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**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17**
10:00 a.m.--Denise Tracy, Central Midwest District Executive
10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes, child & baby care

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
5:00 p.m.--Program Committee Meeting at 2320 Rowley Ave.: spiritual & nonspiritual needs of Prairie

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
10:00 a.m.--BEYOND THE CAGE: ANDROGENY AND LIBERATION by David McKee and John Ohliger
The Ethnic Connection will play.
10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes, child & baby care

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
7:30 p.m.--Prairie board meeting at Prairie

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**
10:00 a.m.--THE FUTURE: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Prairie members speak on their visions

**PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING CHANGED**
The Prairie Board will be meeting on Wednesday, February 27 at Prairie instead of on Tuesday, February 19 at Mary Mullens.

Karl Lang has been hired to provide janitorial services to Prairie Society starting this month.

**R.E. CORNER**

**Preschool**--The little ones will sing to a movement/mimic game next week. They will also be investigating how gelatin gels in the next weeks. Some new scenes for fantasy play will be set up in the next few weeks as well--perhaps a post office and a farm.

**K-1-2**--These children continue to study God's Folk with several civil war period leaders. On February 17 they will find out about Harriet Beecher Stowe; on February 24, Frederick Douglas; and on March 3, Clara Barton. Stowe and Barton were both U.U.'s.

**3-4-5**--This class will also be studying great leaders from their church with U.U. Presidents on February 17 (can you name all 5 U.U. presidents?), U.U. women on February 24, and U.U. day holidays on March 3.

**6-7-8**--Continuing their study of Crede, the middle schoolers will investigate the trinity/unity dispute on February 17, Universalism on February 24, Unitarianism on March 3, and the merger on March 10. They will be writing to UU congregations around the country for copies of their newsletters as indirect statements of their beliefs and values.

February 17--All children will be invited for the first 20 minutes or so of Denise Tracy's presentation; she is planning a program appropriate for the children at the beginning.
PRAIRIE U U ORIENTATION

There is still time to decide to take part in the 3-evening, series of "orientation" meetings for newer Prairie folk and anyone who wants to do a bit of religious exploration. The first meeting will be at Rachel Siegfried's house, 5209 Tolman Terrace, Sunday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to take part, and haven't already signed up, please call Marty Drapkin or Les Lyons.

PLAYREADERS WILL MEET FEBRUARY 23

Prairie Play Readers will be reading George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man", a short comedy, and excerpts from "American Primitive" by William Gibson, the words of John and Abigail Adams. Everyone is welcome on Saturday, February 23, 7:30 p.m. at Rachel Siegfried's home, 5209 Tolman Terrace.

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP: WHAT IS IT?

If you have been wondering, read on. Since the beginning of the year, a group of men have been meeting for 2-3 hours every other Thursday night at a rotating location. The attendance has been 7-10 men. Two common reasons men have given for wanting to participate are to discover new friends through trust and sharing, and to determine to what extent one's experiences and feelings are unique or common among us. We have some ground rules that govern our discussion. We attempt to confine our conversation to the topic upon which we have agreed but include time for discussion of personal need; we try not to generalize or attribute qualities to others, but speak of our own experiences and feelings; and we agree to speak in an atmosphere of confidentiality. And you know, we are doing a pretty good job adhering to those rules. The tenor of these meetings swings from reflective silence to blistering disagreement.

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETING:

Prairie men are welcome to join our conversation on Thursday, February 21, at Rick Ruecking's home, 5721 Elder Place, 238-2924. Time: 7-10 p.m. Topic: parenting and your P.Q. Please arrive as close to 7:00 p.m. as possible.

CHANNING-MURRAY DINNER & PROGRAM

Sunday evening, February 17, Channing-Murray plans a dinner and program at 5 p.m. at First Unitarian Society. After our taco dinner, Dan Linz, post doctoral fellow from the U.W. Psychology Department will present a program titled, "Sex, Violence, and the Media".

FOR CABIN FEVER: INTERGENERATION FUN NIGHT

Pull out your social calendars and mark Friday, February 22 for a Prairie Intergenerational Fun Night. There will be something for everyone starting at 6:30: dancing, non-competitive games, puzzles, movies, good old-fashioned taffy-pull, food and good conversation.

Bring finger foods (not all sweets) and/or beverage (wine, juice, beer). Call me if you can take a shift operating a movie projector, or can bring any of the following: card table, Trivial Pursuit, board games, or puzzles. Shirley Czoschke, 238-5073.

PARTY FOR TERRI & TONY PRUDLOW

Rachel Siegfried is hosting a party for Terri and Tony Prudlow who are in Madison on a short visit. The Prudlows have been in Germany for the past several years and will be returning there.

The party will be on Friday, February 15 at 7:30 at Rachel Siegfried's home, 5209 Tolman Terrace. Folks should bring wine or a snack.

FOLK MUSICIANS TO PERFORM IN MADISON

Cathy Fink, champion banjo player, guitar picker and yodler, will be in Madison March 23 for two concerts. In the afternoon there will be a special KIDS CONCERT. Cathy will perform songs from her many childrens albums and will help everyone learn to yodel. The adults will have their turn in the evening. The exact time and place are yet to be announced.

One of cathy's sometimes co-performers, Si Kahn, will also be in Madison. His concert on February 21 will be a benefit for the Grassroots Leadership project, which provides people in Southern communities with the organizing assistance they need to deal with such issues as voting rights, health care, environment, discrimination and peace. Watch Isthmus for the time and location of this special benefit. Judy Spring

BETTY RICHARDSON, GUEST AT CHANNING-MURRAY

Thursday, February 14, Channing-Murray Brown Bag Lunch at Memorial Union will have as its guest, Betty Richardson of Link House. Check "Today In The Union" for room number. Lunch lasts from noon to about 1:30. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, February 21, Channing-Murray Brown Bag Lunch at the Union will have Hannah Lee, M.S.S.W. (Shorewood Psychiatric Association) as its guest. She will speak on "Dreams: A Look in the Mirror". Check "Today In The Union" for room number. Everyone is welcome.