

Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

... 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, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 p.m.--1987 Prairie UU pledge drive
Kick-off Dinner at Haglund's,
2805 Sylvan Ave. (see story)

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
11:30 - 3:30--Youth Group Picnic (see story)
4:30 p.m.--Vesper service (see story)

Sunday, October 5

10:00 a.m.--A REFUSENICK TRAPPED IN THE
SOVIET UNION by George Calden
10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes, baby & child care
11:45 a.m.--R.E. Committee Meeting at
Prairie
4:30 p.m.--Vesper service (see story)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 p.m.-- Prairie Board meeting, at
Prairie. everyone welcome.

OCTOBER 10, 11, & 12

UPHAM WOODS RETREAT along the Wisconsin R.
NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE OCTOBER 12

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 p.m. --Playreaders at Rosemary Dorney's
4205 Odana Rd. (see story)

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R.E. Corner

Nursery & Pre-School: During the next couple of weeks the R.E. Committee will continue its search for a pre-school coordinator. We will need to have adult volunteers to help the two high school students, Yasmine and Elia. Activities planned for the children include stories, art projects and being outside if the weather permits.

Grades K-1-2: On the 28th you will have time to make your photographs into a mobile with Lindi and Andrea. You will also have chance to play a very unusual sortin game and learn about people who are different from yourselves.

On October 5th you will all get a chance to do some cooking. While the soup that you make cooks you will have a chance to do some work with clay and learn about different religions
Grades 3-4-5: On the 28th Dayle will lead your group with assistance from Mary Beth. You will be discussing the story of creation as it appears in the Bible.

On the 5th of October you will learn about another theory of creation. You will learn about Darwin and what he contributed to the scientific body of knowledge about creation. Creation stories are endless!

Grades 6-7-8: On the 28th you will continue learning about issues of peace. This week your focus will be on community and national levels of peace. During your meeting time you will learn about Carla who is struggling to do the best for her family.

On October 5th you will take a look at the attraction of violence in our society. Have you ever thought about why it is that violent

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movies, war toys and violent games are more attractive to the general public? Come and discuss this issue with David and Mike.

Mentoring: The ninth and tenth grade students who wanted to join the mentoring will be starting their meetings within the month. Peg Stevenson will be meeting with those 9th grade students who want to start the program and Al Nettleton will continue on with the 10th grade students. The year promises to be an exciting one for both groups.

Thank you to Mary Mullen and Frederika Schilling for providing the meeting space (their home) for the 9th grade mentoring group. It couldn't be more conveniently located for families who have children participating in this program and programs at Prairie during the morning service!

SERVICE AUCTION 1986, A PRAIRIE FUNDRAISER

The Saturday, September 13 Service Auction-Stationery Sale, and Pizza Buy the Slice event was a success. Over 40 people attended at different stages of the evening.

Pat Watkins coordinated the sale of stationery and paper goods donated by her daughter, Leslie. Thanks to both of you the net results were \$242.15 to Prairie's coffers.

Faye Glessner, Barb Barley, and Chuck Vetzner directed the Pizza, brownies, etc. dining. Thanks to donations from Pizza Hut and others over \$120 was realized.

Brent Haglund auctioned off over \$1184 of services and a few goods. The spirit was super as people of Prairie from age 10 to over 70 offered up their talents in food, music, child care, logging, and many other services. Highlights included the purchase of some of the Limited Edition of Pemmican, poetry by Annis Pratt and printed by Alice and Lee Bullen.

Most people paid at the close of the evening. All participants, donors and purchases, will get copies of their bids as reminders to complete the transactions and the payments to Prairie Society. Thanks to all of you who were involved. Brent Haglund

DONATIONS FOR THE NURSERY ARE NEEDED

The nursery could use large and medium zip lock bags to store materials. Also needed are plastic containers (one gallon buckets), TV dinner trays and pie tins. If you have any extras of these items, please give them to the nursery staff.

UPHAM WOODS

Activities already planned for the Upham Woods retreat include nature walks, a talent show, folk dancing, storytelling, discussion topics, kazoo band, volleyball, poetry reading, singing, and a treasure hunt.

We are particularly seeking ideas for adult discussion topics. Share your ideas with Peg Stevenson.

Begin thinking about things to bring for the program: for the Sunday service bring poems and writings about fall, change, and transition. For Friday singing bring musical instruments. For the Saturday bring talent to share. For anytime bring games and puzzles.

YOUTH GROUP PICNIC

Prairie's Youth Group is open to all youth in grades 6-12. It is a social group that will meet for bowling or roller skating or overnights, etc. We will decide future activities at our first meeting.

The weather did not cooperate on September 14th so we are rescheduling the picnic for September 28th, from 11:30 - 3:30 at Hill Farms Park at Regent St. and Eau Claire Ave. Bring a brown bag lunch, including a drink (or drinks) that we'll put in the cooler, and munchies or goodies to share. We'll play volleyball and goofy baseball and Spud etc. Bring a Frisbee for Frisbee Golf if you can. Friends are welcome too. The Youth Group chaperones are Erin Bosch (238-6285), Marty Drapkin (256-1239), and Argene McDowell (274-9033). Call us if you have any questions or if you need a ride to the picnic. Please join us, it's fun!

P.S. If the weather is bad, we will go to McDonalds and then bowling at Nakoma Lanes. Clip the coupon from the gold pages of your telephone book.

VESPER SERVICES AT PRAIRIE

There will be 2 more vesper services at Prairie before the Upham Woods retreat. They will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the Sundays of September 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

**ANNUAL UU CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT MEETING
AT FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY NOVEMBER 7, 8, & 9**

First Unitarian Society is hosting the annual UU Central Midwest District Meeting, to be held at the Society on November 7, 8, and 9. We invite the participation of members of Prairie Society in helping to make this a stimulating and successful event. Brochures describing the conference, along with registration forms, are available at Prairie.

We also need your help in a number of areas. The following contributions and assistance would be most helpful:

Home hospitality: If you are able to provide beds for visiting UU's for November 7 and/or 8 (Friday and/or Saturday night), call Fran Johnson, 273-1958. Be sure to specify to Fran the number of beds, and whether you have a preference for non-smokers. This is an especially urgent need, since the conference is on a home football weekend, and motel space will be scarce.

Food: Help is needed setting up and cleaning up three meals (Friday evening dinner, Saturday morning continental breakfast, and Saturday lunch). We are also seeking contributions of food for Friday evening: lasagna (vegetarian and non-vegetarian), salad, and dessert. If you can help here, call Lorna Aaronson, 255-0296.

Physical labor: We need some physical labor at various times - moving chairs from a different location, moving tables, chairs and benches between various events at the church. Use of a truck is needed Thursday evening or Friday, and Saturday evening, to move chairs. Call Charlotte Helstad, 238-2400.

Gerald Thain is the conference coordinator. If you have any questions, please call Jerry, 233-5578, or one of the people listed above.

PLAYREADERS AT DORNEY'S OCTOBER 18

Playreaders will meet at Rosemary Dorney's, 4205 Odana Rd, at 8 p.m. on October 18. Night and Day or Everything in the Garden will be read. Call 238-4382 for more information or if you need a ride. **EVERYBODY WELCOME!!**

LES LYONS' GRANDCHILD

Some of you may have been wondering about Les Lyons' grandchild. Max Adalai McKay Greenwald was born on August 17. If you'd like to know more details, you can call Linné Gain at 233-7949.

1987 PRAIRIE UU PLEDGE DRIVE KICK-OFF DINNER

At 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26 at Brent & Dayle Haglund's house, 2805 Sylvan Ave., the annual canvass for operating funds will begin. Dinner - spaghetti (meat and meatless varieties), salad, beer, wine, bread, and dessert - will be served to those folks who will be calling on Prairie members and friends in the upcoming few weeks.

After dinner, Faye Glessner, Finance Committee Chairperson, will share the calendar of the appeal, the financial needs of Prairie Society as they are projected by the Board, and the new pledge cards and other materials. People will be asked to call on five or fewer of their Prairie acquaintances. The aim is to have a successful pledge canvass completed before the Upham Woods retreat.

Please attend this dinner if you can assist in the appeal. R.S.V.P. to Faye Glessner, 251-5427.

NOTES FROM HOUSING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A big thanks! to all those who spent hours this summer cutting the lawn and trimming around things. Also, to John Grindrod for keeping our vacuum functioning. We will need the lawn cut at least two more times and hope that people will volunteer - it takes 2-4 hours with one person, less if others help.

Save October 18, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4pm for a Work Day at Prairie. More details in a future Prairie Fire.

We are looking for a way to dye our curtains a more harmonious color. If you know of anyone who has access to a triple-sized commercial washer who would be willing to let us use it, please call me.

We are eager to rent the building when we are not using it. If you know of anyone interested call me. A policy statement regarding use of the building and fee schedule is posted in the office, just inside the door, as well as a calendar showing which times are available. The building must be reserved at least two weeks in advance, to reserve the building for meetings of members, call Fran Remeika, 845-7292.

Sharon Scratish is in charge of developing a display of members art on a rotating basis at Prairie. If you have any art to display or are interested in helping, please call Sharon, 437-5915.

Rachel Siegfried, 271-2173

BULLENS TO RETIRE AS NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Prairie Friends:

At the September 14 service we announced that we would like to discontinue editing Prairie Fire. We will have been serving in this capacity eight years at the beginning of November.

It has meant much to us to be able to contribute in this way to the society we love, but we are finding that meeting deadlines every two weeks has become more of a burden. Over the past year we have discontinued printing the four other newsletters we have been handling for several years.

In recent months we have gotten involved in printing books (two editions each of two different books) and these have involved deadlines also. We want to continue with this activity which we find to be an enjoyable opportunity to work together.

-- Alice and Lee Bullen

LESBIAN/GAY CONFERENCE

Gifts of the Spirit: Upper Midwest Gathering of Lesbian and Gay Friends is happening right here in Madison October 24-26. It's a conference planned by Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, a special Quaker ministry to/by gays and lesbians, promoting affirmation, fellowship, and spiritual growth. All interested persons - gay, non-gay, Friends and non-Friends - are invited to participate.

In explanation of the title of the conference, the planners say this: "We are gathering in Madison to discover and celebrate our spiritual gifts and to use them together to nurture each other and our sense of community through worship, worship sharing, discussion, breaking bread together, dancing, and fellowship."

For more details, see the bulletin board at Prairie or call Mary Mullen (271-5192).

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WANTED: EDITOR OR CO-EDITORS FOR PRAIRIE FIRE
Contact Rick Ruecking, 238-2924.

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PRAIRIE SOCIETY
Suggested Giving Chart
1987 Pledge Year

Annual Gross Income Per Person	Monthly	Annually	% of Income
Under \$5,000	\$4	\$50	1 %
\$ 5,000 - 10,000	\$ 4 - 12	\$ 50 - 150	1.00 - 1.50 %
10,000 - 20,000	9 - 25	100 - 300	1.00 - 1.50
20,000 - 30,000	21 - 44	250 - 525	1.25 - 1.75
30,000 - 40,000	38 - 57	450 - 800	1.50 - 2.00
40,000 & over	60 & over	700 & over	1.75 - 2.50

Amounts are rounded for your convenience.
This suggested range is below a 10% rate and also below the UUA's suggested guidelines.

PRAIRIE SOCIETY
Proposed Budget
1987

Adopted
1986

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program:			\$ 600		Extension Minister
Lay Ministers	\$1050		1050		
Publicity	500		320		
Song Books	50		80		
Program Expense	<u>400</u>	\$2000	<u>300</u>	\$2350	
Religious Education:					
Director's Salary	5172		5172		
Social Security	932		931		
Preschool Teacher	480		480		
Preschool Aide	240		240		
Curriculum	125		125		
Materials & Supplies	200		200		
Books for Library	75		75		
Travel & Conferences	200		200		
Chalises	<u>120</u>	7544	<u>120</u>	7543	
Denominational Affairs:					
UUA Annual Program Fund	1920		1610		
CMD dues	230		230		
NCAC dues	25		25		
UU Service Committee	100		100		
UUA Pamphlets & Books	<u>150</u>	2425	<u>75</u>	2040	
Membership:					
Directory (150 copies)	75		75		
Name tag holders	15		15		
Intro to Prairie sheets	10		10		
Other	<u>15</u>	115	<u>15</u>	115	
Office:					
P O Box	0		0		
Telephone	450		450		
Contingencies	50		50		
Minutes & stamps	<u>100</u>	600	<u>85</u>	585	
Housing & Property:			500		Bldg Architect
Mortgage	4286		4286		
Utilities	1900		1700		
Insurance	1200		769		
Maintaince/supplies	410		1435		
Janitorial	<u>690</u>	8486	<u>690</u>	9380	
Other:					
Long Range Planning	50		50		
Ceremonies	60		60		
Finance	100		100		
Upham Woods Scholarship	150		150		
Prairie Fire	1600		1280		
Training	300				
Building Architect	<u>1000</u>	3260		1640	
		<u>\$24430</u>		<u>\$23653</u>	
REVENUE					
Pledges	21560		18153		
Contributions	1000		2300		
Prairie Fire	200		200		
Building Rent	200		200		
Service Auction	1000		800		
Interest	200		500		
T Shirt Sale	200		1500		Other Fundraising
Donated Goods	<u>70</u>	<u>\$24430</u>		<u>\$23653</u>	

