CALENDAR

Saturday, October 9
7:30 p.m.--Dances and Art of the Philippines
--with Philippine Dance Troupe.
A family evening. Philippine snacks will be provided. $1.50 adults--50¢ children.

Sunday, October 10
10:00 a.m.--SOCIOBIOLOGY--A FEMINIST CRITIQUE by Prof. Ruth Bleier, U.W. Medical School
11:30 a.m.--Potluck lunch

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 15-17
Upham Woods Retreat (See registration form further on in this Prairie Fire)

Sunday, October 24
10:00 a.m.--MULTI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIPS by Joan & Larry Constantine
5:00 p.m.--Potluck followed by board meeting
7:30 p.m.--Fall Parish Meeting

Sunday, October 31
10:00 a.m.--WHAT SCARES YOU--Family program

FALL PARISH MEETING

The fall parish meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 24th at Prairie. The only item on the agenda is the budget.

A new Prairie tradition will be established, as the President of Prairie chooses the snack motif for the meeting. This year's motif is brownies. Bring your favorites to share.

Pat Drapkin

R.E.CORNER

The "UU and YOU" class (otherwise known as the 5th and 6th graders) have had a busy time, first interviewing each other to get acquainted, and then making a family tree to show not only the date on which each began coming to Prairie, but the church affiliations of their families before this time, and also of their grandparents. They have had a scavenger hunt—not of the usual kind but challenging them to figure out which function of the society was being described and had to be located. They will be learning about the history of Prairie and plan to interview some of those who have been members the longest. Shirley Lake and Fleming Crim are working with this group.

Next week the "Heroines and Heroes" class will start learning about Beatrix Potter, a Unitarian all her life. She was a very lonely child as she never went to a public school and had many animal pets whom she later wrote about.

It is important for children to be in time for the Sharing Circle which we are trying to start promptly at 10 o'clock.

Pat Cautley

NEEDED small play dishes and cooking equipment to go with a sturdy wooden toy stove and cupboard that has been loaned to Prairie for the preschool group.

UNITARIAN PROGRAM ON CABLE-TV

The UU Cambridge Forum TV series "The Threat of Nuclear War" will be shown on WHA Cable at 8:00 p.m. beginning Monday, Oct. 11. Titles of the ten half-hour programs are listed on page 6 of the current issue of the "UU World".

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, Halloween Party at Siegfried-Wetherby home, 5209 Tolman Terrace.
UPHAM WOODS PROGRAM

Friday night's potluck dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will not have access to ovens or burners to re-heat food, so plan accordingly. If your dish will be appearing in the soon-to-be-published PRAIRIE KITCHEN COMPANION, please tag it!

A bonfire and singing will follow dinner. At 9:15 a discussion will take place on lifestyles.

As always, programmed activities are optional. Some people will wish to spend the weekend drinking coffee, talking, reading, walking in the woods, canoeing, or napping. Others will choose to participate in the group nature hikes, discussions, and workshops. The weekend program will be presented Saturday morning but you need to know about a few activities that require some advance planning.

If you are an early-morning jogger, bring your shoes. A pre-breakfast run is scheduled for Saturday at 7 a.m.

Mary Mullin will show us how to decorate our old clothes with simple embroidery stitches. Bring jeans, jackets, sweatshirts, workshirts, or anything made out of denim or corduroy. If you have a spare pair of scissors, bring them. She will provide needles & thread. Mary will also teach a short workshop for the children, so pack something for them to decorate, too.

Dick Bonser will teach the art of silk-screening. If you want to participate in this workshop, please bring (1) design ideas, (2) a cloth item (scarf, tee shirt, etc.) to print on, (3) things that can make patterns, such as paper lace doilies, etc., which are disposable. The workshop will cover basic techniques and processes. You may create your own designs or use one of ours.

Sharing music is always fun so if you play a musical instrument bring it along. Many people like to bring jigsaw puzzles or favorite games to share.

Don't forget to bring caps & mittens—especially for the children. The woods can be very cold. An extra pair of shoes for the children may be needed if the ground is wet. Flashlights are also handy at times.

A children's program will take place Saturday during the adult workshop times. Like the adult program, it is optional. We have leaders for the workshop but need adult volunteers to help supervise our large group of lively children. A sign-up sheet will be circulated Friday night. Each parent should plan to contribute ½ to 1 hour of time to the children's program. We hope we will have more volunteers than we can use.

KITCHEN CLEANUP

Oct 10--Barb Park & Norma Martin
Oct 17--Upham Woods
Oct 24--Les Lyons & Marcy Bradley
Oct 31--Gail Ostler & Anne Reardon

BUILDING CLEANUP

Oct 10--Alice & Lee Bullen
Oct 17--Upham Woods
Oct 24--Carol & Bob Dopp
Oct 31--Joyce Crim & ??? ???

U U AND ALL THAT JAZZ

The 1982 UU Central Midwest District Annual Meeting will be November 12-14 at First Unitarian Society of Chicago.

On Friday evening, Robert Z. Alpern, UU Association Washington office will talk on WASHINGTON ON THE SLIPPERY SLOPE. There will also be a candidates forum for Central Midwest Dist. positions.

Saturday morning there will be a talk by Wm Schulz, Executive Vice Pres., UU Association: CAN I BE A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST AND STILL BE RELIGIOUS? There will be 12 workshops including one for young people co-chaired by our own Casey Steineau with Steve Scott.

The registration deadline ($12.50) is coming up: October 13 with a $5.00 late fee for registration after Oct 13. Application blanks and registration information is on the table.

"The first problem of mythic thought is that women must be domesticated. I would go so far as to say that even before slavery or class domination existed, men built an approach to women which would serve one day to entroduce differences among us all".

Claude Levi-Strauss in ELEMENTARY STRUCTURES OF KINSHIP

The Upham Woods Program Committee consists of Carolyn Briggs, Ruth Calden, Joyce Crim, Suzy Drapkin, Jack Jallings, Linda Nelson, Rick Ruecking, and Chuck Vetzner. We hope you enjoy your weekend.
FIRST ORIENTATION SESSION FOR NEW PEOPLE

The first in a series of three orientation meetings for newcomers at Prairie will be held Monday night, October 11 from 7:30-9:30. At this first session, called "Your Religious Past" we will be looking at our own religious background and the significance it has for us.

If you plan to come to this or other meetings in the series just put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the table in our meeting room. Also pick up a copy of an instruction sheet called Time Line Exercise. Try to complete your religious time line and bring it with you to the first meeting.

The meeting on October 11 will be at the home of Ruth and George Calden, 4606 Waukesha St. (off Segoe Rd.). The dates of the other two meetings will be worked out with the group. The second meeting will be a capsule history of Unitarian-Universalism led by Barbara Park and the third will be a panel presentation of the history and structure of Prairie Society. Come and meet other new people among us and let us get to know you.

If you have questions about this series, call Ruth Calden, 233-5717, or Barbara Park, 635-7519.

SHORT MEETING AFTER PRAIRIE ON OCT 10 to begin organizing the craft fair—come if you can. Lend a hand organizing or have ideas. Call Carolyn Briggs, 258-9696.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 6:30ish: anyone who wants to do social things, let's begin on Friday evening with wine and cheese and maybe go on to a movie. Meet at Prairie.

Initiator: Carolyn Briggs
258-9696

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The R.E. Committee will be meeting sometime soon. The date has not yet been set but if you are interested in attending, call Alice Bullen at 838-8055. The meeting will be at the Bullens in McFarland.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A number of people have recently signed the membership book:

Beverly Hughes  
Susan P. Jones  
Anne Reardon  
Carolyn Dejoie  
Katherine M. Fines

CALLING ALL PRAIRIE SONG BOOKS

If you have a spare Prairie Song Book lying around on your piano or in your bedroom please bring it to the meeting house. We are rapidly running short of enough copies to go around.

KURT SOMMER, WHO VISITED PRAIRIE last winter, interned at Basic Choices with John Ohliger and studied English with Dodie Chapru. Outcome of the "English lessons" was a letter supporting the German peace movement. That letter, signed by many Prairie members, was published in Kurt's hometown newspaper, the Wendlingen Zeitung, and in the newsletter of a peace organization of which Kurt is a member.

Dear American Friends,

Thank you for your letter. We are happy for your solidarity with the German peace movement. We know about the necessity of international peace work and hope that we can work together more and more.

Our group has about 30 active members and is mostly doing public relation, like playing theater, writing articles in newspapers, distributing leaflets and so on. At our weekly meetings we are discussing and preparing all our activities. Despite that, we are advising young men in getting their status as a conscientious objector from the trial. We also join non-violent actions in front of nuclear military camps and are joining regional meetings of local peace groups. We are going to, and mobilizing for demonstrations.

Like the demonstration in Bonn on June 10 against more US missiles on European ground. Where at least 450,000 people gathered peacefully. There we found out that we have to search for a new capitol, because it's too small for "our meetings".

In a way it was also an anti-Reagan demonstration because he is the exponent of the new armsrace.

But, in no way was it an anti-American demonstration, that is, what the media and the people behind them would like to have, to get the Americans behind Reagan and to divide the international peace movement.

At this place we are glad to congratulate the American "peace instigator" very much for their big mass demonstration at June 12 in New York City. For us it was important to see that hundreds of thousands Americans are fighting with us for the same goals.

We'd like to keep in touch with you and are looking forward for your next letter!

In solidarity and with pacifist greetings.

In order of the "Friedensgruppe Wendlingen"

Dieter Hafner
Kurt Sommer

CIRCLE DINNER groups are forming. People new to Prairie are welcome to join. We meet once a month for potluck dinners at each others homes. For more information contact Linda Nelson (255-8630) or George Calden (233-5717)
TWIN CITIES CELEBRATE UU-ISM
This Sunday, October 10, will be the culmination of week long activities in the Twin Cities: "Meeting of Minds: A Celebration of UU in Minnesota." At 11 a.m. there will be a celebration at Orchestra Hall followed by an outdoor festival at 12:30 on Pea Vey Plaza. If interested in attending or for more information, call Shirley Lake: 238-1647.

Following what seems to be becoming a tradition at Prairie, I'm pleased to announce the permanent adoption of my mother's maiden name. Megan Christiansen (formerly Kroeger)

IMPORTANT: GET YOUR UPHAM WOODS APPLICATIONS TO SHIRLEY CZOSCHKE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10!

FRED SMALL IN CONCERT FOR LOCAL ACTIVISTS
Fred Small, topical songwriter and guitarist, will perform in concert Sunday night, October 17, at Great Hall, Memorial Union on Langdon St. The concert is sponsored by the Men's Center, Wild Hog in the Woods Coffeehouse, and probably Wis. Environmental Decade and the Peace Project.

Small, a former lawyer turned activist musician, sings songs on subjects ranging from nuclear power, occupational health, and sexism to thermal underwear and Pringles Potato Chips. "Beautiful songs," says folk-singer Pete Seeger of Small's work. Consumer Ralph Nader calls his performance "witty, lyrical, and insightful." Small recently released his debut album, LOVE'S GONNA CARRY US, on Aquifer Records.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are $3.00 in advance, and $3.50 at the door, and are available from Susan Jones (who occasionally comes to meeting) or the Memorial Union Box Office. The concert hall is wheelchair accessible, and child-care will be provided at no charge. Persons wishing concert information should call 255-9919.

P.S. Fred would like to have literature tables from many organizations there. Any group that would like to have a table, please call Susan Jones at 255-9919.

Bumper strip we saw on an Iowa car:
WHEN YOU GRIP ABOUT THE FARMER,
DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL