...As the prairie stretches on and becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to others and be one with the natural world and with one another. PRARIE’S BOND OF UNION

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPT. 20TH. SUBMIT NOTICES FOR THE PERIOD SEPT. 25TH - OCT. 1ST.

CALENDAR

Friday, Sept. 11
7:00 PM - CHANNING-MURRAY WELCOME RECEPTION at the Beefeater Room in the Memorial Union

Sunday, Sept. 13
RECYCLING BEGINS AT PRAIRIE - BRING YOUR RINSED GLASS & ALUMINUM CANS TODAY!

9:30 AM - R. E. REGISTRATION downstairs in the R. E. area.
10:00 AM - "PEACE ECONOMICS": Robert Reuschlein, Univ. of Oregon.
11:30 AM - THE PLAN FOR PRAIRIE - THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE will answer your questions about the latest plans.
11:30 AM - POTLUCK LUNCH
2:00 PM - PRAIRIE BOAT TOUR on Lake Mendota (see story)

Tuesday, Sept. 15
6:00 PM - PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets at Jim Novak's home, 2117 Linden St. Bring a dish to pass.

Wednesday, Sept. 16
6:30 PM - KICKOFF DINNER for the Every-member Canvass (see related story)

Thursday, Sept. 17
12:00 AM - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH MEETING at the Memorial Union. Guest Speaker Midge Miller will speak on Faith & Citizenship.

Sunday, Sept. 20
10:00 AM - "LOCKING UP CHILDREN: A discussion about Retribution, Rehabilitation, and Protecting the Public" - Lynda Lewis.
11:30 AM - POTLUCK LUNCH
1:00 PM - SPECIAL PARISH MEETING (See Related Story)
6:00 PM - YRUL Organizational Meeting at 1st. Society W. Living Rm.

Sunday, Sept. 27
10:00 AM - "REPORT CARD: Educating Every Child?" - Lynda Lewis.
5:00 PM - Spanish Speakers' Potluck (See story in NEXT issue!)

Monday, Sept. 28
7:30 PM - BOARD MEETING AT PRAIRIE

Saturday, Oct. 3
7:30 PM - THE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Pat Meller, 4526 Crescent Road. Call Pat at 271-1214 if you're coming. Give us a try - it's easy and fun - you'll love it!

Saturday, Oct. 24
8:00 PM - THEATER PARTY: MEDEA (See related story)

Peace Economics

"Peace Economics", an alternative to economic systems based on military expenditures, opens the fall season of Sunday services on Sept. 13th. Robert Reuschlein, author and teacher at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon, will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Reuschlein is an expert on research into alternative economic systems and military history. His book and course on "Peace Economics" emphasizes the
success of state and national economic systems that choose to invest their talent and resources into non-military efforts.

Reuschlein, who grew up in Madison, is a member of the Eugene, Oregon U-U Society. For the last five years, he has chaired the local Congressional District Democratic Party. He has been visiting in the Madison area for a few days and has graciously agreed to extend his stay and speak to us on the 13th.

R. E. Registration

On Sept. 13 at 9:30, registration for all R. E. classes will take place. Parents are asked to bring their children (preschool through eighth grade) to the R. E. area where registration will be conducted. As you register your children, you will have a chance to meet your child's teachers. There will be coffee, tea and juice available, so come and enjoy this kick-off for the R. E. year.

Remember that at 10:00 you will be taking your child upstairs for the first 10 minutes of the adult service.

** CONTEST **

!! Win Valuable Prizes !!

In order to have a new look to our upcoming Prairie 'T' Shirts, we are holding a contest to create a new design. The design must be no more than 8 square or round, only one color, include the words "Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society", and be camera ready when submitted. The winner will receive lots of valuable publicity and a free Prairie Shirt of her/his choice. Designs must be submitted in final form to Faye Glessner no later than Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Boat Tour Reminder

Only a few seats left on the boat tour of Lake Mendota on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2:00 PM. The one hour tour, which leaves from the Union, is a fund raiser for Prairie and costs $7 for adults and $4 for kids. Call Faye Glessner at 251-5427 to reserve your seat.

Canvass Volunteers Needed!

The Finance Committee needs about 25 volunteers to contact 4 or 5 members each for their pledges for 1988. This will be a small time commitment on your part, but one that will ensure Prairie's ability to carry out programs for the next year. If you are willing to help out, come to the Kickoff Dinner at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 16th. For more information, call Faye Glessner at 251-5427.
Fish Dinner Circle? Ethnic Dinner Circle?

Several people from last year’s Fish Dinner Circle have expressed an interest in continuing the tradition. It really was fun! A few others have expressed an interest in dining at some of the ethnic restaurants. It is possible to do either, to alternate, or to do both. If this appeals to you, call Pat Watkins between 1 and 6 PM at 262-7960 to express your interest.

(Ed. note - If you don’t cook, or have no space to entertain, but want to take part in the “Circle Dinner” social side of Prairie, this is an ideal way to do it!)

R. E. Corner

Nursery and Preschool

Welcome back to Prairie! This year you will have a new teacher named Sue Braunswelg. Some of you may already know Sue. She has done the childcare for vespers services for the past year. Sue looks forward to meeting all of you and getting to know you. Yasmine Sido will be back. She looks forward to seeing you all after such a long summer vacation.

Grades K-1-2

On Sept. 13, you will all get a chance to meet both of your new teachers, Jennifer Parker and Lee Bullen. During your first Sunday, you will be quite busy making name tags and building an ark. On September 20, you will learn about a man called David. David was a favorite king long ago. He brought an ark to Jerusalem. Come on the 20th and learn the whole story.

Grades 3-4-5

On Sept. 13, you will meet your new teachers, Rick Ruecking and Peg Stevenson. This year, you will be learning about many holidays and holy days. On the 13th, they will introduce this curriculum to you. On Sept. 20, you will be celebrating the holy day of Rosh Hashanah. This is the Jewish New Year celebration. It is a solemn festival when Jews pray for forgiveness and long life.

Grades 6-7-8

On Sept. 13, all of you will be getting a chance to meet Al Nettleton. They have been planning quite an eventful year, so come early to register and participate in further planning.

Recycling Begins

Thanks to our two volunteers, Prairie will be starting to recycle both aluminum and glass. Lance Green will handle the aluminum, with the help of the R. E. children, and Judy Skog will handle the glass. There will be a box for each at every Sunday service, so help us and our environment out by pitching in on Sundays. Bring in your rinsed recyclables starting on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

Back by Popular Demand

We are planning to issue a revised Prairie Cookbook for those people who missed getting one of the first editions, those who are new to Prairie, and for relatives who have been coveting your copy of the first edition for years.

We will be making corrections to recipes already published and taking out those recipes from commercially published books (copyright difficulties, you know) so let us know of any changes that should be made.

We would also like to include new creations from our Prairie Chefs, (remember that dish we raved about at the potluck) so send them in! Also, we will need some more artwork and quotations. Contact Faye Glessner (251-5427) or Rachel Siegfried (271-2173) if you can help with the awesome job of getting the new edition ready to print. Please submit your new recipes and/or corrections to either Faye or Rachel by Sept. 30 at the latest.

Hospitality Understudy Needed

Our Hospitality Chair, Fran Remeika, has informed the Board that this is her last year in that position. To ensure a smooth transition, she’d like to have an “understudy” who would then offer to serve Prairie in this capacity come next spring when the Board appoints the new Hospitality Chair after the elections. Please contact Fran at 845-7292 or Mary Mullen at 271-5192 for more information.

Cheap Fuel Oil!!

I’m putting in a new gas furnace, so will have no use for the 200 gallons of #2 fuel oil in my oil tank (or for the tank, either). Want to make a deal with me that will be far cheaper than from the oil company? Call me at 271-5192.

- Mary Mullen
Wednesday's Child...

FALL SUNDAY SERVICES WILL FOCUS ON CONCERNS OF TODAY'S CHILDREN.

"Children of Change - A Fresh Look at the New Generation" samples some areas of interest and concern of contemporary children and youth. As the vanguard of the post-WW II baby boomers begin their passage into middle age, it's timely to explore what's happening with its progeny. For the last generation, our society has reflected a love affair with its youth culture. Now, more and more, a major part of our population will be moving into middle age. As the baby boom became the baby bust and is now settling into the baby dearth, the interest and concern of children and youth could be endangered.

Actively taking time now to consider how we can improve our communication and programs to better reflect the needs of young people has created a responsible reaction from Prairie members. They've offered encouraging, helpful suggestions for planning this series of services, organized by Lynda Lewis for mid-September through November. Planned services include:

Sept. 20 - "Locking Up Children: A Discussion about Retribution, Rehabilitation, and Protecting the Public".

Sept. 27 - "Report Card: Educating Every Child?"

Oct. 4 - "Children Don't Wait: An Update on Services and Needs for Children in Wisconsin"

Other programs scheduled through November include current efforts to provide youth with opportunities to explore satisfying career choices, panels of young people from diverse backgrounds locally and globally, and a report on a national survey about the American family now underway at the University.

To conclude the series, Prairie members can share their thoughts about communication and programming with the children and youth who participate in our Unitarian-Universalist Society. Some members may want to organize some advocacy for children's concerns in our community.

So far, in preparing these programs, my training and experience in teaching, communications, and local and state public activities has been helpful. My background includes teaching social studies and English at the secondary level, and I have done graduate study in history and in public policy and administration.

-Lynda Lewis

Special Parish Meeting

NOTE TIME CHANGE!

A special Parish business meeting will be held on Sept. 20 at 1:00 PM following a potluck meal after the morning service. Childcare will be provided.

The revised agenda is as follows:

1. Approval of minutes.
2. Treasurer's report.
3. Election of:
   A) Housing and Property Committee Chair.
   B) Membership Committee Chair.
4. Consideration of the report of the Long Range Planning Committee on space needs alternatives. Decision by the Society on whether to proceed with remodeling or another course of action. (COPIES OF THE LATEST PLANS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE OF PRAIRIE FIRE.)
5. Discussion of the proposal that Prairie have a minister.

The President reminds all Prairie friends and members that anyone may speak at a Parish Meeting, but that only members may vote.

Theater Party

Mark your calendar and join the PLAYREADERS for the University production of Medea on Saturday, Oct. 24th. The play will be performed in the Mitchell Theater in Vilas Hall on the UW-Madison campus. You may purchase your own tickets if you're in the campus area, or you can arrange for Pat Watkins to get your tickets for you. We usually go for pizza, dessert, drinks, or whatever after the performance, so if you'd like to be included in those reservations, let Pat Watkins know at 262-7960 (days).

If you bought an "Entertainment 87" coupon book at Prairie (or anywhere else), you will find a two for one coupon good for tickets to this performance. If you intend to use the coupon, order your tickets early in case there is a limit to the number of discount tickets sold.

Prairie is Growing!

The two newest persons in Prairie's flock are TWINS, born to member Ann Wieck and husband Ron on Aug. 24th. A warm welcome to Paul (5# 15 oz) and Emily (5# 8 oz) and congratulations to the proud parents!
UPHAM WOODS RETREAT

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 Anne Urbanski at 271-1349.

If you have questions or suggestions about the program, contact Bill Fetzner at 273-4843 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.

### FEES FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

Includes two nights and 5 meals

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### CABIN LODGING

- Bring towels, sleeping bag, or blanket and pillows.

### DORMITORY LODGING

- Linens, blankets, pillows & towels are provided.

### SUBTOTAL: ALL WEEKEND

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### SUBTOTAL: MEALS

Add $2.00 per person for Facility Use Fee/Misc.

### ALL WEEKEND TOTAL COST

Your Name                  
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Number in Party            
Total Fee Enclosed         

Fees and Registration Forms must be received no later than Thursday, October 1. Send them to: Anne Urbanski, 4629 Crescent Road, Apt. 1, Madison, WI 53711
Good News for Bikers
Prairie has a bike rack! It is located in front of Prairie to the right of the entrance. It is right in front of the stone wall part of our facade. Please use the rack rather than locking your bike to the steel columns on the porch.

Youth Conference on Disarmament
There will be a U-U Youth Conference on Disarmament from Nov. 19 to Nov. 22 at the United Nations in New York. For people 15 to 17 years old, three days of sharing and learning about the arms race. Call Fredericka Schilling at 271-5292 for more information.

Getting Oriented?
Interested in Orientation to U-U? Help is needed in planning orientation meetings which will be held in November. Also, members are needed for the Denominational Affairs Committee- a minimal time commitment is involved. Call Fredericka Schilling at 271-5292.

Reach Out...
There is a family in Prairie's neighborhood which is in need of some help. The mother is a single parent (recently divorced, no child support) of 4 children. She works full-time at a minimum wage job, so "falls between the cracks" of our social service system. Food stamps don't go very far with three teenagers in the house. The Board of Directors voted to "earmark" our current and near future food donations for this family. The donation box is located in the front lobby, and donations are sorely needed.

Clothes in good condition are also needed. These can be brought to Fredericka's and Mary's house, 4337 Milford Road, just 1/4 block from Prairie. The sizes needed are: girls size 12, women's sizes 6-8, 10, 14, and 16. Call Fredericka at 271-5192 if you have any questions.

Help the Homeless Please...
I have organized Prairie members to volunteer at the Drop-In Shelter every fourth Monday for 1-1/2 years. I need your help to continue this commitment. Please call if you can work the evening, late-night or morning shift on Monday, Sept. 28th - Tues. Sept. 29th.

- Lance Green

Interracial Dinners Continue
The Friendly Supper Club, where people of all colors can break bread together, has met on the first Monday of the month for a year now. Come Join us at 6:30 PM on October 5 at the Ponderosa Steak House, 1605 S. Park St. Make a friend of different color!

Community Meetings on Pornography
It's a very controversial issue - pornography. Why? On the one hand, Americans value above almost anything else their freedom of expression. On the other hand, people of conscience deplore the attitudes and violent actions promoted by "hardcore" pornography.

Covenant Presbyterian Church (corner of Segoe and Mineral Point Roads) is sponsoring three Wednesday evenings this September on "The Pornography Problem" as follows:

Sept. 9 - Must we allow the misuse of humanity to preserve our freedom?
Sept. 16 - Is Pornography victimless?
Speakers are Rev. Wm. King of Covenant Presbyterian, Dr. John Steveeman of the UW Hospital Teenage Clinic, and Maureen Green of the Rape Crisis Center.
Sept. 23 - Is it possible to legislate morality? Speakers will focus on obscenity legislation, the Civil Rights approach, and obscenity prosecution.

The programs begin at 7:30 PM.

UNITARIAN CHURCH NORTH cordially invites you to join in our Celebration of Building Dedication 3 p.m. Sunday, October 4, 1987 13800 N. Port Washington Road Mequon, Wisconsin The Reverend Doctor O. Eugene Pickett will deliver the sermon

A reception will follow the service
That special time of the year for Prairie is almost upon us again. Time for family fun, for rejuvenation, for spiritual growth, for conversation, or time just to be alone to think. It's almost all things to us—an annual ritual, a retreat, some say the essence of Prairie.

The dates: October 9–11, 1987

The place: Upham Woods—a conference center near the Wisconsin Dells, situated on the banks of the Wisconsin river. It has central facilities for gatherings and eating and cabins and dormitories for sleeping.

What do I need? Nothing but your enthusiasm (and a small—very small—fee for room and board). Most of your needs are provided. Plus extras, like canoes.

What happens? We do all the programming. From past years we know that from among us springs the following talent and leadership:

**PROGRAMS FOR KIDS**... nature hikes, baseball games, paper airplanes, coloring...this year we've heard that there will be something arranged for the middle schoolers by Cinda LaMar and Al Nettleton. For the high schoolers, a canoe trip and exploration and lunch on famous Blackhawk Island, conducted by Gail Ostler.

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**... Discussion groups galore, some arranged, some impromptu. Puzzles, fortune telling (hopefully our gurus and prophets will re-enlist). Church issues, men's and/or women's issues (Roy Schenk will report on the recent annual conference of the National Congress for Men), orienteering or just plain wandering in the scenic beauty of the natural preserve. Breakout on Saturday night.

**PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE**... The time-honored Saturday night talent show, hosted again by Marti Drapkin. Sunday morning service alongside the river, where memories to last a lifetime are shared. Quilt making (perhaps this year, the Prairie Banner).

What can you do? Volunteer your talents and interests. We do need more ideas, more leaders. Contact Bill Fetzner (273-4843) or just say YES when he calls seeking your help.
# Prairie Society Tentative Budget

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This is a guide for you to consider before being contacted by a canvass volunteer. This suggested range is less than a 10% (tithe) rate, and is lower than UUA's suggested guidelines. Amounts are rounded for your convenience.

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ADDITION/REMODELING
COST PROJECTS

- Demolition $3000.00
- Level Entry $1500.00
- New Construction $39000.00
- Reno, First Floor $2500.00
- Kitchen Equip. $8000.00
- Basement Reno. $2500.00
- Landscaping/walks $5000.00
- Parking/Curb Cut $9000.00
- Permits $1000.00
- Professional Services $8200.00
- Contingencies $5300.00

Total: $85000.00