

Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
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... As the prairie stretches out, it all becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to it and be one with the natural world and with one another. PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

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DEADLINE for the NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE will be SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH. Submit notices for the period August 11th - August 25th.

Emergency Parish Meeting Called

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 31

AFTERNOON BEACH PARTY at the Grindrods.
6:00 PM - EMERGENCY PARISH MEETING at the Grindrods. (See related story.)

Tuesday, August 2

7:30 PM - ALTERNATIVES TO ADDICTION meets - at the home of Rachel Siegfried, 5207 Tolman Terrace.

Sunday, August 7

PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE!
No Service currently scheduled.

Sunday, August 14

No Service currently scheduled.

Sunday, August 21

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No Service currently scheduled.

Sunday, August 28

4:00 PM - Potluck Picnic and Theater Trip - at APT in Spring Green (see related story).

Due to the fact that ALL of the bids for renovation of the meetinghouse exceed the upper limit of \$92,000 set at the spring Parish Meeting, an emergency meeting has been called by Vice President Jack Jallings to discuss the recommendations of the Board and the Building Committee. A quorum for this meeting is critical if we are to proceed with any renovation work this year.

Additional Fundraising Needed!

Due to the increased cost of the building renovation, additional donations are necessary to bring the building fund up to the amount needed to pay the bill. Roughly \$1,600 is needed to make up the down payment and closing costs. Another \$2,100 is needed to cover increased mortgage costs for the balance of the year. Another \$5,000 is needed to cover the costs of the Prairie Garden and other landscaping. Another \$6,300 is necessary to pay for resealing the roof over the auditorium, which the contractor says is badly in need of repair. This amounts to another \$15,000 that we have to raise by the end of the year. The Building Fund Committee will be contacting each of us in the near future to ask for an additional donation to help cover these increased costs.

UU Pagans to Organize

As a result of the lecture and workshop series held in Madison on July 22-24 by Christa Heiden Landon, a Pagan priestess and doctoral candidate at Meadville-Lombard Theological School, interested UUs will meet to form a chapter of CUUPS, the Covenant of UU Pagans, an official affiliate of the

UUA. The preliminary organizational meeting will be held on Aug. 7th at 7:00 PM at First Unitarian Society. Interested Prairie folk are specifically invited to attend, as this group is intended as a joint effort of Prairie and First Society.

Bon Voyage Party for the Stevensons

The Stevensons (Rod, Peg, David and Daniel) will soon be leaving for Japan where they will spend a year working, learning and teaching. There will be a Bon Voyage Party at the home of Al and Aileen Nettleton, 645 Sheldon Street, on Friday, August 12, at 8:00 PM. Please bring a drink or appetizer to share. Everyone is welcome!!

Board Secretary Resigns

Beginning in August, Prairie Society will need a new Secretary for the Executive Board. Lynda Lewis, the present secretary, is moving to Milwaukee on August 1. If you are interested in doing this job, call either Vice-President Jack Jallings at 835-3746 or Lynda Lewis at 271-2173 for more information.

Mortgage Committee Succeeds!

At the July 25th Board Meeting, Bob Nelson proudly displayed a commitment letter from the M & I Bank of Madison guaranteeing a \$66,000 first mortgage at 10% interest amortized over 20 years and renewable every two years. The commitment represents the best deal available in the area for commercial loans. We must act by August 15 to get this deal, however.

August 28th is the Twelfth Night for Prairie

Prairie Society is once again scheduling an excursion to American Players Theatre. The featured performance this year is "Twelfth Night", one of the Bard's better known comedies. The play begins at 6 PM. Reservations are due by August 1 and the tickets will cost \$10.00 (of which less than \$1 will go to the Prairie Building Fund). There will be a potluck picnic before the play, starting at 4:00 PM. Please bring a dish to pass, your own place setting, and your own beverage.

Please mail your checks (made out to Prairie

Unitarian Society) to Bonnie Grosnick, 6820 Park Ridge Drive, Madison, WI 53719, by August 1. Call Bonnie Grosnick at 273-4553 for further information if you have questions.

Distribution Manager Urgently Needed

A mature, responsible individual with good manual dexterity and the ability to deal with US Post Office regulations is urgently needed to manage the vital task of Prairie Fire distribution. This task is currently managed by Lynda Lewis, who will be moving to Milwaukee on August 1. This aspect of newsletter production involves picking up the newsletter at the printer, folding and stapling the individual copies, applying the mailing labels, bundling the newsletters by Zip Code according to Post Office rules, and taking the bundled newsletters to the post office for delivery. This job takes roughly three person-hours every two weeks on a Tuesday afternoon. There are several individuals who are willing to help with this task and are experienced in doing it. Interested people should contact Richard Bonser at 274-3248 for more information.

CHANNING-MURRAY NEWS

This summer, Channing-Murray will NOT be holding the Thursday lunches at the Memorial Union.

Drop in for the Wednesday night dinners on the Memorial Union Terrace. We meet at 6:00 PM and are usually done by 7:00 or 7:15. Look for us near the Union Theatre steps. For further information, call Cinda LaMar at 238-9884.

R. E. CORNER

During the summer, we are having informal activities and child care for our children each Sunday that we meet at Prairie. If you are willing to help one Sunday, please call Alison McKee at 238-3302.

SOCIAL ACTION ISSUES

SAVE THE DATES - '88

Mark Your Calendars--

Food Donations Urgently Needed!

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

AUG. 7-13th - Saugatuck MI Singles Week. For further information, call Sharon Spencer at (312) 248-1242 or John Halbeck at (312) 447-4534.

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Alternatives to Addiction

'Alternatives to Addiction' is a support and study group for people interested in a non-theistic approach to overcoming addictions is meeting every Tuesday. It meets from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. If you are interested or want more information, call Julie Bonser at 274-3248.

Regional/National Men's Conference

The National Conference of the Coalition of Free Men will occur jointly with the Midwest Regional Men's Conference at St. Benedict Center on August 18-21. Fathering, divorce/custody, morality, pornography, intimacy and nurturing, mens reproductive rights and health are some of the subjects that will be explored at the conference. There will also be time for drumming, chanting, singing and story telling as well.

Three of the organizers of the conference are members of Prairie Society and each will be leading workshops at the conference. *Jim Novak's* workshop will focus on "Men's Rage and its Relationship to Rape"; *Bill Fetzner's* workshop is entitled "Agenda for Action - The Next Step"; and *Roy Schenk* will address "Shame: Primary Manifestation of Men's Repression".

Other presentations include "Anti-Male Sexism in Language and Media" by Dr Eugene August of the University of Dayton and "Moving Beyond the Way We Are" by Dr Warren Farrell. A Minority Men's Forum is also featured.

Both men and women are welcome at the Thursday and Friday events. The Saturday and Sunday events are open to men only.

Prairie folk are encouraged to attend and participate in this conference. For more information, please call Jim at 249-4474, Bill at 845-5030, or Roy at 255-4028.