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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:30 p.m.--African Dinner.

6:30 p.m.--Zito Dancers.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 a.m.--"Africa, the Country We Didn't
Learn About in School" Dave Zakem.

Monday

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 p.m.--Program Committee, home of Dorothy
Lee, 5209 Tolman Terrace.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 p.m.--Building Committee, home of Bob
Nelson, 1813 Adams St.: Budget.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 a.m.--"Sufism, the Flowering of Islam"
Dame Zakem.

~~12:00 a.m.--Singles Potluck at First Society.~~

7:30 p.m.--Board Meeting at Prairie.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00 a.m.--"The Cultures of India" Dave
Zakem.

12:00 noon--Potluck Lunch.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23-25

Upham Woods Retreat.

No service at Prairie.

A registration form appears on another page.

It must be returned to Warren Hagstrom by
October 18.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:30 p.m.--Annual Fall Parish Meeting.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE OCTOBER 4

R.E. CORNER

All of our classes got off to an enthusiastic start on September 13. Two of the groups already have creations to share with others. The K. through second grade group carried their Ark (of the Covenant) outdoors and around the church to get the feeling of the people who fled from persecution with their religious symbols. The efforts of everyone in the large third through fifth grade class were needed to finish their portraits of David and Goliath, which will be hung so that the children can compare their heights with Goliath. And the paintings made by the pre-schoolers are to be taken home if they wish.

We are using a red flannel board in the R.E. "office" for communication. There are separate places for messages for Teachers, Parents, and for the R.E. Director. Any special plans will be shown on it, as well as requests for supplies needed. Right now we would like to find a volunteer who could make missing pieces for some of our nice wooden puzzles. Just one piece seems to be missing from a number of them. Any volunteers?

Pat Cautley

THANKS TO SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all those wonderful people who volunteered to help out in child care this summer: Cathy Cole, Joyce Crim, Gail Ostler, Megan Kroeger, Bob Nelson, Judy Spring, Roland Sarko, Al Nettleton and those of you who volunteered without my knowledge. From all the children-- thank you!

Linda Nelson

ANNUAL MEETING

The fall Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, November 1, at 7:30 at the Meetinghouse. Since the agenda must be in the hands of all members at least two weeks before the meeting, anyone wishing to place an item on the agenda should tell Betty Jallings in time to meet the Oct. 4 Prairie Fire deadline. Committee chairs need to give their budget proposals to Gail Ostler by Sept. 28--no later! A Board meeting will be held Oct. 4 at 7:30 at Prairie to approve the proposed budget.

FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Some forthcoming events of interest re. peace, disarmament, nuclear energy hazards: September 24, 7:30 p.m. Memorial Union; Eric Cox of the Campaign for U.N. Reform will speak on World Order and Disarmament.

October 6, 12 noon, Room G5-113, University Hospitals; film by Dr. Helen Caldicott: "Medical Implications of Nuclear Energy".

October 8, Caravan for Human Survival. (See description elsewhere in this issue.)

November 6-8 1981 Nukewatch Conference on Campus Militarism. Co-hosted by Wisconsin Peace Conversion Project. Keynote speaker, Dr. Helen Caldicott. Workshops will include military research, the draft, military and corporate recruiting, university involvement in the war machine, and feminism as an antidote to Pentagon machismo.

SINGLES POTLUCK

The next Singles Potluck lunch will be on Sunday, October 4 at noon at First Unitarian Society. Besides making new friends and touching base with old ones, we'll continue our planning for the year ahead. Join us.
Les Lyons

Damon Smith has left Madison to go to graduate school in botany at Duke University. But this fall semester he is with a group collecting plants in Costa Rica. When he returns to Duke, he will be a teaching assistant.

A WELCOME TO PRAIRIE to Taylor Elkins who signed our membership book in June. Sorry we didn't catch it sooner.

FROM THE CLIPBOARDS

BUILDING CLEANUP

9-27--Cathy Cole & Bob West
10-4--Alice & Lee Bullen
10-11--Linda & Bob Nelson
10-18--Marty & Susie Dropkin

KITCHEN CLEANUP

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9-27--Lee & Alice Bullen
10-4-- Carol & Bob Dopp
10-11--Rachel Siegfried & ???? ?????
10-18--Norma & Mike Briggs

LAWN MOWING

9-13 to 9-26 -- Warren Hagstrom
9-27 to 10-10-- Bob Nelson
10-11 to 10-24--Carol & Bob Dopp

COFFEE LOVERS!

Starting September 27, the Hospitality Committee will conduct a 4 Sunday experiment. Coffee will be available from 9:45 to 10:00 each Sunday morning. No coffee will be served between 10:00 and 11:20--(NOT ONE DROP! Any attempt to violate or bend this rule will end the experiment.) There will, of course, be coffee after the service.

Despite some predictions it can't work ("Unitarians can't be regimented"), we want to try it. Look at it this way: it's not regimentation, it's a reward for coming early! Join us!
Fran Remeika

The Middle School Group is in need of money. Look at the book rack; if you want to buy any of the books, the prices are on each book. Put the money in the basket or give it to Joella Bonser or give a donation.
Joella Bonser

Building Committee Meeting for budget planning will be Tuesday, September 29 at 8 p.m. at Nelson's home, 1813 Adams St. Please bring your ideas about next year.

Bob Nelson

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Any women interested in a friendship group should call either Alice Bullen at 838-8055 or Beryl Gordon at 873-8093. We have no definite plans--open for discussion.

GOODBY AND BEST WISHES, BARB

Barbara Bailly attended her last Prairie meeting last Sunday before she moves to Arlington Heights, Ill. She and her former husband, Whitney, will be re-uniting.

FOOD PANTRY

Word has come that the Salvation Army's Food Pantry is running low. We can help replenish this important source of help for people in need by contributing non-perishable food items and cash this Sunday, Sept. 27. Look for the container near the front door of the Meetinghouse. Please ensure that the food you give is non-perishable. And healthy!

CARAVAN FOR HUMAN SURVIVAL

Here is an opportunity to express our support for the United Nations and peace in the world. The Caravan, carrying the HUMAN MANIFESTO, composed by Norman Cousins, and a petition calling for international nuclear disarmament, will travel from city to city gathering support and arrive in New York on October 24 in conjunction with United Nations Day. The Caravan is organized by the World Federalists, the Campaign for U.N. Reform, and Planetary Citizens, and has been endorsed by the U.N. Office of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

The Midwest leg of the Caravan will arrive in Madison from Minneapolis October 6 and travel to Whitewater and Milwaukee the next day. Locally there will be an assembly on the Capitol grounds at 7:15 p.m., followed at 8:00 p.m. by a rally addressed by Sam Day, Kay Clarenbach, and Joe Elder.

We can promote a world at peace by signing the petition (a copy will be at the Meetinghouse for the next several weeks), by greeting the Caravan, and attending the assembly and rally on October 8, and by seeing the Caravan off on its mission the next morning.

HUMAN MANIFESTO

"Human life on our planet is in jeopardy. It is in jeopardy from war that could pulverize the human habitat. It is in jeopardy from preparations for war that could destroy or diminish the prospects of decent existence. It is in jeopardy because of the denial of human rights. It is in jeopardy because the air is being fouled and the waters and soil are being poisoned. It is in jeopardy because of the uncontrolled increase in population. If these dangers are to be removed and

if human development is to be assured, we the peoples of this planet must accept obligations to each other and to the generation of human beings to come.

We have the obligation to free our world of war by creating an enduring basis for worldwide peace. We have the obligation to safeguard the delicate balances of the natural environment and to develop the world's resources for the human good. We have the obligation to place the human interest above the national interest, and human sovereignty above national sovereignty. We have the obligation to make human rights the primary concern of society. We have the obligation to create a world order in which people neither have to kill nor be killed.

In order to carry out these obligations, we, the people of this world assert our primary allegiance to each other in the human family. We declare our individual citizenship in the world community and support for a United Nations capable of governing our planet in the common interest.

The world belongs to the people who inhabit it. We have the right to change it, shape it, nurture it. It must be protected, respected, cherished.

We pledge our energies and resources of spirit to the preservation of the human habitat and to the infinite possibilities of human betterment in our time."

PETITION

We, the undersigned, endorse the HUMAN MANIFESTO. At the Special Session on Disarmament at the United Nations, in June of 1982, we call for:

1. A mutual freeze between the Soviet Union and the United States on all testing, development, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and systems.
2. A world freeze on all testing, development, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and systems.
3. Creation of an International Disarmament Organization,
 - (a) to verify compliance with the above freeze.
 - (b) to negotiate a treaty for general and complete disarmament, under effective international control.

Note to out-of-town readers: petitions should be sent not later than October 15 to World Federalists, Suite W219, 1011 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22209.

PRAIRIE U-U UPHAM WOODS RETREAT, OCT. 23-25, 1981 - REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks out to Prairie U-U Society. Fees and Registration Forms must be received no later than Sunday, October 18, by Warren Hagstrom, 916 Shorewood Blvd., or give them to him at a Sunday morning service. Call Warren at 238-4970 for information about registration. Call Al Nettleton at 238-6053 for information about the program.

We want as many members as possible to attend, regardless of their financial circumstances, and have budgeted for some scholarships. If you will need a full or partial scholarship, contact Warren Hagstrom.

Your name Betty & Jack Tallings Total fee enclosed _____
 Address 4761 Schneider Dr. Oregon Zip 53075 Phone 835-3246

Camp Upham Woods will not provide a meal or coffee Friday night; we will have our usual potluck meal.

For computation of fees, youths are persons under age 18.

Fees for the entire weekend (2 nights and 5 meals)	Names (first) along with ages of kids.
Cabin lodging (only cots provided):	Betty Tallings
1 Adults @ \$22.30 = _____	Jack "
1 Youth @ \$13.60 = _____	Geoffrey Sandler 16
Dormitory lodging (linens and towels provided):	Claire " 7
<u>2</u> Adults @ \$30.30 = <u>60.00</u>	
_____ Youth @ \$15.00 = _____	
Total _____	

Fees for part of the weekend (please double-check your calculations)

Cabin lodging:	Meals:
Friday: _____ Adults @ \$3.35 = _____	Sat. breakfast _____ Adults @ \$2.35 = _____
_____ Youth @ \$2.30 = _____	_____ Youth @ \$1.80 = _____
Sat.: _____ Adults @ \$3.35 = _____	Sat. lunch _____ Adults @ \$3.35 = _____
_____ Youth @ \$2.30 = _____	_____ Youth @ \$1.80 = _____
Dormitory lodging:	Sat. dinner _____ Adults @ \$4.20 = _____
Friday: _____ Adults @ \$7.35 = _____	_____ Youth @ \$1.80 = _____
_____ Youth @ \$3.50 = _____	Sun. breakfast _____ Adults @ \$2.35 = _____
Sat.: _____ Adults @ \$7.35 = _____	_____ Youth @ \$1.80 = _____
_____ Youth @ \$3.50 = _____	Sun. lunch _____ Adults @ \$3.35 = _____
**or _____ Youth @ \$2.50 = _____	_____ Youth @ \$1.80 = _____
**Use lower price if staying for both nights. Subtotal _____	Total lodging and meals= _____

Camp Upham Woods is operated by UW Extension for the state 4H system and is also available to groups like Prairie. It is on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells and includes a nature preserve, opportunities for canoeing and outdoor and indoor games. There are strict rules against alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, firearms, etc., on camp premises. We are responsible for the conduct of our members, young and old. We are also responsible for cleaning up when we leave and for setting tables and serving meals (but not for washing dishes!).

Prairie Fire readers who wish to save the newsletter intact will find extra copies of this registration blank on the table at the rear of the meeting room.