**Calendar**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**
10:00 a.m.--Shelf-building for R.E., at the meeting house. We'll be building a couple of shelving units for the classrooms.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30**
10:00 a.m.--Clara and Robert Schumann: "Music and Madness in the Family". Music by members of the congregation. Coordinated by Dodie Chapru and Warren Hagstrom.

11:30 a.m.--following Sunday service. Special **parish meeting** to discuss and vote upon resolutions to the 1980 UUA General Assembly. See your Unitarian Universalist World (early March issue) for motions that will be presented to the G.A. We will communicate our congregation's position to the G.A.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 11**
6:00 p.m.--Registration begins for North Central Area Council spring conference.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.--Spring Conference.
8:00 p.m.--Party at Prairie. George and Ruth Calden will teach and lead disco dancing & mixers.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13**
10:00 a.m.--Fellowship Service. Peter Lee Scott speaking on "Seeing Where We Came From." (Story on Conference elsewhere)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**
10:00 a.m.--"the First Six Years of Martial Law in the Philippines." Slide show and talk.

**President's Memo**

THANKS FOR THE MUSIC, DOTIE

After a year and a half of coordinating music for our Sunday programs, Dotie Chapru has asked for a rest. Our warm thanks to you, Dotie, for the variety of music you have shared with us. Thanks, especially for Tom Allen and his original compositions last Sunday. They were very moving.

George and Ruth Calden have agreed to coordinate music for the remainder of the year. Let them know if you can share your musical talents or if you have special requests. Music is a rich part of our celebration together at Prairie.

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President's Memo, continued

REMINDER: SUNDAY PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 10:00

With spring on the way, let's try to begin our programs on time. Please try to come a bit early to have a few minutes to listen quietly to music. Let's also try to keep announcements to a minimum. Use the bulletin board and newsletter for communications whenever possible. This will give us the time the programs and discussions deserve.

DO YOU THINK YOU ARE A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR?

If you, or young people in your family, are concerned about what to do if you oppose fighting in a war, now is the time to think about it. Several young people and parents in Prairie are planning to get together to discuss this in light of the attempts to restore draft registration.

Once a decision to be a CO is made, this should be registered with Prairie Society and with the UUA. Please contact Aileen Nettleton or Dotie Chapru if you are interested in what you can do.

BOARD NOTES

We now have a name for our building. The Board voted at the last meeting to call it the Prairie Society Meeting House (subtitle: Unitarian Universalist).

Rental policy and rates were adopted. Prairie members who wish to use the building for groups with which they are affiliated and take responsibility may rent the upstairs for $10, the downstairs meeting room for $5, and the kitchen for $5. The rental fee for outside groups is $15 for the upstairs, $7.50 for downstairs meeting room, and $10 for the kitchen. Other uses will be negotiated. We encourage you to consider using the building for community groups. If you wish to use the building for your group, contact Fran Remeika, 845-7292, for scheduling. Thanks, Fran and committee for the good guidelines.

LANDSCAPING

As we are about to think of spring, it's time to plan for our Prairie grounds. Should we have a small prairie? What kind of play area do we need? Do we plant trees or shrubs? Barb Steinau and Rachel Siegfried are willing to coordinate plans for our planting. We need more people to help them. Use your creativity and gardening know-how to help us have a beautiful site.

Prairie Alert: We have some problems to work out together regarding meeting the needs of both our adults and our children at Prairie. After the Sunday programs when adults are busy discussing issues and visiting with each other, sometimes our children are left much on their own, without benefit of guidance toward constructive activities and/or clearly defined rules and expectations of behavior. Sometimes this results in friction between the two age groups and conflicts among our children, not to mention the dangers our youngest face in trying to function amongst tall giants equipped with cups of hot beverages. The R.E. committee is doing some preliminary thinking about these problems and welcomes your suggestions. Do we need volunteers to help supervise? Do we need to hire one of our teenagers, with voluntary contributions from the parents involved? Should R.E. budget such an expense? What rules do we need? We will be seeking out the feelings of both our children and adults on this.

--Shirley Lake

COMMITTEE TO OPPOSE THE BACKLASH
TO OBSERVE IRANIAN NEW YEAR

Friday, March 21, is the start of the Iranian New Year, and will be celebrated with discussions, food, poetry, and music at the Pres House, 721 State St. Festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. All are invited. A $3.00 donation is asked. The observance will be sponsored by the Madison chapter of the Committee to Oppose the Backlash.

Members of the committee presented the history and current situation of Iran through slides and discussion at Prairie Sunday, March 16. The program was followed by a pot luck luncheon at which the committee members were guests.

NEW NAMES APPEAR IN MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Welcome to new members Diane and Glenn Chambliss and Damon Smith, the son of Rose and Galen Smith!

Gerald Beroldi and Lianna Munson, who had signed the temporary book while the "official" one was missing, copied their names into the latter. And Damon's parents Rose and Galen, discovered they had never signed the book and added their names.

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The Prairie Youth-Adult committee (YAC) invites high school people to gather at Dean and Orange Schroeder's home, 1909 West Lawn Ave., at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 30. We'll pick a movie to go to, and return for make-your-own pizza after the movie. Bring money for the movie and a 75¢ donation for supper. Feel free to bring a friend! See you there!

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The announcement of Carolyn and Jay's wedding, enclosed with this newsletter, was printed as a Pro-Seeds-to-Prairie project.
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Save the weekend of April 11, 12, and 13. Prairie is hosting the Spring Conference of the North Central Area Council and, as you can see from the program, we are really involved:

Friday, the 11th

from 6 p.m.--Registration
--Supper (6-7:30)
--Playreading of "The Catonsville Nine" by Daniel Berrigan
--Folksinging: Holly Loring
--Closing Celebration

Saturday, the 12th

8:30-9:00 a.m.--Coffee's on--Registration
9:00-9:30 a.m.--Greetings from Prairie President Aileen Nettleton
--Worship, led by Gertrude Lindener
9:30-11:00 a.m.--Morning Workshops
11:00-12 noon --Annual Meeting of NCAC
12:15-1:15 p.m.--Luncheon, with Elise Cade reporting on her trip to China
1:30-3:00 p.m. --Hugh Iltis speaking on "The Roots of Religions in Biology"
3:00-4:30 p.m.--Afternoon Workshops
4:45-5:00 p.m.--Closing Words
6:00 p.m.--Dinner (on your own or going as a group)
from 8:00 p.m.--Party at Prairie: George and Ruth Calden will teach and lead Disco dancing and mixers

Sunday, the 13th

10:00 a.m. --Fellowship Service at Prairie. Peter Lee Scott speaking on "Seeing Where We Came From."

The Saturday workshops will be as follows: Morning--1. "Ways of Being Religious" (alternatives in the religious life within our own movement) led by Richard Drimon. 2. "Social Action Cooperation for Wisconsin" (What issues face us in this state and how can we work together on them?) Led by members of Prairie's Social Action committee. 3. "Religious Growth With Children" (How you can help children and children can help you. A workshop for everyone interested in religious development at all levels) Intergenerational Activities. Planned by the R.E. staffs of both Madison societies. 4. "To Albuquerque Via Beacon Street" (What's happening in our larger UU Association?) Led by Lori Pederson.


Betsy Roberts, Prairie member and friend of many of us, now living in Kentucky, had a mastectomy in early March in Lexington. She would very much welcome letters and support at this time. Until March 30, send mail in care of Alta Banks, Box 379, Pinetop, KY 41843. After March 30, send mail to Betsy Roberts, 209 Baker, Hazard, KY 41701.

FOLKLORE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Folklore Village will present a Passover celebration at Bethany Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Friday, March 28. The event will begin with a Kosher supper at 7 p.m., followed by dancing at 8:30, led by Ya'kov Eden, teacher of Israeli dancing.

At Folklore Village Farm, Rt. 3, Dodgeville, on Saturday, March 29, there will be all day dancing, feasting, celebrating. Supper will be the traditional Passover Seder.

On Sunday, March 30, there will be a morning review session, followed by an early afternoon dinner.