

Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
2010 Whenona Drive Madison, Wisconsin 53711

... As the prairie stretches out before you, let it become one with the sky, let us reach out to each other, and be one with the natural world and with one another. PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

Prairie Smoke (Sieviersia flora)

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE WILL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4. SUBMIT NOTICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 9 to 23.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 10:00 AM - "REPORT CARD - EDUCATING EVERY CHILD?" by Mary Kay Baum, member of the Madison School Board, and Barbara Park, specialist on programs for developmentally disabled children.
- 10:00 AM - Religious Education classes
Baby and child care
- 5:00 PM - Spanish Speakers' Potluck at Prairie (see story)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 7:30 PM - Prairie Executive Board meets at Prairie. All welcome.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 12 noon - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH MEETING at the Memorial Union. Guest, Psycho-therapist, Hal Rosenberg, will speak on dreams.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 6:30 PM - PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS will meet at 4526 Crescent Rd. Call Pat Meller (271-1214) for directions.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 10:00 AM - "Children Don't Wait - Public Services and Needs of Children in Wisconsin" by Frankie Fuller, Capitol administrative assistant and formerly with Center for Public Representation.
- 4:30 PM - Vespers at Prairie. (see story)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 6:00 PM - Program Committee meets at the home of Jim Novak, 2117 Linden Ave.

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REPORT CARD ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Report Card: Educating Every Child?" is the topic of the Sunday service on Sept. 27. Interest and support of education for each child is a challenging goal of contemporary society.

Madison school board member Mary Kay Baum and Prairie member Barbara Park will help us assess how well the variety of educational needs for all children are met by public schools. Public education includes local, state and federal requirements in its curriculum and activities to ensure all children opportunities to develop their educational potential.

How well do public schools measure up to helping children you know? In what areas are there gaps? Where could we substantially improve our offerings? Can we afford it? Can we afford not to provide for needs? Share your concerns and suggestions with Mary Kay and Barbara.

UPHAM WOODS

If you would like to get your ideas or concerns included in programing for the Upham Woods weekend, (Oct. 9-11), please call Bill Fetzner immediately. Plans are developing nicely and we are anticipating one of the best programs ever for that annual event. Still needed are some all-age leaders -- e.g. games, arts, crafts, nature activities. Call Bill with your suggestions. (P.S. And brush off your talent for the traditional Saturday night Talent Show at Upham Woods.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROD STEVENSON, who recent-received the 1987 Robert Jerred Distinguished Service Award for his work on environmental issues with the utilities industry.

I couldn't be more impressed:

1. The September 20 parish meeting was attended by 45 members.
2. Although there were strong differences of opinion the meeting was business like and stayed friendly throughout the entire 3½ hours.

I thank each of you for your valuable contributions and cooperation.

I especially thank those who spoke even though they knew they were in a minority. We needed to hear your views and your thinking so that we would understand the challenge we finally accepted.

Whether you talked a lot, a little, or not at all, you each helped make this meeting a success for Prairie and a pleasant experience for me as your new president.

For those who didn't attend, here's what we did:

1. We unanimously elected Sharon Scratish as membership chair and Rick Ruecking as interim building and property chair. (Were still looking for a permanent building and property chair.)

2. After dropping the requirement to raise 30,000 in cash before proceeding with detailed construction plans, we voted to adopt the proposed \$85,000 remodeling project.

3. We voted to refer to the board the question of whether Prairie should have a minister, administrator, or paid secretary. We suggested that the board appoint a balanced ad hoc committee to study the this question. Mary Mullen, President

TOMORROW IS TOO LATE

"Children Don't Wait: a Report on the Wisconsin Children's Audit" is the focus of the Sunday service on October 4. Frankie Fuller, active in organizations which promote child welfare, will describe the development and findings of the statewide audit of public services for children.

Because children cannot organize and speak for themselves, their needs are easy to overlook. Children do not have political clout, so public programs for them are often clouded by other issues. And children are growing--physically, emotionally, mentally--every day. Taking care of their needs next month or next year or never is too late.

Frankie will explain how needs have changed, sometimes improving, sometimes becoming more desperate. She will also offer suggestions about how to become involved in improving the conditions of children. Many Prairie members will have personal experiences from work and activities that will be valuable to share with Frankie.

R.E. CORNER

Nursery and Preschool

Most of you have many friends at Prairie and at home. Sue and Yasmine will be talking with you about friends working together side by side as you make a mural in your room. On the 27th of Sept come and learn about friends and murals.

Friends can share with one another. Please bring a favorite toy on Oct 4 to share with your Prairie friends, Sue and Yasmine. After you have seen all of the toys everybody brings, you will have time to finger paint. Come dressed for the activity and if you have a smock, bring it along.

K-1-2

You have learned about David, a king of Israel and about the ark the Israelites carried on their wandering in the desert. Come and learn about David'sson, King Solomon on Sept. 27, with Lee

Jennifer will introduce the stories of Elijah and King Ahab to you on October 4. These two men had a disagreement over an evil deed. Come and hear this story and of what happened to these two men.

3-4-5

Have you ever looked John Murray up in the encyclopedia? Well, there is John Murray the naturalist and deep-sea explorer and then there is a long list of John Murrays who were all part of a family of publishers in London. There is also a famous UU who went by the same name. What did he do for UUs? come and find out with Rick on the 27th

Sukkot or the Feast of the Tabernacles is a Jewish holiday that originally celebrated the end of the harvest season. During the festival, traditional Jews live in huts called sukkot as a reminder of the huts in which their ancestors lived during their wanderings in the wilderness. Join Peg on October 4th and learn more about this holiday.

6-7-8

Have we inherited murderous instincts from our killer ape ancestors? or do we even have ape ancestors? These and other questions of belief will be discussed as the Middle School explores the "How Can I Know What to Believe" curriculum.

Shirley Grindrod reports that Patrick Kwanashi, the Nigerian who was formerly a student here, graduated with honors from Yale Law School in June and is now an assistant attorney for the State of Connecticut. He and his dog, Chips, enjoy Hartford.

PRAIRIE YOUTH GROUP PLANNING

On Sunday, September 27 there will be a short meeting after the R.E. classes to brainstorm ideas for Youth Group activities this year. We will meet in the Middle School classroom. All youth interested in attending Youth Group activities are encouraged to attend this meeting so that we can get your input on what you would like to do this year.

The Prairie Youth Group is open to all youth in grades 6-12 (and their friends). The coordinators are Erin Bosch and Marty Drapkin.

The Prairie Playreaders will meet at 6:30 p.m. October 3, at 4526 Crescent Rd. Only two attributes are required in order to participate in this activity: enthusiasm and a firm resolve to stay awake past 9:30. Call Pat Meller (271-1214) for directions and further information.

COMING UP--DISSENTERS' FORUM

Unitarian Universalists may of may not be Christians. Regardless of what your personal belief is you may be interested in a lecture series to be presented this fall on campus, called Dissenters' Forum.

Thursday noons, Oct. 1 - Nov. 5, in Great Hall of the Memorial Union, Christian Faculty Union lecturers will dissent from commonly held misconceptions about the relationship of their faith to their disciplines. A discussion will follow.

The first lecture is entitled "You can't Be Both a Christian and a Humanist: I Dissent" by Prof. Mary Lou Daniel.

This might be good preparation for Lance Green's lay ministry on Secular Humanism later this year.

For a list of the other lectures, check the bulletin board at Prairie.

Get a head start on your holiday shopping list at the 4th annual Discovery Toys fund a raiser for the R.E. program. Educational toys games and books for all ages, infants through adults will be displayed and orders taken at Prairie on Sunday, October 18. Try out the games at Upham Woods the week-end before. Contact me for more information.

Arline Ferguson, 249-7075

Correction: 1st line in article above

FUTURES STUDY: CHALLENGE OF AN AGING SOCIETY

The Madison Senior Center is sponsoring a fall program series on aging. It will be held on Thursday afternoons, Oct. 1-Nov. 20 from 4:30-6:30 at the Center, 33 W. Mifflin St.

The Oct. 1 program is: "The Challenge of an Aging Society: "An Overview," presented by Prof. Robert Binstock (Case-Western Reserve University) with responders Sen. Russell Feingold, Dr. James Sykes, and Lori Kay.

The Oct. 15 program, "Employment and the World of Work in an Aging Society" will be presented by Dr. Robert Ray, Dr. Dennis Dresang, and Dr. Karen Holder.

Other scheduled topics are:

- Oct 29-Family, Community, and Government as Caregivers in an Aging Society.
- Nov. 5-Reporters on Innovations and Trends in Caregiving.
- Nov. 12-The Right to Live and the Right to Die.
- Nov. 20 (Friday)-Maintaining the Quality of Life in an Aging Society.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION NEEDS SUPPLIES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER ON ALLIED DRIVE

Prairie is very near Allied Drive, an area of low income apartments with an ethnically diverse population and some pressing needs. The Community Action Commission is involved

in the development of a community center in one of the buildings on Allied Drive. Several programs are offered there including literacy training, adult basic education, groups for Hmong residents and activities for children and youth. The new Center has a wish list of supplies that are needed. If you are able to contribute any of the following items, please bring them to Prairie and leave them in the "Allied Drive" carton.

dust pan	toilet bowl brush
cleaning supplies	bulletin board
dishes	wall clock
small plastic cups	Kool Aid and sugar
soap for dishes	bucket
hand soap	board games
toilet paper	roach spray
dish towels	coffee maker, coffee
waste baskets	toaster

Thanks, Judy Spring

Anne and Ron Wiecki are looking to hire someone to care for their twins, Paul and Emily, so Anne can go back to work at the PSC. We would like someone 30 hours per week in their home. Will pay \$4.00 per hour.

Thanks, Anne Wiecki

YOUNG RELIGIOUS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

YRUU is a national organization of 7th through 12th grade Unitarian Universalist youth. This year Prairie youth are joining First Society youth in a Madison YRUU. The group meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 in the west living room at the First Society meeting house.

Last year's activities included a ski trip to Rib Mountain (meeting the Wausau YRUU group), a pet food drive for the Humane Society, a guest speaker from the Teen Rap Line, a "lock-in" overnight at the Y, a fall retreat at Upham Woods, baking cookies for old folks, and more. Youth take an active part in planning the activities, so be thinking of what you would like to do.

Fall Retreat. Save the weekend of October 2-4 for the YRUU fall retreat at Upham Woods.

Prairie Youth. Erin Bosch will continue to offer occasional outings and events for the 6th through 12th graders. Mentoring will also continue to be offered for 9th through 12th graders.

More Information. Contact Diane Derouen or Peg Stevenson for further information. Diane will be one of the advisors for the group, and Peg is chair of the R.E. committee.

IT'S YOUR TURN TO DONATE BLOOD AGAIN JOIN THE CLUB!

Through August, 705 more pints of blood were donated to the area Red Cross than last year at this time. The growth of the One-A-Week Clubs made a significant difference.

The Red Cross sends a thank-you to Prairie members who are regularly offering a generous donation. Remember to check new information in the entrance of Prairie meeting house about our club efforts.

We need new members to join the Prairie Club. Whenever you donate, sign the Club book at the Red Cross. Call Lynda Lewis, 271-2178, for information. To donate to the Red Cross, 233-9300, or simply drop in at any of their main locations or bloodmobiles.

DONUT SALE

.40 each or 2 for .75

beginning 9/27 at 11:15

(YRUU fund raiser)

VESPERS AT PRAIRIE

Vespers is a quiet, contemplative/meditative evening service offered for the first time at Prairie last year. This year vespers will be offered the first Sunday each month beginning October 4. The service begins at 4:30 with child care available. Please join us for the service and for a finger food potluck following. Contact Peg Stevenson (233-6449) for further information or just join us.

!HOLA, AMIGOS? HABLA ESPANOL?

Do you speak Spanish? Even just a little? Did you use to speak it a lot better?, and do you wish you still could? A group of us have been batting around the idea of meeting once a month for two to three hours, sharing a meal, and improving our spoken Spanish. As you probably know, after English, Spanish is the language most frequently spoken in this country. Everything indicates that the U.S. is moving toward a bi-lingual English-Spanish level of communication (despite S. A. Hayakawa). And Hispanics are the fastest-growing ethnic group in this country.

Besides, it would be great fun to have a brand new reason to get together. It might also be interesting to see how many of your fellow and sister Prairians are bi (or tri) lingual. Possibilities down the line a way include Hispanic music, food, dance, drama (Have you ever read Garcia Lorca's "Blood Wedding"? No? You don't know what you're missing!), and anything else a bunch of creative thinkers can come up with.

There's a lot we don't--and ought to--know about our neighbors to the south, so we could even be educational. But for now, we're talking get-together and potluck. Kickoff gathering will be at Prairie meeting house on Sunday, the 29th. Time: 5:00 - about 8:00, not a long evening, just time to get acquainted and share a meal. (No, it doesn't have to be frijoles or guacamole!)

So, bring a dish to share and a commitment to try to speak Spanish at least part of the evening. Faye Glessner, 251-5427, Rosemary Dorney, 238-4382.

P.S. It's not a "must," but a call to one of us a couple days in advance to say you're coming would be greatly appreciated.

CHANNING-MURRAY NEWS

Thursday, Oct. 1, lunch at the Memorial Union, noon-1:30. Guest, psychotherapist Hal Rosenberg will speak on dreams. Come and share your dreams!

WISCONSIN WOMEN: VOICES AND VOTES

"Women Over Forty-Five: Health Issues and Concerns," "Parents and Children Tackling the Tough Topic 'Sexuality'"; "Feminist Research: New Visions, New Ways." These are just 3 of the 40 workshops offered at a women's conference October 16-17 to be held on the University campus. The conference celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the National Women's Conferences and the Wisconsin State Meeting. Check the bulletin board for details if you didn't receive your own brochure

BI-RACIAL CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP OFFERED

Two Dane County social workers are offering a support group for bi-racial children in the 5th through 8th grades. It will meet weekly in Madison Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information call Paulette (273-6647), Carolyn (273-6680), or Liz (249-5351, ext. 325).

GOT A 9TH GRADER IN YOUR HOME?

If you're a parent of a 9th grader and a little worried about it, LaFollette high school social worker Charlene Sweeney has these hints:

1. Get to know school staff who are in contact with your child.
2. Become familiar with school policies and procedures.
3. Encourage your child to participate in extracurricular activities.
4. Get to know other parents.
5. Get involved with your child's school
6. If your child is having a problem, get help early.

Pregnancy Helpline of Madison, Inc., a group providing alternatives to abortion to pregnant mothers, has the following needs: A call-forward volunteer,

Volunteers to distribute materials, Seamstresses and sewers.

If you have some extra time, and can assist us, please call Bette at 222-3276.

Mary Jane Bull

Public Relations Director

PRO-CHOICE, ANYONE?

That choice may no longer be available if the (Federal) Dept. of Health and Human Services makes proposed changes in the criteria under which Title X funds will be appropriated. In short, Title X funding will be withheld from any organization which co-exists with, counsels, or provides information on the option of abortion. Please write to Nabers Cabaniss, Dep. Asst. Sec. for Population Affairs; Dept. of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 23993, L'Infant Plaza, Washington D.C. 20026-3993. By November 2, let him know that you are opposed to any changes in Title X funding which make it difficult for women to receive information, counseling, or abortion itself.

HENRY DOTY MAXSON CENTENNIAL

The Unitarian Society of Menomonie and the UU Fellowship of Eau Claire, with support from the Wisconsin Humanities Commission, is sponsoring "A Centennial Celebration of the Ministry of Henry Doty Maxson, Wisconsin's Pioneer of Liberal Religion." It will be held at the Mabel Tainter Memorial Building in Menomonie beginning at 3 pm on Sunday, October 4.

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.

FEEES FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

Includes two nights and 5 meals

CABIN LODGING - bring towels, sleeping bag, or blanket and pillows.

Number	Cost
Adults @ \$22.75 ea.	_____
Youths @ \$16.50 ea.	_____

FEEES FOR PART OF THE WEEKEND

Lodging and meals calculated separately.

Number	Cost
Friday Adults @ \$4.00 ea.	_____
Friday Youths @ \$3.50 ea.	_____
Saturday Adults @ \$4.00 ea.	_____
Saturday Youths @ \$3.50 ea.	_____

DORMITORY LODGING - linens, blankets, pillows & towels are provided.

Number	Cost
Adults @ \$30.75 ea.	_____
Youths @ \$17.50 ea.	_____

Number	Cost
Friday Adults @ \$8.00 ea.	_____
Friday Youths @ \$4.00 ea.	_____
Saturday Adults @ \$8.00 ea.	_____
Saturday Youths @ \$4.00 ea.	_____

SUBTOTAL: ALL WEEKEND _____

SUBTOTAL: LODGING _____

Names and ages of Children:

MEAL COSTS

Number	Cost
Sat. Adults @ \$2.00 ea.	_____
Break Youths @ \$1.90 ea.	_____
Sat. Adults @ \$3.25 ea.	_____
Lunch Youths @ \$1.90 ea.	_____
Sat. Adults @ \$4.25 ea.	_____
Dinner Youths @ \$1.90 ea.	_____
Sun. Adults @ \$2.00 ea.	_____
Break Youths @ \$1.90 ea.	_____
Sun. Adults @ \$3.25 ea.	_____
Lunch Youths @ \$1.90 ea.	_____

SUBTOTAL: MEALS _____

Add \$1.00 per person for miscellaneous expenses _____

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ALL WEEKEND TOTAL COST _____

PART WEEKEND TOTAL COST _____

Your Name _____

Phone No. _____

Address _____

Number in Party _____

City, St. _____ ZIP _____

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.

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.

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

