As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another. **Prairie’s Bond of Union**

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**CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12-14**

Upham Woods Retreat - No service at Prairie

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

7:30 p.m.--Board Meeting at Bob & Carol Dopp's, 5010 Marathon Dr. (note new address)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**

8:00 p.m.--Playreaders Theater Party: The Servant of Two Masters-See story

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**

10:00 a.m.--THE UNITED NATIONS: OUR BEST HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD by Les Lyons. Also guest musicians: the Con Brio String Quartet

10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

10:00 a.m.--WHERE HAVE ALL THE UUs GONE? -- Decline and Growth in the UUA by Les Lyons

10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2-3**

Growth Workshop: Save Friday evening and all day Saturday. Detailed information in Sept 25 Prairie Fire.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

10:00 a.m.--GROWTH with guest, Carol Ruxton

10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

7:30 p.m.--Fall Parish Meeting at Prairie
LES LYONS, LAY MINISTER THROUGH DECEMBER 2

Les Lyons is presiding as lay minister at a three-month series of services which began at Prairie on September 9.

Services during his lay ministry will focus on a variety of topics, including: war and peace; the role of music in religion; and growth and decline in church membership, especially in the UUA. Previous services have included, among others, "Remembering Bertrand Russell," and "Are Music and Religion Strange Bedfellows?" Informed sources say these programs have provoked a lot of discussion -- and as we all know, discussion is at the heart of Prairie.

For those who don't know, Les is a native of Montreal, Canada. He has lived in Madison permanently since 1977 and has been a member of Prairie since 1979. Watch your Prairie Fire for details of future services.

NOTES FROM THE PRAIRIE BOARD

The minutes of the last Board meeting have been posted on the bulletin board. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16 at the home of Bob and Carol Dopp, 5010 Marathon Dr. (note the new address in your Prairie Directory). Phone: 238-7419. Board members who did not receive the minutes of the September 18 meeting, please see Pat Watkins.

FALL PARISH MEETING: AGENDA ITEM

It has been proposed by the Prairie Executive Board, and approved unanimously by them that specific Prairie incomes be used for the establishment of a "Capital Fund." This fund is to be used for capital outlays, that is, for payment and purchase of improvements and items having a life of longer than one year. It is proposed that there be five sources of the monies to be put into this fund, as follows: 1) Proceeds, 2) Fundraisers, 3) Interest from bank accounts, 4) Gifts and bequests designated by the donor for this purpose, and 5) additional monies, as directed by the executive board.

Prairie members will be asked to vote at the Parish Meeting on the following: 1) Shall Prairie designate certain monies for the establishment of a Capital Fund? and, 2) Shall the monies in the Capital Fund be comprised of the income from the sources listed above? The Executive Board recommends an affirmative vote on both questions.

BUILDING CLEANUP
Oct. 21 Barry Heist & Robbyne Martin

KITCHEN CLEANUP
Oct. 21 Erin Bosch & Marty Drapkin
Oct. 28 Martha Fineman & Shirley P-M

NURSERY HELPER
Oct. 21 Mel Micke
Oct. 28 Marty Drapkin

R.E. SNACKS
Oct. 21 Martha Fineman
Oct. 28 Peg Stevenson

ROOM ARRANGEMENTS
Oct. 21 Rosemary Dorney
Oct. 28 Mary Mullen

PLAYREADER'S THEATER PARTY

Having gotten completely mixed up on the date of the October theater party at the last Prairie meeting, I beg your forgiveness, and wish to EMPHATICALLY STATE that our theater party is Saturday, October 20. Please contact Pat Watkins if interested in either the theater, the after-theater outing, or both.

CHANNING-MURRAY NEWS & DATES

On October 18 the Channing-Murray Thursday noon lunch will be with Dorothy Wetherby in a discussion of abortion rights. Check "Today in the Union" for room. Everyone is welcome.

October 21: Sunday Channing-Murray potluck dinner and special program. We'll meet at 5:00 p.m. in the hearth room at First Society for dinner. Mike and Norma Briggs will present "Remembering Bertrand Russell." For more information call Cindy, 238-9884.

ORIENTATION MEETINGS

Some folks have asked about the orientation meetings that we hold every year for new members of Prairie, or those who are considering becoming members. Normally, we've held these meetings in the fall, generally on three consecutive Sunday evenings. This year, however, we'll be holding them later in the year - probably in February. One reason is so that people who've first come to Prairie in the fall and early winter months can have a chance to learn what we're all about before the next Prairie year.

We'll announce the specifics of the orientation sessions later. Marty Drapkin