...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

Calendar

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
5-7+ p.m.—Prairie Fund Raiser: Don't forget the Paperteria sale, with ALL PROCEEDS going to Prairie. Bring your friends; bring your checkbook; do your Christmas, birthday, graduation, etc. shopping early.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
10:00 a.m.—THE LIBERATION THEOLOGY OF FATHER CARNEY, George Calden
10:00 a.m.—R.E. classes, and child care available.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
10:00 a.m.—BARBARA SAVAGE – AROUND THE WORLD ON A BICYCLE with George Calden and panel. (See story)
10:00 a.m.—R.E. classes & childcare.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
9 - 1 ———Teachers workshop at Mckees, 5745 Bittersweet Place.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
10:00 a.m.—PRAIRIE PEOPLE – WHO ARE WE? Coordinated by Warren Hagstrom.
10:00 a.m.—R.E. classes, baby & child care.

OCTOBER 10, 11, & 12
UPHAM WOODS RETREAT along the Wisconsin R.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
Discovery Toy Sale at Prairie after service.

1986 SERVICE AUCTION
A Prairie Fundraiser, now in its third year in its present incarnation, is the Service Auction. It will be held on Saturday evening, Sept. 13, at Prairie UU Society starting at five.

Events during the Service Auction:
(1) Stationery and paper goods sale co-ordinated by Pat Watkins. This begins at 5:00 p.m. and will go to 7:00 p.m. A great chance to pick up note paper, greeting cards, and more below wholesale cost. Stock up for the holidays!

(2) Pizza and refreshments for sale for evening meal beginning at 6:15 p.m. co-ordinated by Faye Glesner. Pizza buy the slice and soft drinks donated by Pizza Hut. This is a family event so children are most welcome and encouraged. Friends of yours and Prairie's are cordially invited.

(3) Service Auction will begin at 7:00p.m. Auctioneers is Brent Haglund, Services to be offered include such delights as Meals in Your Home - great for parties and entertaining, Weekend Retreats - farm houses and cabins, Child Care - afternoons and evenings, Income Tax Preparation - lessen the April 15 blues, Breakfast - wake up and throw a party, and the list goes on!

Come one and all! Call Brent Haglund (233-5199) with your services and desired services.

P.S. Cross-country ski equipment once owned by Les Lyons and bequeathed to Prairie will be auctioned!

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21
**R.E. CORNER**

**Nursery and Pre-School:** During the next couple of weeks the R.E. Committee will be looking for volunteer adults to help out in the nursery as the search for a pre-school coordinator continues. The children will continue to do activities with Yasmine and Elia, our high school assistants.

**Grades K-1-2:** On the 14th your class will be looking at family trees. You will have a chance to tell the class about your ancestors and where they came from. On the 21st your class will be looking at what "race" means and what human color is. You will be learning about what makes each person different from the next. Be ready to have fun doing self portraits.

**Grades 3-4-5:** On the 14th and 21st those of you in this class will continue to work on your Miwoš village. You will also be learning about different creation myths from other parts of the world. How do you think the world began?

**Grades 6-7-8:** On the 14th those of you in this class will be looking at the process of seeking a definition of peace; Peace means different things to different people and you will have a chance to discuss these issues.

On the 21st you will be looking at peace on an international level. You will discuss different views of world peace, peace through strength, the peace race and many other issues. Come prepared for lively discussions.

**WHY BAD THINGS HAPPEN**

In putting last years curriculums back on the shelves I have found that much of the curriculum, *Why Bad Things Happen*, is missing. If anybody still has parts of this curriculum at home, please return it to Alison McKee or put it on my desk in the R.E. Office.

Alison McKee

**CHANGE IN SNACK POLICY**

Snacks will be provided only for pre-school children through second grade. We need volunteers to provide snacks and to help with serving them. Please call Barb Golden, 231-1490 to volunteer.

**LAY MINISTER'S COLUMN**

The next service in our "Eight Who Dared" series is on September 14 - THE LIBERATION THEOLOGY OF FATHER CARNEY. The service is about a typical mid-western "all American boy" who became a Jesuit priest, and after being exposed to the horrible living conditions of Central American peasants, joined a guerrilla band to fight against injustice.

The September 21 service is "BARBARA SAVAGE - AROUND THE WORLD ON A BICYCLE." It is based on a wonderful book suggested to us by Lois Hagstrom. A panel consisting of Ruth Calden, Fredericka Schilling and Dave Zakem, will share their reactions to the experiences of Barbara Savage - a remarkable woman.

**HUMANIST MANIFESTO** by Curt Systma

In every age, the bigot's rage
Requires another focus,
Another devil forced on stage
By hatred's hocus pocus.
The devil used to be the Jew
And then it was the witches;
And then it was the Negroes who
Were digging in the ditches.
The devil once was colored pink
And labeled communistic;
Now, all at once, in just a blush,
The devil's humanistic.

George Calden

**UPHAM WOODS PROGRAM**

We are planning an exciting program for Prairie people and their friends of all ages. Activities will include outdoor plans using our beautiful setting on the Wisconsin River; dance, music, arts, and crafts; and discussion sessions. Extension minister, Rev. Gordon Gibson will share this weekend with us. Please share your program ideas with Peg Stevenson. We particularly need people to do activities with the younger children.

**UPHAM WOODS REGISTRATION**

This issue of Prairie Fire contains your Upham Woods registration material. Please return them quickly as we need to notify Upham Woods of the number to expect. Remember that scholarships are available. Please request them with your registration.

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A suggested saying to describe the reign of "Ronnie the Great Communicator."

"Good communication is based on honesty, absolute honesty. If you can learn to fake it - you've got it made."

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

These friends of Prairie have recently signed the Prairie Membership Book:

Roy Schenk, 1129 Drake St. 53719, 255-4028
Peggy DeNicola, 50 Rustic Pk. 53713.
Karen Gross, 1147 E. Mifflin St. 53703

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VESPER SERVICES AT PRAIRIE

There will be four vesper services at Prairie before the Upham Woods retreat. They will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the Sundays of September 14, 21, and 28, and October 5. The centerpiece of these services will be a period of silence, followed by periods for readings and music. Each service will be organized and led by a member of the ad hoc Vespers Committee. If you plan to attend any of these services, please bring a candle and some sort of candle holder. Child care will be provided.

David McKee

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PRAIRIE DIRECTORY PHOTOS & CHANGES

Folks that didn't get their pictures taken by Olin Mills, if you wish, may submit a photo of yourself to be added in black and white to the directory.

If anyone has a change of address or phone number please put it in writing and submit it to Rita Reffner, Dick Bonser, or Lee Bullen for the directory update.

If anyone has church activities pictures to be added to the directory, please submit them to Rita Reffner by September 14.

PARTY FOR ANNE REARDON

Friends of Anne Reardon are invited to a party at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 4 at Prairie to celebrate her marriage to Lee Urbanski earlier in September.

The party will be hosted by Rachel Siegfried and Lynda Lewis. For more information call Rachel or Lynda at 271-2173.

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Boyce Totz, who many people in Prairie have known, will be leaving Madison to reside on the east coast at the end of September. He would like to sell his art work. If anyone desires to see it, he is having a sale at his home, 746 W. Main St. His phone number is 255-2464.
NEW FOLK DANCE RESOURCE AT PRAIRIE
A big thanks to Dodie Chapru for giving to Prairie two notebooks of folk dance materials. One notebook contains folk dance music she has collected and the companion notebook has directions for those folk dances. Other Prairie folk dance enthusiasts are invited to add both music and directions to their favorite dances.

The notebooks will be kept in the Prairie Office and can be checked out by signing your name, phone number, and date. Please do not remove any of the materials from the notebooks since the sheets could easily be lost. Otherwise, feel free to enjoy.
(Submitted by Ruth Calden)

A PRAIRIE POET IS PUBLISHED
One of the offerings at the Prairie Auction on Saturday will be a small book of poems by Annis Pratt, a long-time member of Prairie. Annis is a professor of English and Women's Studies at the U.W. in Madison.

The poems reveal the author's sense of humor, compassion for others, her feminism, and her reactions to life situations that occur to all of us.

Alice and Lee Bullen have printed the book on their hand press from handset type. A few copies, printed on mouldmade paper (a long-lasting, beautifully textured material) will be auctioned, and orders taken for additional copies on conventional book paper at a pre-set price.

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Prairie folks and friends are invited to attend two performances of the ETHNIC CONNECTION during the Festival of the Lakes.

Sept. 20, 10-11 a.m. at the Francis St. Plaza of the State St. mall.
Sept. 21, 12-1:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Link Peace Park on State St.

Other ETHNIC CONNECTION performances are on Sept. 26, from 8:30-9:30 at the Wild Hog in the Woods coffee house at Brooks St and on Oct. 11, 10-11 at the Monroe St. Festival.

COME TO A PARTY
All Prairie friends and members are invited to a party - a Scottish Ceilidh - at the close of the Festival of the Lakes, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, September 21. The party is hosted by the Madison Scottish Country Dancers, and will be held in Great Hall, Memorial Union.

The party will feature live music by the Madison Ceilidh Band, whose members include Barbara James, Joe Lawrence, and Mike Briggs, and songs sung by Lynn Noel, Allegra Johnson, and Carolyn Briggs. There will be a short demonstration of highland dancing by Margaret Robinson and plenty of opportunities for you to join in some simple Ceilidh dances. Do Come! Cash bar available for both alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks.

PRAIRIE FOLKS WHO HAVE MOVED REMEMBER US
A big thank you to the following out-of-staters who are continuing to help us financially with Prairie Fire and/or national membership dues:

1. Nina Mattarella & Mel Micke
2. Anne Reardon (to become Anne Urbanski on September 20)
3. Elinor & Orie Loucks
4. Barbara & David Carson

We also get support from Vera Kalb who lives in Kenosha, Wis. Rita Reffner

NORTH SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH WILL HOLD FOURTH ANNUAL PHILOSOIFEST
The fourth philosofest will focus on "LUST, LOVE, AND COMPASSION" in the Annual Chicago Area UU Layperson's Theology Conference to be held Saturday, September 27 at Deerfield's North Shore Unitarian Church from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Live Jazz and Folk Music enrich the program with David Sammons and Carolyn McDade as key speakers, and area UU ministers will critique the papers and lead small group discussions. Pre-registration at $20 is recommended ($25 at the door). Call A.C. 312, 234-2460 for details.

INVITATION TO A HOUSEWARMING
Standing barefoot in this new grass ---

each blade
(an ancestor's hand)
draws us down into the future.

Please help us warm our new home (5745 Bittersweet Place, 238-3302) by joining us for an afternoon potluck from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, September 28. Please bring food to share, not presents. We will provide beverages.

All sentient beings in your household are invited. There is much outdoor space for playing.

FROM D, A, C, & G MCKEE
OCTOBER 10-12, 1986  REGISTRATION FORM

CAMP UPHAM WOODS is operated by UW Extension for the state 4-H 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, and outdoor fires on the premises. We are responsible for the conduct of our members. We are also responsible for cleaning up when we leave and for setting tables and serving meals, but NOT for washing dishes!! We want as many members as possible to attend regardless of their financial circumstances, so SOME SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN BUDGETED FOR THIS EVENT. If you will need a full or partial scholarship, or have any questions regarding registration, contact Rick Ruecking at 238-2924.

If you have questions or suggestions about the program, contact Peg Stevenson at 233-6449 during the evening.

Arrival time: 5-6 PM Friday. Departure time: 3PM Sunday.

Camp Upham Woods will NOT provide a meal or coffee on Friday night. There will be a POTLUCK MEAL BY PRAIRIE MEMBERS ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

For computation of fees, use the following schedule. Youths are persons from 7 to 18 inclusive. Pre-schoolers are one-half the youth rate.

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Includes two nights and 5 meals

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Subtotal: Meals

Add $1.00 per person for miscellaneous expenses

All Weekend Total Cost

Your Name

Address

City, St. ZIP

Phone No.

Number in Party

Total Fee Enclosed

Fees and Registration Forms must be received no later than Wednesday, October 1, Send them to: Rick Ruecking, 5721 Elder Pl., Madison, WI 53705.
DIRECTIONS TO UPHAM WOODS

MADISON: From I90-94 take Exit No. 87 (Hwy 13) to Wisconsin Dells off of the Interstate. Go to the stoplight (Hwy 12). Take a left on Hwy 12 and go to the top of the hill. Take a right on County Hwy 'A' (which turns into Hwy 'N'). Go under the railroad overpass. Upham Woods is located at the bottom of the hill on the right side.

Map to Upham Woods
CAMP UPHAM WOODS RULES

Groups must provide the following at each meal served:

- Dining room supervisor - announcements and coordination
- Table setters - show up 1/4 to 1/2 hour before meals
- Table hoppers - deliver and return all food to kitchen
- Cleanup crew - wipe tables and sweep floors

General Rules of the Camp:

- Park only in the designated parking areas. Parking is prohibited near all camp buildings.
- Walk only on designated roadways and trails.
- Do not pick flowers or damage vegetation.
- Place litter in trash containers.
- Do not throw rocks or debris into the river.
- There should be one counselor/chaperon for each ten youths. Counselor/chaperons should reside in the same cabin.
- Do not meddle with thermostats, fuse boxes or fire alarms.
- Food is not allowed in the cabins.
- Persons using boats or canoes must sign out when leaving and sign in when returning.
- Persons using boats or canoes must use life preservers.
- Tie boats securely to the dock when done, and take canoes out of the water when done.
- Return paddles, oars, and life jackets to the boathouse.
- Boats must be placed on the dock and Canoes must be returned to the rack before leaving camp on Sunday.
- Firearms, fireworks, explosives, alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited.
- Fires are prohibited except in designated fireplaces.
- Smoking is prohibited in sleeping areas in both the cabins and the dormitory.
- Do not mistreat the facilities - We are liable for any damage to buildings and furnishings.
- All buildings and grounds must be cleaned and set in order prior to leaving the Camp. Cabins should be cleaned and vacated by noon on the last day. Lists will be posted.
Saturday, Sept. 20

at the
1st Unitarian Meeting House
900 University Bay Drive

folklore village evening
and ice cream social

A FOLKLORE VILLAGE EVENING
An old fashioned ice cream social evening with games, dances, music and magic supplied by Jane Farwell and the Folklore Village Band. The evening is designed to be fun for the entire family, with no experience necessary.

COME and make your own sundae 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Festivities immediately following till 11:00 p.m.

DONATION $3.00 includes make-your-own sundae
$7.50 for Families of 3 or more (adult(s) with children

Proceeds go to Folklore Village

call 831-1784 or 238-3976