Sun. Sept 19 10 AM Sunday Service at Portal Foster - "NO PLACE LIKE IT!", with Avis Parrish & Mike Briggs

Sat. Sept 25 8 PM Going away party for Steve & Cynthia Swan-Friedman & Lilo Koehl (see details below)

Sun. Sept 26 10 AM Sunday Service at Portal Foster - "THE PEOPLE SING", a family service with Mike Briggs

Sun. Oct. 3 10 AM Sunday Service at Portal Foster - "THE LAND & THE PEOPLE" with Mike Briggs

Fri-Sun Oct. 8-10 Prairie Retreat at Camp Upham Woods. (see material below & registration form)

Sun. Oct 10 10 AM Sunday Service at Portal Foster for those who do not go on the retreat--(to be announced)

On Jewish New Year, September 25th, at 8 PM, bring your favorite hors d’oeuvres or wine and join us in saying farewell to Steve & Cynthia & Lilo, at Nettleton’s, 645 Sheldon St. (238 6053)

About the retreat: Prairie folk are returning to the forest. Our annual retreat is once again set up for Upham Woods, (in the prettiest part of the Wisconsin Dells), this year for Oct. 8,9,10. The weekend can offer plenty of time for seeing Father Nature in his finest, canoeing, nature walks, sitting in the quiet. A very full set of programs and discussion groups can fill your time and give you a chance to meet new and old Prairie folk and get intensely involved in issues, or you can retreat from time to time into the quiet of the surroundings. There’s also an excellent bar half mile down the road. The children's programs will be lively & exciting. One or more musical groups will be formed, so bring your instruments. The Caldens will be offering a marriage enrichment experience and there will be an opportunity for Prairie women to talk to each other, and for Prairie men to talk to each other. Please fill out and return your registration forms as soon as possible.

Please collect old pieces of rope, cord, etc., for a part of the Upham Woods program, and bring to Richard Perry at Church, no nylon or manmade fiber, please.

If you aren't going on the retreat, and you have an idea for a 'back-in-Madison' program for Oct. 10, please get in touch with program chairperson John Lewis at either 238 8666 (home) or 266 3479 (work)

You can still sign up for circle dinners. Call Avis Parrish (238 1725) or look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at Portal Foster.

EMERGENCY HELP! HELP! Koel's 8 yr. old spayed female schnauzer needs a home or to be boarded for the next year. Lilo will pay for upkeep, shots, vet, haircuts etc. -- all you need give her is love and a home. Call 233 7383
Middle School Class is to meet at Willards, 2217 West Lawn Ave., rather than at Portal Foster.

YUM welcomes all teenagers in High School to join. We are the young Unitarians of Madison and we meet at 7:30 on Sundays at the Youth Building (at 1st Unitarian). Please come. If you need a ride, all me at 256 3445, on Sunday afternoon. (If I am not at home, leave a message only with an adult.)

Carolyn Briggs

After Mike's program on roots and such, I thought I'd share this bit I picked up while reading about early Universalism: (Richard Perry)

We-of Earth have here the stuff of paradise.
Wt have enough.
We need no other stones to build the stairs on the Unfilled,
No other ivory for the doors, no other marble for the floors,
No other cedar for the beam and dome of man's immortal dream.
Here on the common human way is all the stuff to build a heaven.
Ours is the stuff to build eternity in time.

The Prairie Shapenote Singers are a spirited group who like to sing early choral music regularly. We are now practising to perform again at the World Dairy Expo's Silo Singing on the weekend of October 2nd. First practice is Sunday, Sept. 19, at church at 11:30. If you have your book, bring it, come regardless.

Ride needed, Sunday mornings from Eastside for 4 newcomers to Prairie. Please call Rose Roh 219-8036

I'll take the plunge and suggest things that I would like to share/explore with other Unitarian women, (single, married, divorced, thinking about it, or in between). "Is there sex after life or life after sex?" "Am I my mother's keeper?" "How to Shake/Shape our roles in life." Women & Madness Phyllis Chisler, "How to Stop Being Nice", Death, dying, & suicide." I invite you to join me at Upham Woods to explore these ideas.

Rachel Siegfried

I think it would be good if the men got together, too. Join me at Upham Woods.

Jack Jallings

The Counseling Committee are Prairie people who have volunteered to lend an ear when you need a friend. The backgrounds of the members vary along professional dimensions from psychology to nursing to social work to counseling to medicine. The committee doesn't meet as a committee. We are available as individuals when you wish to call. Nothing is too trivial, if it is a concern. Major problems may benefit from a problem sorting process and an enlightened referral. Confidentiality is guaranteed. Here are our names & numbers:

Theron Caldwell 255 9974
David Carson 221 1244
Pat Caulley 238 5373
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George Calden 233 5717
Ruth Calden 233 5717
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If there are special areas or problems that you would like the Counseling Committee to hold workshops on, call chairperson Ann Seidl.

The deadline for the next Prairie Fire is Sunday Sept 26th. Please send your item to Terri Laurence, Rt 7 2789 Nine Mound Rd, Verona, WI 53593. Include your phone #.