLATION, led by Al Nettleton
1 PM LRY meeting--Portal Foster Basement
4-6PM OPEN HOUSE, first of two, co-sponsored by Al Nettleton and Steve Friedman, at the Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon Avenue. Phone: 238-6053.

MON
21 OCT 8 PM WOMEN'S GROUP meets. Call Nancy McElreath for location. 233-7491.

FRI-SUN
25-27 OCT
SUN
27 OCT 10 AM SUNDAY SERVICE, led by George Calden
TUES 29 OCT 8 PM SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE meets at Melinda Roznoy's 2205 Westlawn Avenue. Phone: 256-5308
FRI-SUN
8-10 NOV
SUN
17 NOV 10 AM FALL PARISH MEETING

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ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL
Barbara Willard would like to thank everyone for their sympathy in her recent bereavement and wishes to announce that, thanks to some lovely people's generosity, she now has LOTS of tomatoes.

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RECYCLING MIXED PAPER/MAGAZINES
There are no more barrels in Pat Cautley's garage for recycling. Sinaiko will still accept them if you take them there, but won't pay. Also, they have a contract with the university, and will accept any kind of paper there.
DO YOU FEED THE DUCKS?

In their September newsletter, the Dane County Humane Society recommends and requests that ducks not be fed by benevolent citizens prior to December 1st. Feeding discourages migratory birds from migrating, causing severe hardship for them later on.

HUMOR DEPARTMENT: Being a liberal Republican is like being a High Unitarian; they are both possible--but pointless.

L.H.Y. is alive and meeting in the Portal Foster basement on Sunday afternoons at 1 PM. They could use more people aged 13-18. Also, they are in the process of choosing an adult advisor(s). Anyone interested in helping, please contact Martha or Nellie Willard at 256-2801.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the child-care program of International Wives, at the First Baptist Church, 509 Franklin St., on Tues and Thurs., call Lora Mermin at 251-2825.

EDITORIAL NOTE: You, no doubt, read about the marvelous surgery recently performed in Philadelphia to separate Siamese twins. A team of 23 doctors and nurses, during a 10 hour operation, fashioned an artificial bladder, intestinal tract, rectum, and reproductive system for the twin, who, through separation, would be without these organs. Though expected to experience difficulty learning to walk due to deformed pelvises, and sustaining respiratory problems, the operation was pronounced a great success. Neither the hospital nor the doctors charged the farmer from the Dominican Republic for services rendered. Meanwhile, back in Madison... and Chicago... and Detroit... and...

R.E. NEWS: Focus on 5th, 6th grade church school. Bonnie Grosnick has joined Pat Johnson as team teacher. Conversations in T.A. will take up the next few weeks. Any carryovers at home, Theron and the R.E. team would like to hear about.

Beth Perry and Theron Caldwell spent Oct 5th and 6th at a First Society workshop, living with a new Beacon curriculum, THE HAUNTING HOUSE. Two years of exciting material for kindergarten-2nd grade! Our R.E. committee will examine its feasibility for Prairie

NEWS ABOUT PRAIRIE MEMBERS: George Feiler, a recent guest of Frank and Betty French, and a charter member of Prairie, is now residing at 1155 Jones Street, San Francisco Cal 74109. He is in the process of setting up a fellowship modeled on Prairie, and would like to hear from Prairie-ites with ideas... Lilo and Sarah Koehl have just returned from a short visit to New York City, where Lilo's sister resides... We are deeply sorry to hear of the serious illness of Rosemary Dorney's mother, who is at University Hospital.
UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST
CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
November 8, 9, 10, 1974

Program Schedule:

Friday:
4:00 Registration
7:00 Supper at church
8:00 Program: The Prairie Chicken Pluckers
9:00 Worship Service led by LRT CMF

Saturday:
8:15 Registration
9:15 Keynote Address: Margaret E. Williams
10:15 Break
10:30 Workshops
12:30 Lunch ... Area Council Groups (Central Illinois and North Central areas will have separate accommodations for luncheon meeting)
2:00 Workshops
4:00 Break
4:15 Business Meeting
6:30 Cocktails ... Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner
8:00 Program: Reid Gilbert

Sunday:
10:00 Service at First Unitarian Society, Max Gaebler, Minister "The changes we are asked to make"
10:00 Service at Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society, Steve Friedman and Al Nettleton Lay Ministers "People and Cities ... You can't have your bread buttered on both sides."

"Look Inward, Look Outward: Personal Growth and Outreach"
The Workshops:

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST IDENTITY
Leader: Barbara Heine
Here is an opportunity to experience the new UUA curriculum unit for adults.

FOCUS ON NOAH
Leader: Margaret Odell
This is an RE teacher training workshop, for upper elementary grades, in the use of the new curriculum unit on the Old Testament.

YOUR STORY, MY STORY
Leader: Emil Gudmundson
This session will be devoted to the development of your personal theology and/or philosophy: exploring the basic questions of life.

INSTITUTIONAL REGENERATION IN A U U SOCIETY
Leader: Max Goodson
The goal here is to clarify thoughts and feelings that people experience in a society; clarifying needs and sharing goals; planning and carrying out activities; spontaneous celebration as a measure of success.

THE INDIVIDUAL, THE CHURCH AND ALCOHOL
Leader: Allan Senty
Is the church a “pusher” of alcoholism, or is the individual pushing alcohol into the church? This group will explore activities in church life, church community, and the social problem of alcoholism.

LAY MINISTRY
Leader: Charles Davidson
The Madison Prairie Society’s unique rotating system of lay ministers will be examined with a detailed look at how the lay ministers coordinate programs in three month terms.

ADULT SEXUALITY WORKSHOPS
Leader: John Zahn
This discussion will be based on the experiences of an adult discussion group at the Madison church.

FORMAT FOR SHARING: EXTENDED FAMILIES
Leader: John Mitchell
An alternative to “going it alone” will be presented here based upon a continuing experience.

THE VOLUNTEER
Leader: Jane Clay
What’s happening to the volunteer movement? How does the church fit into it? What matters to each of us with regard to the way we spend our time? What are the ethical concepts involved? This question will form the discussion base.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Leader: An attorney from the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee
A lively discussion promises to follow the documentary film, 3,000 Years and Life which gives you a fascinating look at self-government during a guard strike in a prison.

AFFECTING THE SYSTEM: UU’S IN POLITICS
Leader: Nala Harper
This time will be devoted to a close look at the individual’s role in public policy. There will be a dialogue with UU’s who are serving in elected offices.

INTERGEN
Leader: LRY
This is an intergenerational workshop with the goal of adult/youth interaction and communication.

R.E. WORKSHOP
Leader: Margaret E. Williams
A look at how we change awareness of discriminatory attitudes, value differences and differences in style. For both students and teachers.

BRAINSTORMING DISTRICT PROBLEMS AND PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES
Leader: Derek Staats
Keynote Speaker: Margaret E. Williams is a consultant in the UUA Department of Education and Social Concerns. She works with churches in the areas of leadership training, goal setting and developing awareness of social issues.

Friday night program: The “Prairie Chicken Pickers” are an old-time, finger-snapping string band made up of members of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society, Madison, Wisconsin.

Saturday night program: Reid Gilbert, pantomimist, is a protestant minister whose ideas find expression through Valley Studio, a colony for teaching and creativity in the arts.

Meals:
- Friday night supper at the church $2.75
- Saturday noon lunch $2.00
- Saturday evening dinner $5.30

Housing:
Sleeping bag space, and the necessary facilities, will be available in the church.

Home hospitality is available.

Motels request that you make your reservations before October 25th to take advantage of any possible special conference rates. Group rates may be available when a group of ten or more conferences at any one motel. To qualify for special rates, you must be registered as members of the Central Midwest District Unitarian-Universalist Meeting.

The HAMACHER HOTEL, 5101 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53705, Phone 608/233-5357
About 2 miles from the church ... rates: Single $11.95 per night plus tax

THE IVY INN, 2555 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53705 Phone 608/233-9717
5 Blocks from church ... rates: Single $14.00 per night plus tax (This rate reflects our conference discount.)

HOWARD JOHNSON’S, 525 West Johnson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, Phone: 608/251-5511
A little over 2 miles from the church ... rates: Single $17.50 per night plus tax.