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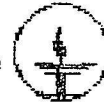
... As the prairie stretches out, it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to it and be one with the natural world and with one another. PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

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AIR MANAGEMENT

DEADLINE for the NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE will be SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH. Submit notices for the period November 3rd - November 17th.

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 20

12:00 AM - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Lunch on 'Today In The Union'. Special guests will be the members of the UU Young Adult Peace Caravan.

October 21, 22, & 23

Upham Woods Retreat - No Sunday Service in Madison. (See related notice for details)

Saturday, October 22

4:30 PM - PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING at Upham Woods.

Sunday, October 23

6:00 PM - CHANNING MURRAY POTLUCK DINNER & PROGRAM: Guest Michael Belete will speak about his life in Ethiopia.

Thursday, October 27

12:00 AM - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Special guest will be State Representative Spencer Black.

Saturday, October 29

7:30 PM - PRAIRIE PLAY-READERS MEET at the home of Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Place.

Sunday, October 30

10:00 AM - "JUSTICE, EQUITY AND COMPASSION IN HUMAN RELATIONS": led by Al Nettleton.

Thursday, November 3

12:00 AM - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Lunch on 'Today In The Union'. Special guest will be Ellsworth Snyder, Music Director of First Unitarian Society.

7:30 PM - PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING at the meetinghouse. Everyone is welcome!

Friday, November 4

7:30 PM - "GIVE ME THAT UU RELIGION": Channing-Murray Society special

fundraising event (see related story).

Sunday, November 6

10:00 AM - To be announced

Friday, November 11

5:30 PM - ETHNIC DINNER CIRCLE MEETS at Ruby's Restaurant, across from Westgate Mall. (See related story)

Saturday, November 12

8:00 AM - Another Fabulous Bus Trip/Fundraiser: THE ART OF PAUL GAUGUIN exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute. (See related story)

Sunday, November 13

10:00 AM - To be announced.
11:30 AM - POTLUCK LUNCH: Please bring a dish to pass.
1:00 PM - FALL PARISH MEETING: please see agenda in this issue of Prairie Fire.

Sunday, November 20

10:00 AM - "THANKSGIVING INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE AND REDEDICATION OF THE MEETINGHOUSE" (see related story).

Meeting Location Notice!

We will continue to meet in the basement of McConnell Hall at Brooks and Mound Streets through October 30th. Any change resulting from early completion of the renovation project will be published in the Madison Newspapers and on our telephone answering machine at 271-8218. The Building Committee is pretty well convinced that the building will be ready to use on the 30th, however.

Upham Woods Update

The Upham Woods Retreat is just around the corner and we believe we have "something for everyone". Here are some of the highlights! For the youngsters we have not one, not two, but three artsy-craftsy sessions. Youths will be challenged by the obstacle course, cave hike and canoe instruction and rewarded with a campfire on Saturday night. Adults should be in "Unitarian Heaven" because there will be at least six different discussion groups. Poetry reading is also scheduled for this weekend, so bring along your favorites to share! There will also be the Upham Woods traditional events such as the Kazoo Band, the talent show, the tavern sing-along, and the keylog ceremony.

In order to make the retreat pleasurable for everyone, please observe the following guidelines:

1. Friday Potluck Dinner - bring a dish that does not require use of kitchen facilities, and bring your own serving and eating utensils.
2. All Saturday meals begin promptly at the stated times.
3. Children under eight years of age may participate in the canoe instruction only if accompanied by an adult.
4. Parents participating in the tavern sing along are

required to make arrangements for the supervision of their young children while they are gone.

5. Youths will be expected to "do their share" in cleaning up on Sunday.

Visit a REAL Indian Trading Post

There is a real Indian Museum and Trading Post near the Dells (NOT the one downtown!) and Judy Skog would like to organize a visit to it after the Upham Woods Retreat. The Museum is very good (I agree - Ed.) and worth the small admission price. There are genuine Indian hand-craft items for sale also. See Judy at Upham Woods for details.

Playreaders Meet

The Prairie Playreaders will meet at Pat Watkins' home, 2419 Norwood Place, on Saturday, October 29th at 7:30 PM. The play will be either Edward Albee's A Delicate Balance or Alan Ackbourn's Bedroom Farce. Call 262-7960 days for information or directions.

A "U-U Revival" Scheduled

Friday night, November 4, at 7:30 PM, Channing-Murray is sponsoring a program, "Give Me That U-U Religion", at Prairie's newly remodeled meetinghouse, 2010 Whenona Drive. Parsen Larsen (Rev. Tony Larsen from Racine) and the UU Troubadors will present a uniquely UU message delivered in that "Old Time Revival" style. Come and shout, clap your hands, and sing in celebration.

Channing-Murray is presenting this program as part of its fund raising activities to gather funds to send C-M members to the 1989 General Assembly to be held at Yale University.

Form A Circle!

She's still hovering over the phone, waiting for your call! Don't leave her 'up in the air' like that - grab the phone, dial 262-7960 (between 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM) and tell Pat Watkins to match you up in a dinner circle.

Ethnic/Fish Dinner Circle

Eating out is more popular this year - at least the Ethnic/Fish Dinner Circle is way ahead of the other groups! Our third dinner of the season will be held on Friday, Nov. 11th, at 5:30 PM at Ruby's Restaurant (Chinese), 656 S. Whitney Way across from Westgate Mall. Please make your reservation with Pat Watkins (262-7960) no later than Wednesday, Nov. 9th.

Please do not come without a reservation! These restaurants are crowded at this hour and cannot expand our area beyond what we have reserved.

Don't Miss the Gauguin Exhibit!

Tell your friends about this splendid opportunity to see the Gauguin exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago on Saturday, Nov. 12. The exhibit is the result of 20 years of study, and brings together, from various worldwide collections, the best and greatest of his works in painting, ceramics, printmaking, drawing and sculpture.

The bus will leave the parking lot at Burlington Coat Factory at 8:00 AM and arrive at the Art Institute at 11:00 AM. Time will be available for shopping or whatever you like at Water Tower Place on the loop (within walking distance) before the exhibit opens at 2:30 PM. The cost of the bus trip and admission to the special show (which also gets you into the Art Institute itself) is only \$34.00, the lowest priced trip in town! Sign up right away - due to the need to buy tickets to the exhibit in advance, we must have paid reservations no later

than Oct. 24th. The fee includes a small donation to the Prairie operating budget, which needs all the help it can get!

Send your check to Pat Cautley, 4805 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53705. You may want to call first to make sure seats on the bus are still available. Her phone number is 238-5373.

It's That Time Again...

Many of you will already have been called by one of the canvassers regarding your pledge to the Operating Budget of Prairie for the 1989 calendar year. The Finance Committee is sure that some folk have been overlooked, however, and is including a pledge form in this issue of Prairie Fire for you to use if they did not contact you directly.

Because of our new mortgage, our Operating Budget is 31% higher than last year. The Committee is asking that all who are able should increase their pledge by one-third. If a one-third increase is not possible for you, whatever you can pledge is greatly appreciated. The Committee would also like to hear from each of you about what you like and don't like about Prairie and what Prairie means to you. Please call Pat at 238-5373 or Rachel at 271-2173 or Julie at 274-3248.

Agenda for Parish Meeting

This meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on **Sunday, November 13, 1988**, at the Prairie Society Meetinghouse. Childcare will be provided. A potluck will be held after the morning service and before the meeting.

1. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.
2. Treasurer's report.
3. Ratify Board Selection of Norma Briggs as Secretary.
4. Special Committee reports & discussion.

- A. Building Committee.
- B. Capital Fund Raising Committee.
- C. Loan Committee.

5. Standing Committee reports & discussion.
6. 1989 Proposed Budget discussion & decisions.
7. By-Law Revisions discussion & decisions. (See proposed revisions printed on a separate sheet in this issue of Prairie Fire.)
8. Other Old Business
9. New Business, if requested by 10 or more members.

Rededication of the Meetinghouse

Our remodeled meetinghouse will be rededicated at the intergenerational Thanksgiving service on November 20. Al Nettleton will be in charge of the rededication process, so call him with your suggestions or requests to participate. When we first dedicated the meetinghouse, we wrote down a set of member's predictions. If anyone knows where those predictions are, please tell either Al or Warren Hagstrom.

New Prairie Directory

Work on the 1989 Prairie Directory has begun and it should be available in January. Please be sure to fill out and return the membership questionnaire enclosed with this newsletter. If you have questions, please call Membership Chair Sharon Scrattish at 437-5915.

CHANNING - MURRAY

Thursday lunches are scheduled every week, often with special guests and spirited discussion. Look for the room number on

'Today in the Union'.

Drop in for the Wednesday night dinners at Shanghai Minnies on University Ave. near the MASCO art supply store (NOT the one in University Square). We meet at 6:00 PM and are usually done by 7:00 or 7:30.

We're having a Unitarian Universalist Revival! It will be held at Prairie Society's remodeled meetinghouse at 2010 Whenona Drive on Nov. 4th. Rev. Tony Larsen from Racine will lead the revival. Any money collected will go into our fund-raising kitty to send some members to General Assembly in '89.

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

R. E. CORNER

All R. E. children are invited to come, in costume, to the Prairie Halloween party on October 30 during the R. E. period.

Nifty Gifty Ideas Needed!

Have you got some nifty ideas what a 6-year-old or an 11-year-old could make for a holiday present for parents, other important adults, brothers, sisters, and other friends? Every year Prairie kids spend one Sunday morning making gifts. This year, the date for "Nifty Gifty" is Sunday December 4th.

Ideas should be no more complicated than a child can make in 5 to 15 minutes, inexpensive (usually made from recycled materials), and useful, intriguing, or pretty (or all three!). Put your thinking caps on now and let Mary Mullen, this year's Nifty-Gifty coordinator, know your ideas so we can start collecting materials and volunteers. Call 271-5192 this week!

Y R U U

Prairie Youth are invited to a Halloween Party sponsored by Prairie and First Unitarian Y R U U on Saturday, Oct. 29th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Wear a costume and join the parade/cakewalk. There will be refreshments, games, and a haunted house. A nominal fee will be charged. The party will be at First Unitarian Society Meeting-house, 900 University Bay Drive.

There will be no meeting on Sunday, Oct. 30th. The next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 6th, between 6:00 and 8:30 PM.

Our 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, most Sunday evenings between 6 PM and 8:30 PM. Meetings usually involve food, games, and shared involvement in various activities.

SOCIAL ACTION ISSUES

Holiday Cards Available

UUSC Holiday Cards are now available. There are five styles this year - a winter landscape scene with the message "Peace" inside (\$7 for 12 cards); a set of three Indian textile designs (\$7 for 12 cards); Toby Williams' paper-cut art "World Harmony" cards (\$7 for 10 cards); African textile designs (\$7 for 12 cards); and "Mother and Child" cards (\$6 for 12 cards). Anne Reardon will take orders for these cards through Nov. 1st. Payment will be due on delivery of the cards. To order, call Anne at home (271-1349) after 6 PM.

Workshop Scheduled for Parents of Teenagers

Briarpatch will be offering its 4

week parent groups, "How To Survive Being the Parent of a Teenager" again this fall. Several of the 4 week sessions will be held. The groups will be co-led by Briarpatch volunteer counselors who are, or have been, parents of teens. The sessions include time for sharing of problems, ideas, and support among parents. Participants learn about and discuss issues such as family relationships, power struggles, adolescent depression and suicide, adolescent sexuality, self esteem, and anger. Strategies for improving communication between parents and teens are shared. Like all Briarpatch services, these parent groups are free, voluntary, and confidential. Group size is limited, so pre-registration is required. Interested parents can find out more information and register for a group by calling Briarpatch, 251-1126, and talking to group services coordinator Donna Kirschenmann.

Lyme Disease - Not Just a Rumor

Since two Prairie people have been victims of Lyme disease, it behooves the rest of us to familiarize ourselves with the signs and symptoms of this illness. If not diagnosed and treated properly and promptly, Lyme disease can cause serious problems involving the heart, joints, eyes and nervous system.

In Wisconsin, this bacterial disease is transmitted to people and animals by the bite of the deer tick. About 70% of the people who contract Lyme disease develop a large red rash within 3 to 32 days after they have been bitten by the tick. Other symptoms may include headache, chills, nausea, fever, aching joints, and fatigue. If undiagnosed and untreated, Lyme disease can cause, weeks or months later, heart blockages, nervous system abnormalities and arthritis.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services have published a helpful brochure on the prevention and

treatment of this disease. As the old adage goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Conduct tick checks on yourself, children and pets after spending time outdoors. Wear light clothing with pants tucked into socks and long sleeved shirts. Apply tick/insect repellent to pants, socks and shoes before outings. Off, Muskol, and other repellents containing DEET work pretty well to keep ticks away and are safe for application to the skin. A final word - "outdoor dogs" pick up Lyme disease most often in June and November according to the DNR, so we are entering a high risk period as we depart for Upham Woods.

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
273-4613

Gymnastics Fundraiser

Kerith Ferguson's gymnastic club, the Mad Town Twisters, is selling Pizza Hut Discount Cards as a fundraiser. The card is good for a year and provides either 10% off of your bill anytime or special prices on different items each day of the week. If you're interested, call Kerith at 249-7075 or see her at Prairie after the services.

Room For Rent

Baxter Richardson has a room with private bath in his home on Gregory Street he would like to rent, starting Nov. 15th. If you are interested, call him at 238-9105 evenings.

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.**
 - c. 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.
- (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.

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY _ MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

We need the following information from everyone in order to up-date the Prairie Directory, the Prairie Fire mailing list, and the official Prairie Membership list. Kindly complete the following even if you are well known around here. It helps to have a piece of paper to represent you when we are alphabetizing the lists, and we won't have to speculate as to whether there are any changes in your situation.

Please bring this form to our next meeting place (hopefully Prairie!) where a deposit box will be provided. Otherwise mail it to:

Sharon Scrattish
403 N. 4th
Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

_____ Member _____ Friend
(signed Membership Book)

NAME _____

(s) _____

NAMES AND BIRTHDATES OF CHILDREN: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

_____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____

Do you wish to be listed in the new Prairie Directory? _____

Do you wish to receive the Prairie Fire Newsletter? _____

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
1989 PLEDGE FOR THE SOCIETY'S OPERATING BUDGET, JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER

Name _____ Address _____
Telephone _____

To support the operating budget of Prairie Society from January 1, 1989 through December 31, 1989, it is my/our intention to give the dollar amount shown below.

1989 Budget year pledge: _____ Payable: Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Other _____

I/we am/are willing to contribute my/our time in 1989 to support the following program areas of Prairie U-U Society:

Signature _____
Pledge amount may be revised if exceptional circumstances dictate.