SAT
SEPT 20 7:30 PM
PLAYREADING EVENT at the Parrish's cabin on the
ridge. Actual playreading begins at 7:30 p.m.
but Avis and Roland have invited us to spend the
afternoon, dinner, and even overnight if anyone
would like to do so. Please call Linda Pluim,
at 636-5547 or the Parrishs at 238-1725 for more
information.

SUN
SEPT 21 10 AM
"YOU DON'T NEED A REASON TO SING" Sunday service
led by Pat Johnson and Ron Slabaugh. Please bring
cushions, in lieu of chairs for this family service.
There will be a children's choir (see below for more
information), a rhythm band (bring your instruments),
and a lot of music. Meet at Portal-Foster Center,
1806 West Lawn Ave. 221-1065

MON
SEPT 22 7:30 PM
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING at the Willard's home,
2217 West Lawn Ave. All are welcome. 256-2801

WED
SEPT 24 8 PM
DISCUSSION GROUP People interested in discussing
Lawrence LeShane's book, Medium, Mystic, & Physicist
and related books or issues, please come to a
group discussion at the home of Dick Bonser,
621 Knickerbocker. 233-6481

FRI
SEPT 26 8 PM
TEACHERS, R.E. COMMITTEE PARTY at the Nettleton's
home, 645 Sheldon. 238-6053

SUN
SEPT 28
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE date by which we must receive
information to be printed in the October 2nd Newsletter.

SUN
SEPT 28 10 AM
"THAT OLD TIME RELIGION" early American Unitarianism
and Universalism. Program led by Norman Risjord, a
member of First Unitarian Society and UW Professor of
History. Meet at Portal-Foster Center, 1806 West
Lawn Ave. 221-1065

SUN
OCT 5 11:30 AM
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING after the Sunday service
at the Portal-Foster Center, 1806 West Lawn Ave.
Meeting should last about 1/2 hour. 238-6053

SUN
OCT 12 3 PM
BOARD MEETING at Mary Slabaugh's home, 2416 Gregory,
before the Parish meeting. 233-4454

SUN
OCT 12 5:30 - 7:30 PM
FALL PARISH MEETING at the Portal-Foster Center,
1806 West Lawn Ave. Potluck supper to precede the
business meeting from 4:30-5:30 p.m. More details
to follow later. 257-4408
FALL RETREAT - UPHAM WOODS
Annual retreat at Camp Upham Woods on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells. A weekend of nature, community activities, and peaceful meditation. All Prairie friends and members are welcome to join us. Registration materials will appear in the next newsletter. For more information call Elizabeth Harald at 233-4454.

1975 ANNUAL MEETING CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT, UUA will be in Bloomington, Illinois. If you are able to attend part or all of this time, contact Richard Perry at 255-6157. We can defray at least part of your expenses.

Prairie Executive Board Meets
The Board met September 11th at the Portal-Foster Center. Primarily the discussion revolved around the budget and various financial matters, in preparation for the Parish meeting on October 12th. The Board approved, unanimously, the $8180 budget presented by Aileen Nettleton, Finance Committee Chairperson. That budget will be presented in detail in the pledge drive literature and at the Parish meeting, where the membership will vote on the budget. Aileen thanked Charlie Davidson, Treasurer, for his excellent record-keeping. Aileen also announced that the pledge drive for the 1975-76 year will begin the week of September 15-19; she asks that pledge cards be returned by October 5th.

Roland announced that our lease with the Portal-Foster Center has been signed for this year. Included in that lease is a clause detailing that there shall be two maintenance days each month to maintain the building. In addition, Mr. Ward, the new Portal-Foster Director, assured the Board that the building will be tidied up in preparation, each weekend, for our Sunday meetings. Some efforts will be made to provide babysitting services during the Parish meeting on October 12th.

From the Lay Minister
I've been asked to offer a list of suggested readings. If you don't know too much about Universalism or Unitarianism, contact me at 255-6157, or check at Madison Public Library for any one of a variety of sources. My own world view has been shaped most profoundly by Camus, Loren Eiseley, and Zen Buddhism. I heartily recommend books by Loren Eiseley for you. Available at the Madison Public Library or bookstores. The Book of Job can also be valuable.

—Richard Perry

Annual Pledge Drive Begins
The annual "pledge drive" is underway for the 1975-76 year. Active members and friends of Prairie should be receiving information and pledge cards this week. The finalized budget, based on your pledges, will be presented at the October 12th Parish meeting.

To complete the 1974-75 fiscal year, individual statements are also being sent out to remind you of your status relative to your pledge. To date only 76% of the pledges have been fulfilled. With each of us continuing to give our share, we can go on about the business of the Prairie community.

Committee members: Aileen Nettleton, Chairperson; Vivian Meyer, Roland Parrish, Laura Small, Rebecca Clark, and Charlie Davidson.

—Aileen Nettleton

Denominational Affairs Committee
The Denominational Affairs Committee is set up to maintain contact with other U-U groups and to provide a resource center for liturgy and ceremonies materials. If you would like to work on any of these areas, contact Richard
You Don't Need A Reason To Sing

Ron Slabaugh and Pat Johnson will be leading the September 21st Sunday service, of the same name, as a family program. They would like to involve the children as much as possible in this event by means of singing, music, etc. They ask that if there are children interested in singing in a children's choir (up to third grade level) that they come to a rehearsal for next Sunday's program on Saturday morning at 10:30. Ron and Pat hope to explore how we deal with religious questions of concern to us, how we celebrate our joys, sadness, and involvement using music and songs. They will initiate a rhythm band, and ask that everyone bring a rhythm instrument (e.g. wooden block and stick, kazoo, etc.) (see poem below)

"Ourchestra"

So you haven't got a drum, just beat your belly.
So I haven't got a horn--I'll play my nose.
So we haven't any cymbals--we'll just slap our hands together.
And though there may be orchestras that sound a little better
With their fancy, shiny instruments,
That cost an awful lot--
Hey, we're making music twice as good
By playing what we've got!

--Shel Silverstein

Religious Education Notes

The religious education committee and the Sunday School teachers met September 3rd to plan the beginning of church school. Among the ideas which came forth were:

1) Bad religion can most certainly be hazardous to one's health.
2) The bird is on the wing not in the manual.
3) Kids aren't fooled past two weeks
4) We do it. We don't do it right every time.

A quote of interest to parents and R.E. people:

I want him to be sure he'll know when he's chickening out on himself. I want him to get to know exactly the special thing he is or else he won't notice when it starts to go. I want him to stay awake and know who the phonies are. I want him to know how to holler and put up an argument. I want a little guts to show before I let him go. I want to be sure he sees all the wild possibilities. I want him to know it's worth all the trouble when you get the chance.

(Murray speaking in the play, "A Thousand Clowns")

--Paula Elkins, Chair.
R.E. Committee

Annual Fall Retreat--Soon

Elizabeth Harald, Coordinator of this year's retreat, announces that we will go to Upham Woods during the weekend of October 17-19. We will have access to the camp from 5 p.m. Friday until 4 p.m. Sunday of that weekend. Elizabeth stresses that this event is open to all who wish to join us. There will be individual and group activities, waterfront facilities, nature walks on Blackhawk Island, discussions, etc. People are needed to help facilitate the plans for the weekend. If you are interested in helping out, give Elizabeth a call at 233-4454.

The next newsletter will include registration information in detail. There will be money available, through the generosity of Rebecca French and Richard Perry who have donated some of their lay ministry funds for this purpose. Also, arrangements will be made to furnish transportation for those who are unable to provide their own, or who would like to double up to cut costs and pollution.
To date, the information available regarding prices for food and lodging is as follows:

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Be sure to check the next newsletter for the enclosed materials and note the deadlines and possible adjustments in costs, etc.

LRY Flourishes

In their first meeting the LRYers voted to appoint Mike Lyman as their advisor. The group is in the process of deciding how they will formulate their activities and goals. To aid in expanding the opportunities available to the LRY group, Ann and Fred Seidl, who dedicated their lay ministry to the youth group of last year, have set aside $300 for LRY’s use from their ministry funds. Together with some benign direction from Mike, the funds should give the group a real chance to contribute to their own experience and to add to the community as a whole.

Prairie Arboretum Expands

Melinda Roznoy requests that anyone who has plants needing an extended vacation or the services of a plant day care center, call her at 256-5308. The Prairie gardens could use some additional foliage.

Circle Dinners Begin Anew

Last Sunday a sign-up sheet was set out for those interested in participating in this year’s circle dinner arrangements. All Prairie members and friends are welcome to join in this activity. For further information or to sign up, call Elizabeth Harald at 233-4454.

Variety Groups

In addition to the groups which have existed in the past, (e.g., circle dinners, playreading, etc.) Elizabeth Harald would like to hear about any other interested persons with suggestions for new interest groups. For example, there has been some activity in the Singles group. Vivian Meyer expresses a desire to initiate a group of persons interested in skiing—downhill and cross country—in order to look into group rates, group transportation, ski weekends, ski camping, etc. Anyone interested in helping to plan for such groups or group should contact Elizabeth at 233-4454 or Vivian at 251-7526. Perhaps we could get together after church next Sunday to discuss the possibilities.

Thanks To Robert Tyler

The horn of plenty in evidence on the back table on September 7th was made possible through the generosity of Robert Tyler. Mr. Tyler owns a garden near the Carsons and asked that we share in his harvest. Currently Mr. Tyler is undergoing surgery—we wish him all the best and a speedy recovery.

Employing Your Total Self

Received from Sparrow Senty, of First Society, the following opportunity:

A career/life goal workshop. **When:** Beginning Tuesday, October 15, and continuing for a total of 9 weekly sessions of 3 hours each from 7-10 p.m. **Where:** First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive. **Aim:** To help individuals focus their talents and interests into a career-focus and action plan. **Goals:** 1. to help people answer the question “what do I really want to do?” 2. to help people gain the self-confidence to do it. **What Will Happen:** The workshop involves 5 to 8
individuals, working with two leaders, first writing, and then sharing their written lifework, autobiographies. The written autobiography by each participant becomes the initial course material and the basis for identifying each person's inventory of strengths, skills, and interests, as well as for providing the oral and written feedback each individual receives from other group members. The Leaders: Linne Cain and Sparrow Senty. Both leaders have participated in a training program and have previously co-facilitated the workshop at First Society and at the Lake Geneva Summer Assembly. Call either Sparrow, at 244-5742, or Linne, evenings at 233-7949, for additional course and registration information before September 26. Cost: There is a $10 workshop fee, payable to the First Unitarian Society; scholarship funds will be available.

The Gospel According To Alan Greenspan
The following is a pictorial editorial based upon my understanding of the expected outcome of the policies espoused by Presidential economic advisor Alan Greenspan (of downtrodden stockbroker fame).

--Vivian Meyer

--Speck needs a home with lots of space and love. He's a 5-year old black German Shepherd mix, has had shots and basic training, and is driving my two cats and I nuts in my one room apartment. If you'd be interested in seeing him, call 256-9446 (ask for Anne in Apt. 4) or call Nature's Bakery, 257-3649, and leave a message.

--Bill Hafner, friend of Prairie, has just bought a house at 2305 Regent St. He would like to share it on a cooperative basis—share cooking, household functions, etc. The house has four bedrooms, a basement, and a fireplace. If you need a place to live and are interested in cooperative housing please give him a call at 238-8994 in the evening.

--from Newsweek

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From the Editor -- REMINDER!!!

If you have moved and still wish to receive the Newsletter, please inform Vivian Meyer of your new address. Each time we send a newsletter and it is returned we must pay 10¢. The last newsletter brought $3.10 worth of returned newsletters—approximately 2/3 the amount it costs to send 300 newsletters bulk mail! This last batch was a result of the usual Fall shuffle when school begins, etc. However, we always receive at least 5 back. Please remember to give me your address change. In addition, anyone who receives the newsletter who would like to contribute a tax-free donation to defray mailing costs is welcome to do so. Thanks for your cooperation.
Parting Words... and Precious Memories

Bruce A. Carson, age 23, of Boulder Colorado died September 4, 1975 in a fall while descending Mt. Trisul in the Indian Himalayas. He is survived by his parents, Barbara and David; his brother, Jonathan; and his sister, Laurel.

Bruce was a member of the American Alpine Club Team, a teacher of mountaineering, and a developer of new climbing techniques.

The Carsons will deeply miss Bruce. He was their son and brother and they shared his love and life with great joy.

Prairie friends gathered at the home of the Carsons to help celebrate the life of Bruce. A tree was planted as a memorial to the nurturing and growth of one life rooted in the love and concern of other lives. Mary Lou Munts eulogized Bruce as one who lived to the fullest each moment of his life. Those of us who did not know him personally were introduced to Bruce through the letters he wrote to those he loved. All present shared in the Carson's sorrow, feeling their loss, hoping to ease some of their pain with our love and attempts to reach out to them.

The Carsons wish to express their thanks to those who attended and especially to those kind persons who visited with them and assisted in the memorial service. Special appreciation is expressed for the contributions of Mary Lou and Ray Munts; Shirley and John Grindrod; Avis Parrish; George and Ruth Calden; Pat and Dan Cautley; and Warren Hagstrom.
Fran Remeika wishes to share the following with the Prairie Community

DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they, too, have their story.
Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.
Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about life; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.
Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars. You have a right to be here.
And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.
Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

(Found in old St. Paul's Church, Baltimore--dated 1692)
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