CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE
PRAIRIE THEATER PARTY AT SPRING GREEN
3:30 p.m.—Meet for potluck picnic on
American Players grounds.
6:00 p.m.—MERCHANT OF VENICE, Wm.
Shakespeare.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
10:00 a.m.—WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY? Elisabeth
Jones
10:00 a.m.—R.E. Classes, baby & child care

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
10:00 a.m.—TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY: A New
Paradigm of Mind by Beth Wortzel
and Jim Powell, of the Harmonia
Center for Psychotherapy
10:00 a.m.—R.E. Classes, baby & child care

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
5-7 p.m.—Program Committee Meeting, potluck
at Mary Mullens, 4337 Milford Rd

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
10:00 a.m.—CONNECTIONS: THE EARTH - THE
PEOPLE - THE UNIVERSE by Elisabeth
Jones & Prairie members
10:00 a.m.—R.E. Classes, baby & child care

The Bullens will be on vacation when the
next two Prairie Fire editions are being
produced. We appreciate the help of Lynda
Lewis and Rosemary Dorney who volunteered
to be guest editors. Be sure to get your
Prairie Fire information to them for the
next two Prairie Fires.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 8

R.E. CORNER

Prairie Religious Education program be-
gins Sunday, September 8, at 10:00. Parents
will be receiving information and registra-
tion by mail, but in case we miss you, just
bring your children to the first class. The
curricula for the grades are explained be-
low:
Nursery/Preschool: The Growing Times

The infants will receive babysitting
with structured play and activities to help
them develop skills. Preschoolers will enjoy
Growing Times activities such as crafts,
music, fantasy play based on themes such as
family, friendship, and holidays.
Beth Price-Marcus, Coordinator to be hired
Grades K, 1, & 2: A Place of One's Own
( haunted House)

This favorite curriculum helps children
find, create, and claim a place in the
worlds of their bodies, classroom, homes,
and town. Activities include building, de-
signing, investigating nature and special
units on birth, disabilities, and death.
Bill Fetzner, Lindy McGraw, third teacher
still to be found.
Grades 3, 4, & 5: Why Do Bad Things Happen
(fall) Celebrating Our Roots and Branches
(spring)

In the fall this class will investigate
the problem of evil from the perspectives of
the world's religions. There will be plenty
of discussion, myths, and crafts while
building their own notebooks for future
thinking. In the spring they will study the
cultures that have settled the U.S. via
crafts, music, celebrations.
Erin Bosch, Shirley Czoschke, Jim Lorman
Grades 6, 7, & 8: The Church Across the
Street (Sunday mornings)

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After studying UUism last year, these youth will compare other religions by visiting their services and learning about their beliefs and practices.

Jim Lake, Peg Stevenson
Grades 6, 7, & 8: About Your Sexuality
(Sunday evenings in fall)

Middle schoolers have the additional choice of taking UU's renowned sexuality curriculum dealing with facts, feelings, values, and decisions.

Brent Saggard, Mary Beth O'Halloran
Grade 9: Religion in Life

This youth will begin a two year cycle of working on the challenges of the UU scout program including fellowship, service, and fun. This very personal and special program will help with the transition from childhood in Sunday school to full adult membership in Prairie.

Mentor still to be found
Grades 6 through 12: Youth Group

All middle and high school youth are invited to participate in the activities of the youth group. Possible activities include bowling, parties, overnights, and attendance at district youth conferences.

Lynda Lewis, Gail Ostler
Adult R.E.

The About Your Sexuality program will also be taught for adults (parents, singles, couples) in a short series of 4-8 weekday evenings later this fall. Details will follow later.

TEACHERS NEEDED

We still need one teacher for the K-1-2 class. The kids are delightful, and the curriculum (A Place of One's Own) is easy to use. Please call Sharrie Scrattish, 437-5915 or Robbyne Martin, 251-4630, if you would like to help the children.

Mentor Needed--A special mentor is needed to work with a small group of 9th graders for the next two years in a variety of social, religious, and service activities.

Ideas are available in the UU scout program, but these mature boys will be able to set up their own plan of activities during their transition to adult membership in Prairie.

Please call Sharrie Scrattish, 437-5915 or Robbyne Martin, 251-4630, to volunteer.

Nursery Coordinator Position -- The paid position of nursery coordinator is available for someone who enjoys young children. The hours are 9:30 - 11:30 each Sunday. Does anyone know a college student who needs a job and a chance for work experience? Have them call Sharrie Scrattish, 437-5915 or Robbyne Martin, 251-4630 for full details.

ELISABETH JONES, LAY MINISTER

I'm a Southerner really, though I don't have much of an accent. I was born and bred in Virginia in a suburb of Washington, D.C., where I discovered Unitarianism after leaving orthodox religion as a teenager.

I came out to Iowa to graduate school in the 60's and met my husband and earned an M.F.A. from the Iowa Writers' Workshop--though you will not necessarily be able to tell either of these from anything I write.

A few years ago while Tom and I were living in Connecticut--he was teaching math at Post College--we helped found the Mattatuck Unitarian Fellowship in Woodbury and were kept busy there until we moved to the Midwest last year.

I am currently involved in a national UU project which has to do with preparing an adult study guide on the new Principles and Purposes approved at the GA last June; the committee in charge of the project has assigned me the Introduction to write, and I'll be going to Long Island in October for a meeting with the other participants. On the personal side, I've just finished the first draft of a novel I've been working on for some time and which I hope to complete in the coming year.

The theme of my ministry at Prairie is "Spirituality and Intellect" with an emphasis upon spirituality, since the accent is often the other way around. While other churches have little to do with things of the mind, we have perhaps too much; I feel a balance between mind and spirit can be far more effective than either of the two alone.

One of the things I hope to show this year is that spirituality exists in everything we do and does not belong in a single, separate sphere labeled "religion." I'll be bringing in a few outside speakers, beginning with psychologists Beth Wortzel and Jim Powell on September 15; and we will hear some Prairie talent, too. I'll be doing several services myself, beginning with the first one on September 8, "What is Spirituality?" which will serve as an introduction to the whole theme.

I'm looking forward to the series and I hope very much it will be of value in some way to everyone. I'll welcome your feedback.

Elisabeth Jones

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Pat Watkins would like to hear from anyone man or woman who, either now or in the past, has experienced an extended period of unemployment which had a negative or traumatic effect on his or her life. A Sunday program is planned on this topic, and participants are needed.
PLAYREADERS' '85-86 SCHEDULE

(please save and post)

we hope this schedule will help your planning for circle dinners and other events. Please join us at a playreading some evening, should you find yourself with nothing better to do, and if the spirit moves you.

Sept 14-15 Chicago Theater Trip to see Sheer Madness

Oct 12 Koestler's Darkness at Noon, or Guare's House of Blue Leaves, at Rosemary Dorney's, 4205 Odana Rd., 238-4382.

Nov 23 Christie's Unexpected Guest, or Levin's Critics' Choice, at Al/Alleen Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon. Call 238-6053.

Dec 28 Albee's Tiny Alice, or McCuller's Square Root of Wonderful, at Rachel Siegfried's, 5209 Tolman Terrace. Call 271-2173.

Jan 18 Lorca's Blood Wedding, or Shepherd's Curse of the Starving Class, at Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Place. Call 262-7960 (day)

Feb 15 Wilder's Skin of Our Teeth, or Eliot's Cocktail Party, at Elizabeth Jones, 4715 Sheboygan Ave. Call 233-5373.

Mar 8 Theater Party: University Theater production of Churchill's Cloud 9 (a farce).

April 8 Deane's Dracula, or Kalcheim's Breakfast with Les and Bess, at Birongs, 599 Glen Dr. 233-5995.

May 17 Annual Fish Dinner & Playreading. Dinner at Crandall's and dessert, coffee and play at Dorothy Wetherby's, 341 W. Wilson St. Call 255-3536.

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Typist or Word Processor with computer wanted to make a transcript of the August 4 program, "Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream". Call Program Chair, Mary Mullen, at 271-5192.

The War Memories project needs more contributions. Any Prairie member or friend is invited to share memories, images, feelings, impressions from war times -- any war and regardless of your age during that war. Please write a page or so on the question: What was/is war to you? and then also answer, How did - and do - these experiences affect you?

We are looking for all kinds of experiences, not just memories or feelings you are proud of. Leave your contribution in the Prairie contribution basket or send it to Mary Mullen, 4337 Milford Rd., Madison 53711. These accounts will be compiled into a booklet for use with Prairie junior high kids.

DUNN'S MARSH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GARAGE SALE AT PRAIRIE, SATURDAY, AUG. 31

On Saturday, August 31, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., there will be GARAGE SALES at Prairie and many other locations in the neighborhood, to support the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association Newsletter. If anyone cares to donate items for the sale, bring them to Prairie Friday, August 30, between 4 and 7 p.m.

The DMNA shovels Prairies sidewalks all winter and in return occasionally uses Prairie. The monthly, Dunn's Marsh News is usually on display at Prairie.

Prairie folks who would like to have a "booth" to sell items at the sale may obtain space for $5.00. Contact Mary Mullen at 271-5192.

PRAIRIE "FIND" ITEMS

This is your last chance! - to recover that mitten, dish, toy, etc. you left at Prairie during the past year. All "found" items which have been on the table in the front hall will be removed and sent to a charity after our next Prairie service.

Fran Remelta

ATTENTION CAMPERS

Our outing in August with First Society was so successful we've planned another. Reserve September 14 & 15 for fun at Lake Kegonsa. Come for the weekend or part of it. If you need more information, call Faye Glessner, 251-5427.

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The Grindrods are planning to camp overnight (Saturday night) at Tower Hill State Park before attending the Prairie Theater Party at Spring Green. They would be happy to hear from others who might be interested in camping on August 31. Call 238-4422.

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This week Leslie Watkins is celebrating her first year in business with PAPERTERIA. Leslie would like to thank the people of Prairie, who have been extremely supportive of her this past year, and invites you to attend her anniversary cocktail party on Tuesday, September 3, 6-8 p.m. at 210 North Henry Street.

Pat Watkins

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Kathy Werner cordially invites all Prairie members and their friends and family to attend an open house for "The Fabric Fanatics" on Sunday, September 8 from 2 - 7 p.m. at 633 Knickerbocker St. Snacks and beverages will be served. For more information call Kathy at 238-4616.