DEADLINE for the NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE will be SUNDAY, MAY 15TH. Submit notices for the period May 19th - June 2nd.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 19

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

Sunday, May 22

10:00 AM - RECOGNITION SUNDAY
1:00 PM - (tentative) PARISH MEETING to decide on loan terms and/or other remodeling issues.
5:30 PM - SPANISH SPEAKERS POTLUCK

Monday, May 23

7:30 PM - JOINT MEETING OF THE OLD AND NEW PRAIRIE BOARDS, at the meeting house.

Spring Parish Meeting Continued to May 15

While most of the major business of the Spring Parish Meeting was accomplished on April 24, two major items were not. They will be taken up on May 15, right after the regular Sunday service. The parish also set aside Sunday, May 22, for a tentative parish meeting to deal with any building remodeling issues that cannot be settled on May 15. The two items of business for the May 15 meeting will be Bylaw revisions (see the April 5 Prairie Fire for proposed changes) and building remodeling issues (selecting final alternatives and bids). At the April 24 meeting, the proposed slate of Prairie officers was elected unanimously. The slate was published in the Prairie Fire on both April 5 and April 19. In addition, Jack Jallings and Cinda LaMar were chosen as our General Assembly delegates. The new Committee on Committees members elected were Fredericka Schilling, Dorothy...
Wetherby, and Malcolm Williamson. They will join carryover member Cinda LaMar and a representative to be chosen by the new board from its members. This Committee will be responsible for recruiting next year's board, and will recommend lay ministers to the board.

**Building Program Status Report**

The plans have been finalized by our Architect, Ed Solner, and released to bidders. Bids are due back by May 15, so we will have cost figures available for the second part of the Spring Parish Meeting.

As a result of suggestions made to the committee by Prairie Members, several improvements have been made in the original design concept presented at the fall meeting. These include using the outside planter area as inside space, moving the women's restroom south and inserting a larger area for coats, adding a small pass-through from the kitchen to the entry hall, and putting a second rest room in the basement. In addition, alternate bids have been requested for two further changes. The first of these will provide cost estimates for putting a room under the addition with a level entrance to the basement. The second is for covering the main meeting room with a new sloped roof.

**Heard In The Hall--**

"Churchgoers fall into two categories - pillars and caterpillars. Pillars support the church while caterpillars just crawl in and out."

(Stolen from Scotty Meek, interim minister at First Unitarian Society)

**Spanish Speakers Potluck**

The Spanish Speakers' potluck dinner will be held twice in May, on May 8 and on May 22, at 5:30 PM. We have a nice group of "regulars" at all levels of proficiency, but would like to have some new faces. Please join us!

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**Join the Banner Bee!**

Drop in at Prairie anytime on Tuesday through Thursday, May 10-12, from 7 to 9 PM, to help stitch together our new banner. Metje Butler, primary designer of the banner, will supervise.

Older children and youth are welcome to join the sewing project. Call Metje at 244-3659 if you have questions or suggestions.

**Prairie Canoe/Camping Trip**

**Mark Your Calendars NOW!**

The annual Canoe/Camping Trip will be held on Memorial Weekend, May 28, 29, and 30th, at Wildcat Mtn. State Park. We have a group campsite reserved for the whole weekend - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - and we'll be canoeing on the wonderful Kickapoo River on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (for the stout-hearted and physically fit). We'll have potluck dinners on Saturday and Sunday. Bring your own canoe if possible, or call Peg Stevenson at 233-6449 for rental information or if you have other questions.

**Prairie Garage Sale - May 7**

This sale is going to be a best-ever event! Pricing, sorting, and setup will take place on two evenings, Thursday, May 5, and Friday, May 6, starting at 7:00 PM. **We need several more volunteers for each night to get the job done. Please call Henry Pratt at 233-7540 if you are willing to help.**

**We also need more volunteers to help with the plant sale. Please call Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173 if you can help.**

Donated articles may be delivered to Prairie on Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6, between 7 and 8 PM. **Call Bob Nelson, 255-8630, if you have large items that need to be picked up.**

**Garage Sale Donation Guidelines**

The time to clean your attic, closets, basement, garage, and bookshelves is NOW. Keep the following in mind as you sort:
DO's (categories that always sell...)  
1. Rooted garden perennials such as lily of the valley and hosta.  
2. House plants.  
3. Usable furniture.  
4. Tools and garden equipment.  
5. Children's clothing and books.  
6. Toys.  
7. Sports equipment.  
8. Linens and bedding.  
9. LP records.  
10. Fiction (especially 'trashy' novels).  
11. Small appliances and kitchen items.  

DON'Ts (categories that never sell well).  
1. Magazines and periodicals.  
2. Out of date text books.  
3. Dirty or torn clothing.  

WHEN IN DOUBT - BRING IT OUT!  

Too Valuable to Give Away? CONSIGN IT!  

For items too old, large, and/or valuable to simply donate, an experienced consignment shop owner will safeguard your treasures while you collect money and save on newspaper advertisements. Prairie will deduct 25% of the selling price of any item consigned. Items must be priced at $10 or more to be consigned. Suggested items are:

- large, nice furniture  
- antiques and collectables  
- tools  
- fine jewelry  
- stereos and TVs  
- artworks  
- camping gear  
- furs and wedding dresses  
- bicycles  
- musical instruments  
- general office equipment  

Basically, anything you would run a newspaper advertisement to sell is a candidate for consignment. Items that are too large to move readily or potential theft targets will be shown via polaroid photographs. Please make advance arrangements for consignment items with Linda Ellen at 273-3697.  

Program Committee Seeks Members  
The Program Committee is being reconstituted and is looking for new members. If you wish to influence and contribute to our Sunday programs, please join. Talk to Warren Hagstrom on any Sunday or call him at 238-4970.  

Former Prairie Member Dies  
We extend our sympathy to Robbynne Martin on the recent death of her husband, Barry Heist. Robbynne and Barry were Prairie members before their move to the Seattle, WN, area last year.  

Change of Address for the Pratts  
After May 13, 1988, the mailing address for Annis and Henry Pratt will be:

Annis & Henry Pratt  
1056 Larchlea Drive  
Birmingham, MI 48009  

Their phone number will be (313) 644-0737. If you're in the area, give them a call.  

Garden Plots Available  
This year, the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association again is providing garden plots in Marlborough Park. The plots are located on the north side of Marlborough Park, just west of the playing field. The 1988 fee schedule is as follows:

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If you have any questions or wish to reserve a plot, please call Louis Kemmerer at 251-7673 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM or 251-5973 after 6:00 PM Monday through Friday.
Drop in for the **Wednesday night dinners** at the Pizza Pit on University Ave. We meet at 6:00 PM and are usually done by 7:00 or 7:15.

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**R. E. CORNER**

**Preschool and Nursery**

On May 8, Sue will be telling you about the Native Americans. She has some stories to share with you and a craft that you will enjoy.

On May 15, you will have your last class together before the summer begins. During the summer, you may get together as a class once in a while if the rest of Prairie has a scheduled service or program.

**Grades K-1-2**

On May 8, Jennifer will tell you some more interesting things about Johnny Appleseed. He had a strong faith and enjoyed sharing it with persons around him.

On May 15, you will have your last class together. Jennifer will wind up the year sharing the final parts of the Johnny Appleseed story with you. During the summer, you will be seeing one another as your parents gather for any programs that might be scheduled.

**Grades 3-4-5**

On May 8, you will be celebrating Mothers' Peace Day with Rick. The Mothers' Day Peace March, held here in Madison, has become quite a tradition.

On May 15, you will have your final celebration with Peg and Rick. The day will also be one in which you celebrate UU Day.

**Grades 6-7-8**

This is a test--
"This statement is false."
True or False?

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**Mentoring Group**

The mentoring group will meet at McDonalds on Sunday morning, May 15, at 9:00 AM. Remember to read the chapter on UU History.

-Barb Park

**Recognition Sunday is May 22.**

All children and their families are encouraged to attend the Recognition Sunday service planned for May 22. It is a time for us all to get together and celebrate another good year gone bye.

**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.

There will be an **overnight party** and work session to end the year on **Saturday, May 14th.**

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**SOCIAL ACTION ISSUES**

**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.

**Recycling News**

Madison Recycling Center (2200 Fish Hatchery Road, 251-2115) is open from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM and accepts the following kinds of plastic (crushed or uncrushed):

- Pop bottles (rinse & remove caps)
- Milk bottles (rinse & remove caps)
- Household bottles (rinse & remove caps)

**Acceptable:** laundry soap, fabric softener.
bleach, ammonia, dish soap, household cleaners, shampoo/conditioner, antifreeze, motor oil.

Unacceptable: ketchup, mustard, jelly, vegetable oil.

Prairie is still recycling glass and aluminum and will begin recycling plastic and paper soon, so start saving your plastic and newspaper. Starting in May, I will collect them after service on the first Sunday of the month. If there is no service on the first Sunday, I will collect the following month. For Plastic, see the above instructions - for newspaper, pack it any way you like so long as I can carry it.

-Judy Skog
273-4813

Men's Conference Planning Committee

The planning committee for the Men's Conference to be held on Aug. 18-21, 1988, will meet at the Wilmar Center on Saturday, May 7, at 11:00 AM. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Madison Boychoir Concert Set

The Madison Boychoir invites you to attend their annual Spring Concert on Saturday, May 14, at 7:30 PM, at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 East Gorham St., in Madison. Tickets may be purchased at the door or may be reserved by phoning 256-5709. Cost of the tickets is $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for children, students, and senior citizens.

Conference on Children and the Future

Concerts by folk singer Tom Pease and Greg Brown, a production of the play "Kid", a keynote address by Betty Bumpers (founder of Peace Links), and a wide selection of workshops for kids and adults will be featured at a conference called "Children and the Future: Parenting and Education for Peace". The conference will take place Friday evening, May 20, and Saturday, May 21, at Edgewood College with a special benefit concert by Greg Brown on Saturday night at the First Congregational Church.

See the brochure on the Prairie bulletin board for details or call Tim Turner of Wisconsin Educators for Social Responsibility, 256-8241. The conference is a must for anyone seriously interested in parenting or educating for peace.

SAVE THE DATES - '88

Mark Your Calendars--

MAY 7 - The Central Midwest District UUA Convocation will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Oak Park, Illinois. The theme will be "Unitarian Universalist Visions and Values: Faith and Belief". Many sessions and workshops on topics related to faith and belief will be offered. For more information, contact the CMD office at (312) 383-4344.

MAY 20-21 - CMD-YAC Advisory Training at the Lakeside Center in Crystal Lake, IL. This will be a 'how to' workshop for adult advisors of UU Youth Groups. For information call Rev. Ann Tyndall, (615) 722-0836.

JUNE 10-12 - Creating Male Spirit: the second annual dance, movement and art retreat for men at LaSalle Manor in Plano, IL. Contact Er. Joseph Kilikevice at (312) 848-9772.

JUNE 16-22 - UUA General Assembly, Palm Springs, CA.

JUNE 26-JULY 2 - Lake Geneva Singles Week

JULY 3-9 - Lake Geneva Summer Assembly I

JULY 9-16 - Lake Geneva Summer Assembly II
- Third Annual Midwest Leadership School at Beloit College, Beloit, WI. For more information, contact Elise Cade, 920 Oakwood Terrace, Hinsdale, IL. 60521.

Alterations and Sewing

Special 10% discount for May!!

Everything from A-lines, blouses, buttons and buttonholes, coats relined, costumes, cut-downs, cut-offs, cuffs, dresses, gussets, hems, jackets re-lined, let-downs or let-outs, mending, narrowing pant legs, overcoats re-lined, pants, patches, pillows and pillow covers, restyling, repairs, robes, straightening seams, scarfs, skirts, suits taken in or out, trousers, tears, vests, waists (in or out), and zippers.

Call Rachel Siegfried
(608) 271-2173