...As the prairie stretches, the distance becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to the land and be one with the natural world and with one another.

PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

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TO CHANGE ADDRESS OR STOP PRAIRIE FIRE,
PLEASE CALL 274-3248

DEADLINE for the NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE
will be SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4TH. Submit notices
for the period September 8th -
September 22nd.

CALENDAR

Saturday, August 27
1:00 PM - PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS
POTLUCK AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING at
Pat Watkins’ home, 2419 Norwood Place.
PLEASE CALL PAT (262-7960) AND TELL
HER WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING!

Sunday, September 4

PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE!
No Service currently scheduled.
Meetinghouse being renovated.

Sunday, September 11

No Service currently scheduled.
Meetinghouse being renovated.
2:00 PM - PRAIRIE “OLYMPICS”
AND BRAT FEST - at
the home of Bob and
Barb Park on Lake
Wisconsin (see related
story).

Saturday, September 17

8:00 AM - BUS TRIP TO VISIT
FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT
BUILDINGS IN OAK
PARK/RIVER FOREST,
ILL. (See related
story)

Sunday, September 18

PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE!
10:00 AM - “SINGING TOGETHER”
- coordinated by
Warren Hagstrom. The
service will be held at
a location to be
announced since the
Meetinghouse is being
renovated.

Sunday, September 25

10:00 AM - “REAP THE WIND - GO
FLY A KITE” -
coordinated by Dick
Bonser. The service
will be held at a
location to be
announced since the
Meetinghouse is being
renovated.

October 21, 22, & 23

Upham Woods Retreat - mark your
calendars!

Prairie Choir...?

The Summer ’88 CMD Newsletter
extends a thank-you to (among
others) the Prairie Society of
Madison Choir for participating in
the CMD Choir on May 7 at the
“Visions and Values” Conference.
Wonder who that was...

Fundraising Events Scheduled

We are planning a number of events
that will enable us to have fun while
raising money. These include the
following: a “Fun Olympics” at Bob
and Barb Park’s home on Sunday,
Sept. 11; a “Las Vegas Fun Night
organized by Jack ‘Poker Face
Jallings and Dick ‘Blackjack’ Bonser;
a series of bean dinners alternating
with spaghetti dinners in November;
a White Elephant Sale; and several
bus tours to architectural and artistic attractions. See "The Wright Stuff" elsewhere in this issue.

Get Acquainted Potluck Picnic

August 27th at 1:00 PM is the time, Pat Watkins home (2419 Norwood Place) is the place. The reason? - Playreaders' planning and fellowship.

The Prairie Playreaders are one of several social groups available to Prairie members, and participation requires no commitment, expertise, or experience in theater. If you would like to join, or are merely intensely curious about the kind of people who would read a play aloud instead of going to see it performed, please join us for the potluck picnic on August 27th.

Circle Dinners

These are groups of six to twelve persons which meet once a month for dinner and fellowship at the home of one of the circle. Circles are organized each fall, but new members can be added any time.

Since Prairie will not begin regular services at the meetinghouse for some time due to construction, it might be a good idea to begin arranging circle dinners via telephone, if possible, in order to get a head start on the season. Pat Watkins will be this year's coordinator and you may sign up by calling her at 252-7960 (days) or 233-5795 (late evenings or weekends).

Song Books Need An Overhaul

Prairie's collection of song books are getting old. Old not just in terms of the condition of the books, but also in terms of the quality of the originals used to print the book and the language used in some of the songs. The UUA is redoing its Hymn Book, and we should be redoing ours. Volunteers are needed to make up the committee that selects the songs, locates good copy for the printer, and ensures that the language is "politically correct".

The Wright Stuff

Prairie is sponsoring a guided bus trip and tour to the Oak Park and River Forest, Ill. buildings designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright.

The trip will leave from the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot in Madison by air conditioned bus at 8:00 AM on Sept. 17 and will stop for lunch at about 1:15 PM, where our guides will meet us for a tour of the Wright home and studio. Our guides will then lead us on an informative one hour walking tour of the historic district of Wright homes. A guided tour of the Unity Chapel will follow. Our pilgrimage will conclude with a unique experience as our guide boards our bus for a trip through both Oak Park and River Forest to view all of the Wright buildings which were inaccessible on the earlier walking tour (there are a total of twenty-eight Wright buildings in the area). We will leave Oak Park at 5:00 PM, make a brief (15 minute) stop to pick up a snack, and arrive back in Madison at 8:15 PM.

The price of $34.00 includes all transportation costs; entrance to the Wright home, studio and Unity Chapel, the walking tour and bus tour of Oak Park and River Forest, and all tour guides. Meals are on your own. For guaranteed seating, mail your check for $34.00, made out to Prairie U. U. Society, to Rachel Siegfried, 5209 Tolman Terrace, Madison, WI 53711. Reservations will continue to be accepted through Sept. 10th or until the trip has been filled, whichever comes first. Check with Rachel for seat availability before registering.

MAP TO BOB AND BARB PARK'S HOUSE

Parks

Wildwood Way

Tipetery Rd  Co. V

Lake Co. U

Wisconsin Co. CS

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Budget Time is Coming

All standing committees should be preparing their 1989 operating budgets. The budget proposals are due to the Finance Committee in mid or late September. Go easy on them, please. Remember that the Finance Committee has to raise more money next year to pay the higher mortgage cost resulting from our expansion/renovation project.

Social Action Issues

Food Collection

We’ve had to suspend food collection this summer for the 2 families near the meeting house. This is partly because Mary Mullen is out of town (she takes them the food) and partly because of the remodeling. Mary discussed this with our “clients” before she left. Mary returns the end of August, so you can contact her with donations then, or wait till the Meeting House is back in business in September.

— Judy Skog

Youth Conference on Disarmament

A Youth Conference on Disarmament is being sponsored by the UUA U.N. and Youth offices. The conference will be held at the United Nations from November 10 to 13. Application forms may be secured from the UUA Youth office or from Sue Nichols at the UU-U.N. Office, 777 U.N. Plaza, Suite 7D, New York, NY 10017. Write now for application form. Applications are due back by mid-September.

Recycling

Thanks to all of you, we’ve had a good year for recycling. I’ve taken about 500 pounds of jars to the Response to Hunger Network. That’s about 5 or 6 car loads. We’ve also turned in the following: plastic - 40#, aluminum - 136#, glass - 1,542#, newspaper - 92#, tin - 36#, lead - 28#, brass - 3#, sheet iron - 82# (thanks, Metje). Our total contribution to the budget was $46.55.

— Judy Skog

Looking Ahead...

The 1990 General Assembly will be in Milwaukee 300 to 400 workers will be needed to ensure the success of the Assembly. Planners, go-fers, ushers, child care givers, drivers, tellers, registrars, and many, many more. It’s not too early to begin planning for our society’s role in that Assembly. If you’re interested in volunteering for something or you have ideas for what Prairie could do, contact Denominational Affairs Chair Anne Urbanski.

Sept. 16 - 17: “Beyond Curriculum”: District RE Conference, Eliot Chapel, Kirkwood, MO.

Oct. 15: “Pennies from Heaven”: District Leadership Conference, Naperville, IL.

Nov. 11 - 13: CMD Annual Meeting, Bloomington-Normal, IL - Worship: “Our Soaring Souls”.

Upham Woods Retreat

October
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1988
SECOND BIENNIAL  "FESTIVAL DU LA FLAKES"

ATTENTION:  ARTISTS!!  ARTISTES!!  ARTISANS!!

ON THIS LATE DATE ARE YOU FEELING A LITTLE BIT FLAKY?

DO YOU REMEMBER ANDY WARHOL AND HIS FAMOUS 15 MINUTES?

CAN YOU RECALL ROSEMARY WOODS OF THE 18 MINUTE GAP?

OR THE FRIEND OF PICASSO AND APPOLLONAIRE?

MAYBE YOU'VE LOST SIGHT OF THE COMETS KOHOUTEK AND HALLEY?

IF SO:  REMEMBER THIS DATE:  THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST 1988

REMEMBER THIS PLACE:  OLN PARK BARN
REMEMBER THIS TIME:  5 - 10 PM

(and you're invited, of course)

WHY?  ALL THAT WAS, WILL BE AGAIN!!  WHAT WILL BE, WILL!!

WARHOL, WOODS, HENRI, AND THEIR FIERY SKIES WILL BE RECREATED.
AND MORE!  MUCH MORE!  YOU WILL BE AMAZED, THRILLED, EVEN

THE MAJOR ACTIVITY OF THE EVENING IS THE CHARITY ART AUCTION.

ARTISTS AND ARTISANS BRING A PIECE OF "REAL ART" TO DONATE FOR THE AUCTION
AND ARTISTES PLACE YOUR VERSIONS OF "PERFORMANCE ART" UPON THE AUCTION BLOCK!

YOU WILL WANT TO BRING SOMETHING TO EAT (if you think you'll get hungry)
AND APPROPRIATE TO DRINK (if you think you'll be appropriate)
YOU'LL WANT A BLANKET FOR THE LAWN AND A LOVING FRIEND.

WHO WILL BE THERE?  EVERY ARTIST YOU KNOW (if you invite them, kids too!)

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?  PICNIC (AUTHENTIC CUISINE OF 1908) - 5:00 PM
                    ART FLAIR IN THE GLARE  - 7:00 PM
                    BALLET DU MI AMIS   - 8:30 PM
                    FIREWORKS BY GUCCI  - 9:00 PM

RSVP?  DON'T YOU DARE!  INSTEAD PLAN ON BEING THERE!  AND IN COSTUME, TOO!

WHO MAY NOT COME?  ELVIS, FALSE IDOLS, EDWARD VILLELLA AND THEIR ILK!
(please save us the embarassment of asking them to leave)

Sponsored by FOE Committee (fund raising through art sales encouraged).