**CALENDAR**

**Mar 24**
Friday .......... Good Friday - We are all invited to attend the Good Friday Evening Service at 8 pm at the First Unitarian Society. The service, consisting of readings by Max Gaebler and recorded music provided by George Calden, has been an annual event for many years.

**Mar 26**
Sunday .......... An Easter Family Service acknowledging death as well as the promise of new life. We will share our memories of the vibrant life of Roland Parrish as well as the dedication of children. We need a group of people wearing a dark winter coat over bright spring clothing to take part in an "emergence of spring" ceremony. Also bring a flower to exchange with someone else, each carrying away a bit of each other's spring. A potluck brunch will follow the service. Bring something to pass and your own utensils. Coffee and juice are provided.

**Apr 2**
Sunday .......... Social Action and the Church - the Role of UUA, Rod Stevenson, Moderator
10 am The Unitarian-Universalist Association has a long history (Ed-HERstory) of involvement in critical areas of social action. This service will give us a historical (Ed-Themstorical?) overview of these activities and help us determine how we as a society might deal with problems calling for our social action. Following the service and after a short coffee break, we will re-assemble to take part in a philosophical discussion of what role Prairie should take in direct social action. This is, in a sense, finishing up the agenda of our last Parish meeting, though not an official meeting. We do not intend to get into a discussion of specific By-Law changes but rather concern ourselves with the basic question of how we should take action in areas of social action. Baby-sitting will be provided.

**Apr 2**
Sunday .......... Newsletter Deadline - To be typed on Sunday afternoon, this newsletter will be valid from Thursday, April 6th, to Thursday April 27th. Prepare your articles NOW!!!

Volunteer Braillists, Inc. are accepting applications for their Fall 1978 Brailli class. If you are interested in this worthwhile activity, please contact Ms. Johnson at 271-8582.

DODIE CHAPRU and WARREN HAGSTROM want to coordinate another musical service in the autumn. This time they want to present the music and lives of Clara and Robert Schuman (and maybe Brahms for a heavy). A love story. Interested persons should contact Dodie or Warren. Warren would like leads to good choral pieces suitable for the congregation.
Just a note to clarify matters. The PF is typed bi-weekly, every other Sunday afternoon. Deadlines are Sunday NOON of the typing. The newsletter will cover events occurring from Thursday to Thursday three weeks hence. (Meaning - typed on March 19th, this PF covers from March 23rd to April 13th. The next PF - typed April 2nd, covers from April 6th to April 27th. Following is a schedule is a schedule for YOU to SAVE!!! Each deadline will also be announced in the PF ahead of time. Date on the PF is the TYPED DATE.

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PRAIRIE'S 10th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Come help us celebrate and remember the 10 years of life of our Prairie UU Fellowship.

Some of us have memories stretching back to the early days of 1968 when the fledgling Prairie was first called the "branch" (of the First Society). We met at the hospitable Holy Name Seminary.

We hope that many of you former Prairie people, now out of town or apart from us, will be able to join us for this grand occasion. Overnight accommodation with Prairie members can be arranged with Avis Parish, 302 Glenway Street, Madison, WI, 53705. Her phone number is (608)-238-1725.

If you have any Prairie memorabilia; slides, movies, photos, articles, or could write down some of your memories, please send them to Rosemary Dorney, 2127 Regent Street, Madison, WI, 53705.

PROPOSED By-Law AMENDMENT at the REQUEST of the BOARD

To amend Article V Section 2 to ADD:

"Items of business may include but are not limited to: budgets, elections, appointments, revisions to by-laws, committee reports, and resolutions dealing with social action. The agenda shall be prepared by the president or board and shall include items of business originating from the president, board, committees, and/or individual members."

-suggested by the Program Committee for discussion on April 2nd.

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Late bulletin from March 18ths play reading-circle dinner at Cloak's: The reading of Phil Kaveny's play was a great success. For once we had enough people to read every part of a good sized cast. We were all quite caught up in the mood of the play (circa WTI), and the action progressed rapidly. We even had sets and a few drawings, projected via overhead, to set the "stage". With more time for preparation, Phil hopes to include appropriate period music. We felt it would be a shame not to share it with a larger audience sometime soon...

-Rosemary Dorney
DIRECTORY REPORT

It is hoped that a new Prairie Society Directory will be issued shortly after our spring Parish meeting.

1) If you ARE LISTED in the (not so) current Prairie Directory, you will be contacted for verification purposes (that is, if your phone number is correct, hoping that we can find you!).

2) If you are a NEW MEMBER, not yet listed in the Directory, please fill in the form on the reverse side of this sheet.

3) If you are NOT a member of Prairie Society, but consider yourself a friend of Prairie and wish to be listed in the directory, please fill out the form on the reverse side of this page.

All forms MUST be received by the Membership Committee by April 15th. Please bring them to the membership table on Sunday or mail them to Me (address below) before April 15th.

MAIL TO: FRAN REMEKA (Membership)
6303 Lacy Road
Madison, WI 53719

The UU church represents a unique organization. It represents freedom of religion in a country founded on this freedom. Every individual is encouraged to approach religion, his own beliefs, and moral convictions in his own way without fear of reprisal from the church. This freedom of religion, then, allows every individual to discover his or her own relationship with the natural and/or supernatural worlds as our needs dictate. This freedom has brought diverse thoughts and ideologies together. From this, our morning services, our music, our circle dinners, drama and dancing comes an input; a stimulus to our beings, that helps us to grow. The growth may take many forms. It may lead us to political, philosophical of sociological positions (and more). All this, we, as individuals can draw from the group. This, to me, is but the function of Prairie. It is not to arrive at a collective solution, but to raise questions, seek answers, and arrive at our individual convictions.

Freedom of religion has responsibilities also. It requires that we respect the rights of other religions, both personal and organized. This is the very principle that has led to our strength. This principle demands that when one of us stands and states "this is the right way" and when another says "but not for me"; the freedom of the other must be protected. But are we powerless to act as a group? When all are agreed, then action may take place. When all are not agreed, then action must not take place in the name of all. It may take place in the name of a separate, but associated organization, the social action committee. A system as this has created as strong a church as the Quaker societies, and as powerful an action group as the American Friends Service Committee. The bylaws of our society must be changed from the ambiguous state they are now in, to a form that protects the right of all to their freedom of religion. March 14, 1978. -Arnie Clay

LAY MINISTERS FOR NEXT YEAR

The Committee on Committees invites anyone who would like to be considered for the Lay Ministry next year to send a brief statement describing the general "theme" or program emphasis proposed to Julie Bonser, 621 Knickerbocker Street, Madison 53711 by April 15th, 1978. As most of you know, Prairie usually has three lay ministry terms, each lasting three months. One term could be shared by several individuals. Other arrangements might also be possible.
LAST NAME, first name etc., SPOUSE?

Are you members or Friends?

Mailing Address, #, street, etc.  City  State  ZIP CODE!!!!!

Phone #..._______ -  area code and # too...

Below are spaces for Household members names, and birthdays - include yourself and children and others!

NAMES

BIRTHDATES

Singles are meeting this Wednesday for the movie "Housecalls" at the Esquire for the 7pm showing. Following will be revelry at Theron's house - bring a snack or refreshment...

On the 29th, singles will meet at the First Society for kite making - one of four kinds with four helpers. Meet at 7:30pm. Any questions?...call Metje Butler at 244-3659.

Prairie has been receiving junk mail! Help me come up with ways to stop this horror. Please call Carolyn at 233-4374 before 9pm at night and relay your ideas!

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