

# PRAIRIE FIRE

Newsletter of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## PRAIRIE CALENDAR

- WED  
 16 OCT 8 PM TRANSPARENT 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 PRAIRIE RETREAT at Upham Woods.
- 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 ANNUAL CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT MEETING, at 1st Soc.
- SUN  
 17 NOV 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.

\* 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.

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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.

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

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LRY 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.

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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.

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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. . .

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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

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NEWS ABOUT PRAIRIE MEMBERS:

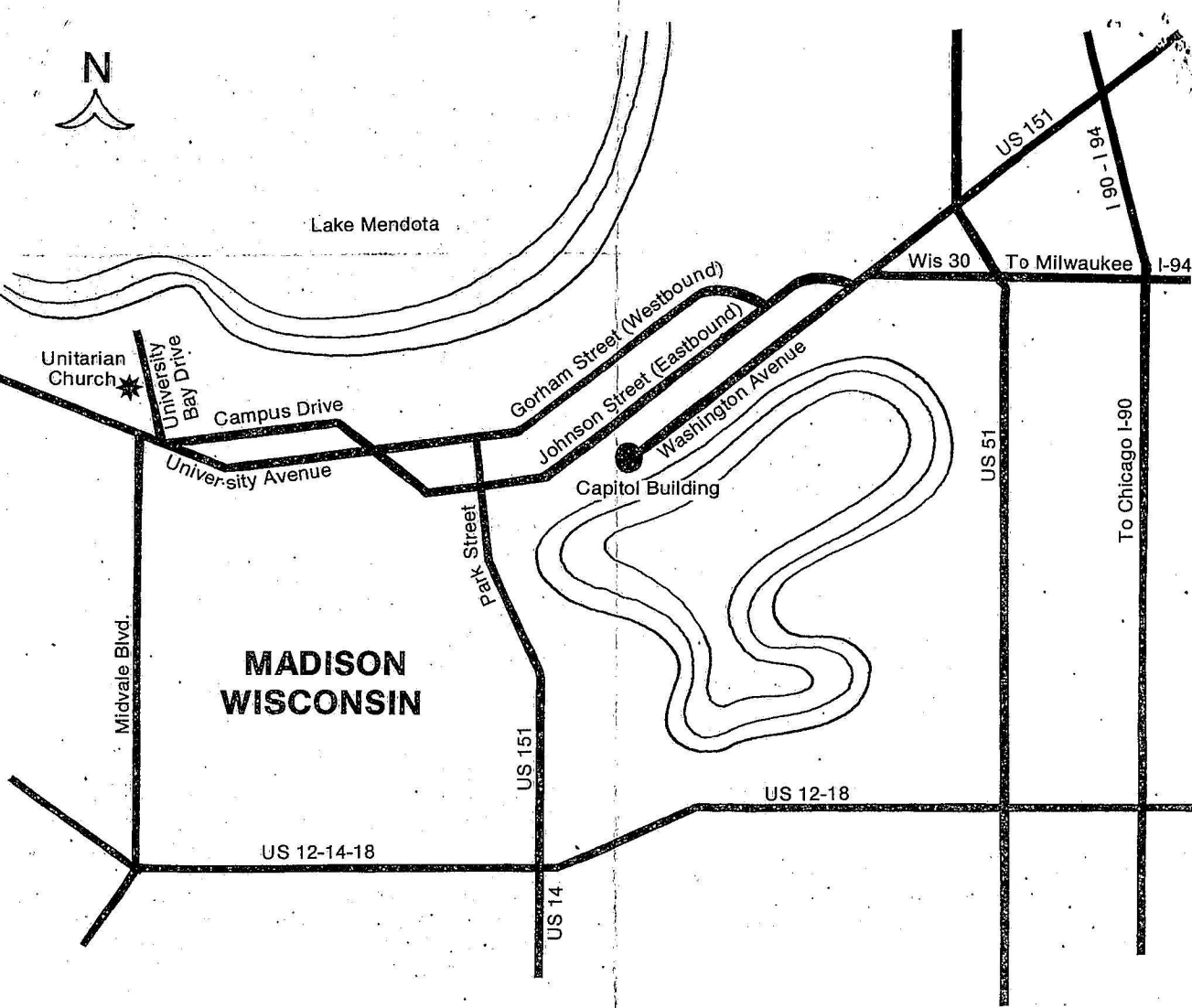
George Feiler, a recent guest of Frank and Betty French, and a charter member of Prairie, is now residing at 1155 Jones Street, San Francisco Cal 74109. He is in the process of setting up a fellowship modeled on Prairie, and would like to hear from Prairie-ites with ideas. . .

. 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.

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**UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST  
CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING**  
November 8, 9, 10, 1974

**Program Schedule:**

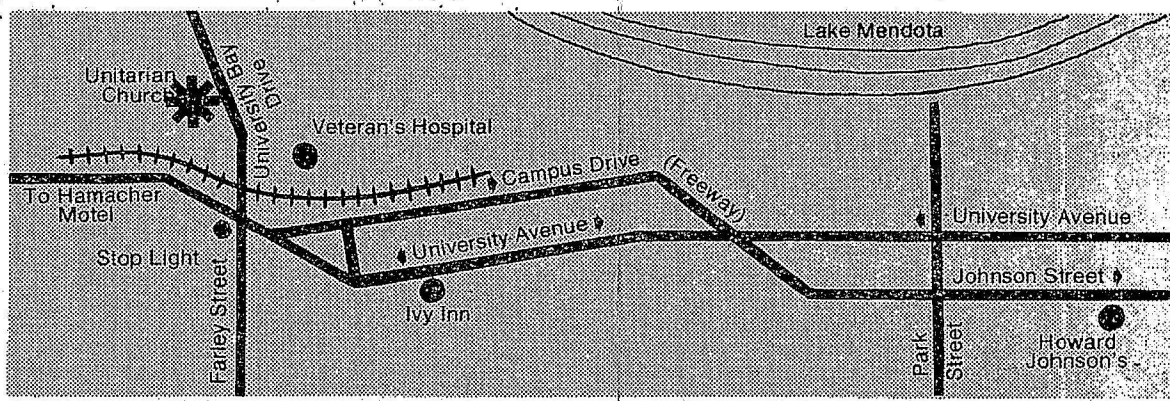
- Friday:**
- 4:00 Registration
  - 7:00 Supper at church
  - 8:00 Program: The Prairie Chicken Pluckers
  - 9:00 Worship Service led by LRY CMF
- Saturday:**
- 8:15 Registration
  - 9:15 Keynote Address: Margaret E. Williams
  - 10:15 Break
  - 10:30 Workshops
  - 12:30 Lunch . . . Area Council Groups (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."

# Unitarian- Universalist Central Midwest District Annual Meeting

November 8,9,10 1974

**First Unitarian Society of Madison**  
900 University Bay Drive  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705  
Phone: 608/233-6183

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



## Registration Form

I wish to register the following people for the Annual Meeting:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

My Church or Fellowship affiliation is \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing the following fees:

Registration fee (\$5.50 before November 1 / \$6.50 after November 1)  
**NO CHARGE FOR LRY REGISTRANTS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night supper @ \$2.75 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday noon lunch @ \$2.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday evening dinner @ \$5.30 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
**FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF MADISON**

- I will arrange my own hotel accommodations.  
 I would like sleeping bag space at the church for \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
 I would like home hospitality for \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
 Friday night,  Saturday night

I would like to register for the following workshops:

Morning workshop \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Afternoon workshop \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_ people.

**Mail to: Unitarian-Universalist Central Midwest District Annual Meeting, First Unitarian Society of Madison, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53705**

## 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 in? What matters to each of us with regard to the way we spend our time? What are the ethical concepts involved? This questions 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: Naila Harper  
This time will be devoted to a close look at the individual's role in public policy. There will be a dialog 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 build awareness of discriminatory attitudes, value differences and differences in life 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 Pluckers"* are an old-timey, 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 conferees register 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 MOTEL**, 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**, 2355 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