DEADLINE for the NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE will be SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND. Submit notices for the period October 6th - October 20th.

CALENDAR

Thursday, September 22
12:00 AM - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Lunch on "Today In The Union". Michael Schuler, Minister at First Society, will join us for a discussion of "The Last Temptation of Christ".
5:30 PM - CUUPs meet at First Unitarian Society to celebrate the Fall Equinox.

Friday, September 23
5:00 PM - ETHNIC DINNER CIRCLE will meet at Kesta's, 119 State Street, for a Greek dinner. Call Pat Watkins by Sept. 21st to make a reservation. (See related story)

Saturday, September 24
7:30 PM - PRAIRIE PLAY-READERS MEET at the home of Pat Meller, 4526 Crescent Road, to read Agatha Christie's Unexpected Guest or Neil Simon's Come Blow Your Horn. Phone 271-1214 for information or directions. Let Pat know if you plan to attend.

Sunday, September 25
This is Wisconsin Extension Sunday.
10:00 AM - "WRESTLE WITH THE WIND - GO FLY A KITE" - coordinated by Dick Bonser. The service will be held at Garner Park (on Mineral Point Road one block west of Whitney Way) since the Meetinghouse is being renovated. Learn about the history of kites, then make and (hopefully) fly your own from materials provided (or bring your own). Kite flying will be followed by a POTLUCK LUNCH!
1:30 PM - CHANNING-MURRAY PICNIC at Devils Lake State Park. (See related story)

Sunday, October 2
10:00 AM - "IF I COULD CLONE YOU UU" - coordinated by Al Nettleton. The service will be held at Garner Park (see Sept. 25 notice for location) since the Meetinghouse is being renovated.
6:00 PM - Y R U U meets at First Unitarian Society Meetinghouse, 900 University Bay Drive.

Tuesday, October 4
7:30 PM - PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the Nettletons, 645 Sheldon St. All are welcome, and more help is needed.

Sunday, October 9
10:00 AM - "CELEBRATION OF UU PRINCIPLES" - coordinated by Al Nettleton. The service will be held at the Meetinghouse if the renovation is close enough to being done.
October 14, 15, and 16
Y R U RETREAT at Camp Upham Woods

October 21, 22, & 23

Upham Woods Retreat - return your registration form NOW! (See related notice for details)

Saturday, November 12

Another Fabulous Bus Trip/ Fundraiser: THE GAUGUIN EXHIBIT at the Chicago Art Institute. Details in a later Prairie Fire.

Trip To Frank Lloyd Wright Buildings A Success!

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 42 people became (if they weren't already) Frank Lloyd Wright enthusiasts. The bus trip, planned by the Finance Committee as a fund raiser for the Operating Budget, was a tremendous success. There just wasn't enough time at any of the stops. Many of us felt the visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio (built in 1895) was worth the whole trip! Plan to join us on the trip to the Chicago Art Institute for the Gauguin Exhibit on Nov. 12th.

Remodeling Update

The roof sheeting is on and the shape of the building has emerged. It looks good, even without windows cut out. There is now a ditch dug to the location of the new basement door. Inside, the electricians and plumers are about finished with the concealed work, although there still is a big hole in the old RE Office floor for the drains from the new basement restroom.

Next we will see the roofing go on, insulation go in, and sheetrock go up. Then the painting and finish work will begin. We still don't know which

Sunday will be our first back in the building, but we hope to be in by mid-October.

Potluck Lunch Scheduled

A Potluck lunch is scheduled in conjunction with the Sunday service scheduled for the Garner Park picnic shelter on Sept. 25th. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass for the potluck.

This service is an informal intergenerational service with something for all family members. Since we have the shelter reserved, the service will take place regardless of the weather.

Kite Lovers Needed

Dick Bonser would like to hear from kite lovers and experienced kite builders for help with the September 25th service "WRESTLE WITH THE WIND". If you have unusual kites to display or fly or demonstrate - if you have construction skills to share - or if you want to participate in some other way, please call Dick at 274-3248.

Wisconsin Extension Day

Sunday, September 25, 1988 has been designated Wisconsin Extension Day by the Central Midwest District. The churches in North Area Council and the Southeast Wisconsin Council in Wisconsin will be asked to have a special offering to support the new Extension Ministry in Mukwonago/Kenosha.

This was inspired by the St. Louis Area Council, which founded Emerson Chapel, and the Chicago Area Council, which founded Schaumburg, North River, and South Loop -- all through special offerings.

Sunday In The Park With George!

George couldn't make it, but many of the rest of us had a wonderful time in the park on the 18th, singing from the songbook he helped design. The next two weeks will be at Garner Park because of the lack of a front door on our building. This is a marvelous setting for our programs. Although they may be slightly more informal than normal ones at the meeting house, they are still thought provoking.

I look forward to soaring with the kites next week and then will follow with a program entitled "If I could clone youUU" the following week. This will be for all ages and will be an outdoor introduction to my fall lay ministry on the UU Principles. See you there.

-Al Nettleton

Calling All Singers

Aileen Nettleton and Barb Park have volunteered to organize and conduct a Prairie Choir this year. At least one performance per month is planned. Contact them after services if you are interested in taking part in the oral music tradition at Prairie.

Playreaders Meet

At Pat Meller's

The Prairie Playreaders will meet for the first time this fall on September 24, 1988, at the home of Pat Meller. The play will be either Unexpected Guest, by Agatha Christie, or Come Blow Your Horn, by Neil Simon.

Ethnic Dinner Circle

The Ethnic Dinner Circle will meet at Kosta's on September 23rd. Please call Pat Watkins at 262-7960 between 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM by Wednesday, September 21st to make a reservation.

Please - do not come without a reservation! These restaurants are crowded at this hour and cannot expand our area beyond what we have reserved.
Prairie Youth May Need Help To Attend Upham Woods

It has come to our attention that some Middle and High School kids may want to attend the Upham Woods Retreat although their parents will not be able to attend. Members of Prairie are needed who will be able to provide transportation for these kids. We also need adults who will assume the responsibility for some of the things normally done by parents so that these kids can attend. For more information, call Pat Meller at 271-1214 in the evening.

Lily Tomlin Special?

Is anyone interested in a Bus or Van trip to Chicago to see Lily Tomlin’s One Woman Show? Call Cinda LaMar at 238-9884 if you are. (Could this be another fundraising trip?)

CHANNING-MURRAY

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.

Mark your calendar for the Channing Murray Picnic at Devils Lake State Park on September 25 in the afternoon. See you there!

We’re exploring the idea of having a Unitarian Universalist Revival. Rev. Tony Larsen from Racine would lead the revival and any money collected would go into our kitty to send some members to General Assembly in ’89.

On October 20, we will be hosting the UU Young Adult Peace Caravan that is crossing the US this fall. There are five men and three women involved. They’ll join us for lunch at the Union on the 20th, and will need home hospitality that night.

For further information, call Cinda LaMar at 238-9884.

Upham Woods Retreat: October 21, 22, & 23

Send in your registration forms now! Newcomers are especially invited. Many Prairie folk regard this as the high point of the church year. Scheduled events include:

Fri. Oct. 21 - potluck dinner; games for all ages (including charades, with instructions that make it faster and more fun); jigsaw puzzle assembly; and whatever else you like to do. Bring along your favorite games and pastimes and share them with the rest of Prairie.

Sat. Oct. 22 - nature walks, canoeing (with instruction for those who want/need it); orienteering, discussion groups on living with foreigners and on Prairie; a poetry session; volley ball; capture the flag; and much more. In the evening - the renowned Prairie Talent Show (start polishing your acts now!); campfire singing, and singing at the local tavern (ja, das ist ein schnitzelbank...).


Members and Friends are reminded that we do have some financial assistance funds available for those who want to attend but cannot afford the full price. If you need some help, contact Jack Jallings, who is accepting registrations - confidence will be maintained. The deadline of October 5 for submission of registration forms and fees announced in the last Prairie Fire is not absolutely inflexible, but it would help Jack Jallings and others on the Retreat Committee a great deal if registration forms were received by then.

K-1-2

There will be a coffee for all parents of children in this class on October 30th, after classes are over. Come to your child’s room and meet the teachers, Marcia and Lindy, and learn a little about the Place of One’s Own curriculum they will be using this year.

3-4-5

There will be a coffee for all parents of children in this class on November 6th, after classes are over. Come to your child’s room (the old Nursery area) and meet the teachers, Betty and Pat, and learn a little about the Time Travelers curriculum they will be using this year.

6-7-8

There will be a coffee for all parents of children in this class on November 13th, after classes are over. Come to your child’s room (the old 3-4-5 space) and meet Erin and Jean, who will be
teaching this fall. They will tell you a little about what they will be doing as they explore other churches this year.

Y R U U

If you are in grades 7 to 12, you are invited to join Y R U U. Youth group members may be affiliated with either Prairie U.U. or First Unitarian Society. There are two groups - the junior high group includes 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. The senior high group includes 10th, 11th, and 12th graders.

Our new Y R U U Advisor is Nancy Lynch. If you have concerns, need more information, or have transportation problems, please feel free to call her between 9 AM and 9 PM at 244-3906. She'd like to hear from you!

Y R U U meets at the First Unitarian Meetinghouse, 900 University Bay Drive, on most Sunday evenings between 6 PM and 8:30 PM. Meetings usually involve food, games, and shared involvement in various activities.

A meeting is scheduled for October 2nd at 6:00 PM. Watch for the Y R U U newsletter for details of the program.


SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Food For Our Neighbors

My apology to Fredericka Schilling. She, not Mary Mullen, has been responsible for distributing the food we collect. Thanks for the good work!

We may not be able to get into the Meetinghouse, but our neighbors still need food. Please take food donations directly to Fredericka or bring it to Garner Park on Sunday. Those of you with garden surpluses, our neighbors like fresh food as well as canned goods. Call Fredericka at 271-5192. As an alternative, the Response to Hunger Network will can your surplus for distribution through the local food pantries. Contact me at 273-4913 for additional information.

-Judy Skog

Peace And Freedom Dinner

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is sponsoring a dinner and talk by Dorothy Cotton on October 9th. Ms. Cotton was educational director for citizenship for SCLC and a close associate of Rev. Martin Luther King. She is a trainer for civil rights and social change groups. The dinner will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 4100 Nakoma Road (corner of Yuma, Seminole, and Nakoma) in Madison. Dinner starts at 6:30 and Ms. Cotton speaks at 8:00. The price is $15.00 per person ($7.50 for students/elderly/limited income) or $2.00 for the speech alone. Checks should be made out to Madison WILPF and sent to Sophie Zermeuhlen, 371 Bordner Dr., Madison, WI 53705. Call 626-3746 for additional information.

There will be a collection box at the door for school supplies, medical supplies, powdered milk, clean summer clothes, and shoes. These items will be sent to Nicaragua.

1st MEN Presents Spirituality Series at First Society

This series is a limited time structured program, including readings, for UU men and others who wish to explore the hearts, minds and emotions of the male sex.

Meetings will be held every other Wednesday from 7 to 9 PM at the First Unitarian Society Meetinghouse, 900 University Bay Drive. The first meeting, on Sept. 28, will feature a video-taped presentation by Dr. Farrell at the Midwest Regional Men's Conference held recently in Middleton. A donation of $9.00 is requested to cover expenses. For further information, contact either Roger Backes (635-5850) or Bill Fetzner (256-2007).

Recycling

Overflowing with glass, plastic, or aluminum? (You should be.) You can: 1) bring it with you to Garner Park on Sunday, 2) leave it in my driveway (626 Orchard Drive), or 3) take it to the recycling center of your choice and send the check to Barb Park labeled "recycling". If you chose #3, please let me know how many pounds of what you took so I can keep my records accurate - Thanks!

-Judy Skog 273-4913

Looking Ahead...

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

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

April 29th, 1989. The Playreaders will be sponsoring a bus trip to the Milwaukee Repertory Theater for the 5:00 PM performance of Sean O'Casey's Juno and the Paycock, followed by dinner.

Directory Correction

Long-time Prairie Member Rosemary Dorney has moved to join her partner Tim Fast in Albuquerque, NM. The new address for her is:

Rosemary M. Dorney
315 Hermosa Drive N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87108

Please update your directory accordingly. Rosemary has been a very active member of several Prairie groups and she will definitely be missed. Our best wishes go with her to her new home.