DEADLINE for the NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE will be
SUNDAY, MAR. 20TH. Submit notices for the
period Mar. 24 - Apr. 7th.

CALENDAR

Thursday, Mar. 10

12:00 AM - CHANNING - MURRAY LUNCH at the
Memorial Union. Check 'Today in the
Union' for Unitarian Student Lunch.

Friday, Mar. 11

7:30 PM - Jack and Betty Jallings will show slides
and prints from their trip to India last
January. Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday, Mar. 13

10:00 AM - "POISONOUS PEDAGOGY VS. NON-
VIOLENT TEACHING (or Hitler's
Education vs. Non-Violence in Everyday
Life)" - Annis Pratt and Laura Leigh
Rampay.

5:30 PM - VESPERS SERVICE AT PRAIRIE with a
finger-food potluck afterward. Child care
will be provided.

6:00 PM - YRUU AT FIRST SOCIETY

Thursday, Mar. 17

12:00 AM - CHANNING - MURRAY LUNCH at the
Memorial Union. Check 'Today in the
Union' for "Unitarian Student Lunch".

Spanish Speakers' Potluck

Spanish speakers of all levels of ability are welcome
to the next potluck dinner on Sunday, March 13th, at
Rosemary Dorney's home, 4205 Odana Rd. Bring a
dish to pass - not necessarily Hispanic - and think
about what your viewpoint might be on the subject of
extending the present one year amnesty provision.
For more information, call Rosemary at 238-4382.
It's Parish Poll Time Again

We have received the UUA's tentative agenda of resolutions to be voted on at the General Assembly in June. The agenda includes 10 General Resolutions on the topics of: The AIDS Crisis, Economic Conversion for Peace and Human Needs, Ending Covert Action, Ethical Conduct Within Organizations, Handgun Control, Human Rights in Israel, Immigrant Workers' Rights, Inter-Species Compassion, Protecting the Eco-System, and Self Determination for Puerto Rico. Also proposed are five By-Law amendments and two business resolutions, one of which calls for moving UUA's headquarters out of Boston and into the Midwest. All of these resolutions deserve our careful consideration. Copies of the 'sense' of the proposed GA resolutions and of the Parish Poll ballot will be distributed on Sunday, Mar. 20. They will be collected on Mar. 27th. If you cannot turn it in on the 20th or the 27th, please mail the form to Anne Urbanski at 4629 Crescent Rd. Apt. 1, Madison, WI 53711 before Mar. 30th. The results must be mailed to Boston no later than April 1.

Spring Parish Meeting Set

The Spring Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, April 24, at 1:00 PM following the service and a potluck lunch. This is the meeting where we vote on the slate of new Board Members for 1988-89 and consider proposed bylaw changes. Other agenda items should be given to Mary Mullen in writing as soon as possible.

Art Institute Trip Planned

The Prairie Finance Committee is planning a special fund-raising trip to the Chicago Art Institute on Saturday, April 23, to view the special Georgia O'Keeffe exhibit.

The cost of the entire trip (excluding lunch) will be $30. Please tell your friends about it. Flyers advertising the trip are available from Pat Cautley - get some and post them in conspicuous locations wherever art patrons congregate. This is the only special trip to the O'Keeffe exhibit on a Saturday that we know of.

Reservations must be received at Prairie by Monday, April 4, since we must send them in to the Art Institute ahead of time. For more information, contact Pat Cautley at 238-5373.

A Good Deal and A Good Deal

Dayle Haglund and Diane Derouen have four tickets to the April 9 performance of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, to be held at the Madison Civic Center. They are offering these tickets as a Pro-Seeds mini-fundraiser for Prairie's General Fund and will be accepting bids on them for the next several weeks. These are choice seats (face value is $13.27 each) all together and they would prefer to sell them as a block. If you would like one or more of these tickets, please call Dayle at 233-5199 and make an offer.

Short Term Room Available

Cinda LaMar has a furnished room to rent for the period from Apr. 1 through May 15. If you are interested, call her at 238-9684 for more information.
Hiker Steve Firebaugh will present an illustrated talk on his 2,100 mile trip along the "PACIFIC CREST TRAIL" Sunday night, Mar. 27, at 5:30 PM in the Memorial Union. Check 'Today in the Union' for Unitarian Student Group. Bring a brown bag dinner or pick something up from the cafeteria in the Rathskellar.

The new location for the Wednesday night dinners is the Pizza Pit on University Ave. We meet at 6:00 PM and are usually done by 7:00 or 7:15. Drop in and share what's happening in your life. When the weather is warmer, we'll be moving to the Union Terrace for this event.

Check out the notice for the COM-BINE conference elsewhere in this newsletter. A group from Channing-Murray is planning to attend and you can be part of it all. Call Cinda at 238-9684 or 233-9774 if you'd like to attend.

Grades 6-7-8

We will be trying out the updated "How Do We Know What To Believe?" curriculum during the next few weeks. There are many more activities to involve us. This past Sunday, we looked for stereotypes of good and bad people in Buster Keaton movies.

Y R U U ACTIVITIES

All Prairie 7th to 12th graders and their friends are invited to participate in the joint Prairie - First Society Y.R.U.U. youth group. Regular meetings are on Sundays from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at First Unitarian Society Meeting House. The Jr. group (7th - 9th grades) meets in the West Living Room and the Sr. group (10th - 12th grades) meets in the Annex. Call Diane Derouen, Y R U U advisor, at 238-3766 for more information.

Volunteer Workers Needed!

(See SHARE-IT story above) The American Red Cross needs a number of volunteer workers in the following areas: Staff Aides, Public Relations Workers, K.I.S.S. Instructors and a variety of other activities. Time commitments range from 4 hours per week to four hours per month and variable schedules can be worked out. For more information, call the Director of Volunteer Services at 233-9700.

Do Well by Doing Good...

SHARE-IT is a way to stretch your food dollar. For $12 in cash (or food stamps) plus 2 hours of community volunteer work, anyone who wants to stretch their food money can get about $35 worth of food through the SHARE-IT program. The program was implemented in Madison by the Community Action Commission (CAC) in June of last year. It's based on the national SHARE (Self-Help And Resource Exchange) program begun in San Diego in 1983. Volunteer work you are doing currently will count. There are no income requirements. For details, call the CAC at 266-9720.

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Grades K-1-2

On Mar. 13th and 20th, Susan will be sharing stories of Ghana with you. She has a book to read called Yantzi the Spider. You will also have some craft projects to do centered around the story.

On Mar. 13, Jennifer Parker will be with you for the first time in a long time. Jennifer will be telling you more of the story of Sacajawea.

On Mar. 20, Marcia will be back. You will be hearing more about Sacajawea and her trip to the Pacific Ocean. This will be the last day that you will be learning about Sacajawea.

Grades 3-4-5

On Mar. 13, you will be celebrating, a little bit early, St. Patrick's day. There will be no green beer, but there will be lots of excitement.
While you're thinking about the Red Cross, why not drop by the donor center near Hilldale and give a pint of blood - there's free cookies and milk and kind words waiting for you when you do - and you can sign the one-a-week club book for Prairie when you are done.

Volunteer Coordinator Wanted

Lance Green has been arranging for Prairie folks to help at the Drop-In Shelter since February of 1985, and he would like to give someone else the chance to do this service. It involves making phone calls, putting announcements in the Prairie Fire, keeping simple records and occasionally contacting the shelter. If you might like to try this, please call Lance at 249-5979.

Food Donations Urgently Needed!

Please help us to help our neighbor. We are collecting food for a family of five - a mother and four children, two of which are teenagers. These people are living near the meetinghouse. They need and appreciate our assistance.

Home Equipment Needed

A mother and 3 year old daughter need our help in re-establishing their household. After more than a year without a home, this formerly battered woman is again on her own and needs help getting started - kitchenware, small appliances, furniture, and girls clothes (size 5) are especially needed. Anything we can do will be a help. If you have something to give, call me at 273-3697.

- Linda Ellen

Madison - Vilnius Space Bridge

You are invited to join a dialog between Madison and Vilnius people, conducted within the framework of the Madison - Vilnius Sister City effort and the people to people diplomacy.

A coproduction of Madison's People's News Service and Radio Vilnius resulted in this lovely program, which includes an address to Madisonians by the Mayor of Vilnius, Lithuanian music and poetry, bits of history and geography, and answers to questions from Madison people.

We will play it on Saturday, Mar. 12, between 2:30 and 4:30 PM, at the Friends Meeting House, 1704 Riberts Court. At the same meeting we will also record another tape to send to Vilnius to continue this dialog. All are welcome, including children. For more information, call 767-2594.

Spelman College Glee Club Performance

The Spelman College Glee Club will present a free concert at First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin Ave. (off University Ave.) on Sat. Mar. 12 at 7:30 PM.

Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, was the first college for Black women in the country. Mary Mullen attended the school for one semester as an exchange student in 1961. The Glee Club is known for its interpretation of spirituals and normally charges $750 per concert.

This concert is one event in the ongoing Women in Focus program providing the Madison community with cultural experiences which promote minority youth and families.

Bishop Tutu to Speak in Madison

Renowned anti-apartheid activist Bishop Desmond Tutu will speak on the evening of May 4th at the UW Fieldhouse. Tickets are $2.00 and will go on sale March 21st at the Memorial Union, Bethel Lutheran Church, Grace Episcopal Church, and Luther Memorial Church. Tickets will also be available by mail from the Lutheran Campus Ministry. Any unsold tickets will be available the day of the speech at the UW Athletic Office.

League of Women Voters Benefit

(PLAYREADERS TAKE NOTE!) A playreading with music will be performed by Phi Beta on Thursday and Friday, Mar. 24 and 25, at the Oakwood Theater. The Play is Out of Our Father's House, a portrayal of the lives of six non-traditional
women in history. Tickets are $6.00 and the show is a benefit for the League of Women Voters.

The Friday performance will be preceded by a meeting of the Fish Dinner Circle at the Ivy Inn. See Pat Watkins for tickets and/or dinner reservations. Attendance at one event does not require attendance at the other. The deadline for ticket purchase is March 13 and for dinner reservations is March 23. Please call Pat Watkins at 262-7960 for information or reservations.

COM-BINE 88

Young Adult Unitarian-Universalists (age 18-35) are invited to participate in COM-BINE 88, *Sowing the Seeds of Spirituality*, a conference to explore and share our needs and experiences as UUs. We will meet at the DuPage Unitarian Church in Naperville, IL (40 miles west of Chicago) from Mar. 25 to Mar. 27, 1988. The Rev. Tony Larsen of the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Racine, WI will be our guest speaker and workshops will be lead by students at Meadville/Lombard Theological School. For more information, see the bulletin board at the back of the auditorium or call Marty Heine at (312) 524-0451.

Reflections of a Lay Minister

You may have wondered what it’s like to be a Prairie Lay Minister. You may even be considering trying it out. Perhaps I can offer a few reflections to help you decide.

Many adjectives come to mind: challenging, stimulating, frightening, enriching, anxiety-producing, learning, rewarding. At first the task of organizing eight or nine services around a theme seemed overwhelming. But when things started to 'gel', and especially after the first service was over (whew), the rewards became more apparent. I don't mean just the 'thank-yous' (but thanks much for those). Being a Lay minister provided a kind of learning beyond what I'd experienced as a classroom teacher. Presenting ideas in this setting required more awareness of balances - balancing the intellectual and the spiritual, balancing the needs and the wants of the members in content and form. I was anxious about experimenting with a new (for me) form, as when I interviewed Dan Barker, and very pleased when it worked out well.

How much time is involved? That depends on your knowledge and experience with the subject and what resources you find. I spent many hours reading, writing, phoning, and planning for a theme I knew little about, but it was a joy to explore new ideas and meet new, fascinating people! I was not alone in the endeavor. The Program Committee provided useful materials, ideas and support. Prairieites were willing to help in many ways as well. I owe special thanks to Aileen Nettleton for playing piano so many times!

So, to all you adventurous, creative, talented Prairieites, I recommend being a Lay Minister. It is a superb opportunity for you and all of us to "expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities." Thanks and Hugs!

- Lance Green

Take Up The Song

The Hymnbook Resources Commission of the UUA invites you to join in the process of creating our new Hymnbook. We seek the cooperation of the entire denomination as we undertake to create a hymnbook expressive of our pluralism and inclusive in language that sings and speaks to our time. We seek both music and readings for worship, particularly on themes which are under-represented in the present hymnbook.

For more information on the criteria for submissions, the deadline and the place to send materials, please consult the brochure *TAKE UP THE SONG*, posted on the bulletin board at the back of the auditorium.

Mark Your Calendars--

The Central Midwest District UUA Convocation will be held on Saturday, May 7, 1988, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Oak Park, Illinois. The theme will be "Unitarian Universalist Visions and Values: Faith and Belief". The fee for the Convocation will be $25.00 including lunch. Home hospitality will be available for May 6th. Many sessions and workshops on topics related to faith and belief will be offered.
Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society is Sponsoring

A BUS TRIP TO THE

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE EXHIBIT
at the Art Institute of Chicago
Saturday, April 23rd.

Total cost is $30 (excluding lunch)
Bus leaves the parking lot at PrangeWay
1802 West Beltline, at 8:00 AM and
leaves the Art Institute at 4:30 PM to return.

The deadline for the receipt of reservations is April 4th.
Send your payment (checks only) to:

Prairie U-U Society
2010 Whenona Drive
Madison, WI 53711

A Receipt will be issued promptly with more information on the trip.

For additional information, please call 238-5373
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS
OF PRAIRIE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

April 3, 1988

Proposed by the Ad-Hoc By-Laws Committee (Jack Jallings, Bill Grover, Sharon Scrattish, and Anne Urbanski). Underscoring indicates proposed additions; boldface indicates proposed deletions.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

A. Members of the Society are those persons sixteen years or older who have signed the official Membership Book. New members are expected to attend orientation meetings to acquaint themselves with Prairie Society and Unitarian Universalism. Members may resign from the Society and have their names lined out of the Membership Book by submitting a written resignation. Membership is terminated when repeated attempts to locate a member over a two-year period have been unsuccessful.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES

A. 3. Program Committee
   a. This committee is responsible for planning Sunday morning services, including liturgy, and other adult programs, in cooperation with the lay minister. It is responsible for seating and room arrangements for all programs.
   b. One member of the committee shall serve as chairperson of a subcommittee on Liturgy. He/she shall be appointed by the Program Committee chairperson, and he/she shall form a committee which acts as a conference group in suggesting elements of effective services.
   b. The program committee also shall make public announcements of time, place, and topic of Sunday services. It shall arrange publicity about events, programs, purposes, personnel, etc., which would encourage those seeking a liberal religious organization to become acquainted with the Society.

A. 8. Membership Committee:

The ad-hoc committee recommends the following changes:

Renumber existing subheads (1), (2), (3), and (4) to become (2), (3), (4), and (5), and make the following additions and deletions:

   a. This committee shall:
      (1) Take special care to greet visitors and new members and introduce them to others. [This section was formerly Article VII, B, 2, a, (2), under Hospitality Committee.]
      (5)(6) Periodically Attempt annually to contact inactive Members to ascertain their interest in maintaining membership in the Society.
(7) Provide coffee at services and arrange for cleanup afterwards.

(8) Care for and maintain the Society's membership book.

(9) Send an annual list of the membership to UUA headquarters.

(10) Maintain a current list of subscribers to the UU World.

(11) Arrange for ceremonies and name tags for new members.

(12) Organize Circle Dinner groups and other social events.

(13) Cooperate with the Denomination Affairs committee on orientation programs.

B. Committees with appointed chairs not serving on the board.

1. Publicity Committee
   a. This committee makes public announcements of time, place, and topic of Sunday services. It arranges publicity about events, programs, purposes, personnel, etc., which would encourage those seeking a liberal religious organization to become acquainted with the Society.

2. Hospitality Committee
   a. This committee shall (in coordination and cooperation with the program committee:
      1. Provide the hospitality of the Sunday morning services.
      2. Take special care to greet visitors and new members and introduce them to each other.
      3. Encourage social interaction among members by planning social events.

Because the functions listed in subsections 1 and 2 above are incorporated in several other proposed amendments, the committee recommends deleting subsections 1 and 2 in their entirety. Subsection 3, concerning the Ceremonies Committee, would remain and be renumbered 1.

31. Ceremonies Committee
   a. This committee shall:
      (1) offer resources, advice and assistance for the planning of dedications, weddings, memorial services or funerals, and other rites of passage.
      (2) when requested, conduct or assist in the conducting of such ceremonies.
      (3) maintain a file of notes or transcripts of ceremonies that have been conducted, and other written materials for possible use in future ceremonies.

b. In appointing the chairperson and members of this committee, every attempt should be made to provide for continuity through commitments to serve for more than one year and overlapping terms.