PRAIRIE CALENDAR

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

WED  OCT  8  8 PM  "MYSTICAL" STUDY GROUP  meets at Dick Bonser's home, 621 Knickerbocker. At the last meeting the decision was made by the group to meet regularly on Wednesday evenings. All are welcome. 233-6481

SUN  OCT  12  10 AM  "THE ROAD OF LIFE AND DEATH, RELIGION OF THE WINNEBAGO" led by Mr. Walter Funmaker, a member of the University's Anthropology Department and a Winnebago.

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. 257-4408

SUN  OCT  12  11:30 AM  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  date by which I must receive information to be printed in the October 16th Newsletter.

SUN  OCT  12  11:30 AM  SKI CLUB MEETING  A brief meeting directly after the morning service to discuss expectations for the club, an equipment exchange, etc. 251-7526

FRI-SUN  OCT  17-19  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 forms are enclosed (see information below). For more information call Elizabeth Harald at 233-4454 or Pat Cautley at 238-5373.

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.
Lay Minister Notes

Lay Minister, Richard Perry would like to make the following suggestions for reading in preparation for the October 12th service:

Paul Radin, The Winnebago Tribe
Paul Radin, The Road of Life and Death
H. H. Jackson, A Century of Dishonour

All books are available at Madison Public Library, the State Historical Society, and the University Memorial Library.

Greetings From Betsy Roberts

Betsy reports that she has made contact with a Unitarian-Universalist fellowship in Lexington, Kentucky. In addition, she is employed by the State of Kentucky as an unemployment claims analyst.

It is good to hear from a distant Prairie member. All the best to Betsy and here's hoping we hear from her more often. We miss you!

Good Things Happen For the Laurences

Terri Laurence was awarded 3rd Prize in Poetry at the annual awards Banquet of the State Writers Organization at West Bend, Wisconsin, Saturday, September 27.

And to add to the happiness...John and Jeff were promoted to the Concert Choir of the Madison Boychoir after a year's training in the Boychoir. Congratulations Laurences!

Joyful Occasion...

Debbie Doob has given birth to a lovely baby boy, born Sunday, September 21. Debbie is home now and enjoying her son.

Thanks Are Due

Thanks and appreciation go to Rosemary Dorney for her effort in producing the new songbook. Rosemary has produced a high quality, beautifully typed book for our use. Each time we sing or read from it we will think of her. Thanks for your assistance Rosemary!

Religious Study Group Forming

An interest has been expressed by a number of persons, in some form of regular, serious study of religious issues. If you are interested in such a group contact Barbara Carson. Barbara has announced that she would like to organize such a group. Those interested may reach Barbara at 221-1244.

Singles Group...Keep on Truckin'

On Sunday, October 12th, the Singles group will travel to the Spring Green Restaurant for a meal, overlooking the Wisconsin River. This will be one in a series of events organized to bring together people interested in meeting people and socializing outside of church. We hope you will join us for this outing. There will be transportation if you need or want it. Call Vivian Meyer, 251-7526 or Theron Caldwell, 255-9974 for reservations and/or information. Join us!

Ski Club Invites Downhill and X-Country Enthusiasts to Join

At the meeting scheduled for October 12th (see calendar) we will simply meet as a group to discuss the possibilities for such a group before the snow falls. Also, there will be an attempt to solicit assistance in various aspects of any activities we undertake. We hope to keep it simple (and cheap) so that all can assist and participate. For example, it was suggested that we sponsor an equipment exchange to encourage skiers, young and old, to begin or continue to ski. Vivian Meyer hopes to correspond with ski areas to determine rates, accommodations, group discounts, lessons, etc. for trips on weekends, etc. Our first meeting will be confined to basic organization, expectations and getting an idea of how many and which persons are interested. Call Vivian Meyer for information. 251-7526.
Letter to the Editor
To Prairie Fires:

When I heard, last year, that our songbooks were to be “corrected to remove the taint of sexism,” I felt that there was some paranoia in a group which could not respect the original wording of old hymns and understand that these were old songs which reflected the thoughts of their period.

At that time, it was also announced that if anyone wanted certain favorite songs left in the book, he or she should speak up. I found some difficulty with this proposal, since I could not see how each of us could say “I want this, this, this, etc.” for every song we liked, not knowing in advance which songs were proposed for deletion.

Therefore I asked for a copy of the revised pages, and have now compared them with our present songbook. My analysis shows 23 songs and readings removed, and 10 songs added, giving us a net loss of 13 songs or readings. (I will not dwell here on my analysis of the changes in the name of Women’s Liberation.)

The songs removed are:

When Jesus Walked Upon the Earth
What Have They Done to the Rain?
Where Is Our Holy Church
This Little Light of Mine
What Wondrous Love Is This
Humanity Enslaved So Long
“Tis Winter Now
What Else Is Wisdom
Walking In Jerusalem
Joy
Heresy
Integrity

Blowing In the Wind
Since What We Choose Is What We Are
Little Boxes
Rise Up Shepherd and Follow
This Land Is Your Land
Who Is the Patriot
The World Tree
I Can See
When Courage Fails
Ours
Freedom

The songs added are:

The Heather Song
Old Time Religion
Oh Mary Don’t You Weep
Angels We Have Heard On High
Joy to the World

Come Ye Thankful People
Banks of Marble
Vilas Park Song
The Holly and the Ivy
Glee Reigns In Galilee

I protest. We should be enlarging our options, not narrowing them. The point was made that some of the songs were not “singable”. This may be so. I had thought that the last page or two of the book contained material for responsive readings, not intended to be singable. Most churches have a large number of songs from which to choose, and during the tenure of a certain minister or program committee only certain songs are used; with a change in leadership comes a change in the songs used, but no one rips the rest from the songbook. I urge that we leave in all the songs which have been in the songbook, and welcome the ones proposed by the revision committee, and I plan to so move under the “New Business” item on the agenda of the Parish Meeting.

Yours, for the siblinghood of persons,

Fran Remeika

FALL RETREAT INFORMATION

In this issue of the Prairie Fire please find a registration form, if you have not already filled one out in church, to fill in and send to the registrar, Pat Cautley. Your timely response will allow for better planning and will allow the committee to meet their deadline for informing the Upham Woods people of our needs. The deadline for registering is October 5th. You may also register in church on the morning of Sunday, October 5th. Thank you for your cooperation.
I. Dates and Time: Friday, October 17, 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.

II. Sleeping Facilities requested are:
- Heated Dormitory (has separate rooms which sleep 4)
- 3 Heated Cabins
  - Ihlenfeldt
  - Craig
  - Bewick
- 1 Unheated Cabin (for the hardy)
  - Dr. Bible

III. Additional Costs: There will be a 25¢ per person fee assessed to pay for the per meal dishwasher expense.

IV. Maps: will be available at the October 5th Sunday service along with instructions as to how to get to the camp.

V. Activities: There will be scheduled activities for both adults and children.

VI. Outside Friends: as in the past, outside friends who have registered are more than welcome to join Prairie members and friends during this weekend. Upham Woods has been found to be a great place to meet and get-to-know people, it is especially recommended for new members or those considering joining Prairie.

VII. 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 the weather.

VIII. Constraints: 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.

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. We must be especially careful to leave cabins, dorms, washrooms, trails and dining hall and meeting rooms as neat and clean as we found them!
5. Walking should be on designated roadways and trails. No running down steep hills. It can be dangerous and it damages earth-holding vegetation which prevents erosion. Do not pick flowers or damage vegetation.
6. The Ranger-Mac Memorial is a meditation area. Sit, look and listen in silence.
7. Sunset Rock is an excellent lookout area. Use stairs to climb to the top, as climbing the side banks destroys the ferns and mosses.
8. The camp boundaries for free time exploration are – the river, the road and the barricade to the southeast.
9. In cabins and the dorm: do not jump on beds, no pillow fights. Equipment is expensive to replace. 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. Elizabeth Harald, Coordinator, Mary Slabaugh, Mike Briggs, Beth Perry, Pat Cautley, and Vivian Meyer
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 5, 1975

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* Fees must be paid in advance
** There will be no meal on Friday night.

Total number of persons registered:

NAME

AGE

PHONE #

Type of lodging desired:
(Check choice)

CABIN ☐
DORMITORY ☐

Number of nights you will stay and number of persons each night:
(place a number in the appropriate box(es))

FRIDAY ☐
SATURDAY ☐

Number of meals you will be eating at Upham and how many present at each meal:
(place a number after each meal)

Saturday Breakfast ☐
Saturday Lunch ☐
Saturday Dinner ☐
Sunday Breakfast ☐
Sunday Lunch ☐

We plan to arrive:
(approx. time)

Do you need transportation?
Yes ☐
No ☐

Can you provide transportation?
Yes ☐
No ☐

Will you bring watercraft? (please specify type)

Do you wish to apply for scholarship funds?
Yes ☐
No ☐

Please specify approximate amount needed:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $

Please send all registration materials to Pat Cautley; 4805 Regent Street; Madison, Wisconsin 53705.
Address any questions to: Pat Cautley--238-5373 or Elizabeth Harald--233-4454
You may register at Prairie in person September 28 or October 5.
WHAT IF WE ALL RAN AWAY FROM OUR PROBLEMS?
HUH? WHAT THEN?

WHAT IF EVERYONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD SUDDENLY DECIDED TO RUN AWAY FROM HIS PROBLEMS?

WELL, AT LEAST WE'D ALL BE RUNNING IN THE SAME DIRECTION!

--from The Gospel According To Peanuts by Robert L. Short