DEADLINE for the NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE will be SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH. Submit notices for the period November 17th - December 1st.

CALENDAR

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.

7:00 PM - CLEAN-UP WORK PARTY AT PRAIRIE (see related story).

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 event (see related story).

Saturday, November 5

9:00 AM - CLEANUP WORK PARTY CONTINUES at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, November 6

SERVICES RESUME AT THE MEETINGHOUSE!

10:00 AM - "ACCEPTANCE OF ONE ANOTHER AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN OUR CONGREGATIONS": Al Nettleton, Lay Minister.

Tuesday, November 8

7:30 PM - PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING at Prairie, to work on the Annual Budget.

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.

Sunday, November 13

10:00 AM - "CAN THE FAMILY BE A MODEL FOR MORALITY IN THE LARGER SOCIETY?": led by Warren Hagstrom

11:30 AM - FOTLUCK LUNCH: Please bring a dish to pass. R.E. parents of K-1-2 and 6-7-8 children may be meeting for lunch in specially reserved rooms.

1:00 PM - FALL PARISH MEETING: please see related story and agenda in this issue of Prairie Fire.

Sunday, November 20

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

Saturday, December 3

7:30 PM - PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Warren Hagstrom OR the home of Rachel Siegfried. Please note change of date! More details will be published in the next issue of Prairie Fire.

Done At Last!

Well almost, anyway. Done enough that, starting on November 6th, we will have adult services and R.E. in the meetinghouse. There may well be some work remaining to be done on various parts of the meetinghouse, but the essentials will be
...Next To Godliness

That's where you'll find cleanliness, which we desperately need at Prairie. Housing and Property Chair Bill Grover has scheduled a cleaning party on Thursday, Nov. 3rd in preparation for the U-U Revival fundraiser scheduled for Nov. 4th by Channing-Murray and in anticipation of our re-occupation of the building on the 6th. The assistance of anyone with cleaning ability will be gratefully accepted.

Tank-type vacuum cleaners, mops, dust cloths, wall sponges and similar appliances are needed (along with their owners to employ them). Contact Bill at 845-9505 for more information.

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, 201 Whenona Drive. Parsen Larsen (Rev. Tony Larsen from Racine) and the UU Troubadours 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.

Directory Questionnaires Due

There's a new Prairie Directory coming, and we want it to be as complete and up to date as possible. Regardless of whether you are a member or a friend of the Society, you can be included in the Directory, but you must complete the questionnaire and return it to us so we know what to do.

You can turn in your membership questionnaire on any Sunday or mail it direct to the membership chair:

Sharon Scrattish
403 N. Fourth St.
Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

Membership questionnaires were included in the Prairie Fire for October 15, 1988 (V26N21). Copies are available at Prairie or by mail from Sharon at the above address.

Entertain This Thought:

The ENTERTAINMENT '89 coupon books are now available. These books have been sold by the Finance Committee as a fund raising activity for several years, and they are a splendid bargain. Many excellent area restaurants are included in the book and, with coupon values ranging up to $14.00 or more, you'll have your $25 investment back in no time at all!

You can help the Finance Committee by getting a book for yourself, but to really help you could sell these great books to your friends, acquaintances, and coworkers. Our supply of books is essentially unlimited. Prairie will earn $5 per book sold and will get a bonus of $50 if we sell 25 more books than last year.

If you want more information for yourself, or if you want promotional material to use in selling books to your friends, call Pat Cautley at 238-5373. Let's sell lots of these things this year!

Easy Payment Plan

It is easiest and simplest if you send your pledge payments (or contributions) directly to:

Barbara Park, Treasurer
Prairie U.U. Society
W10804 Wildwood Way
Poinette, WI 53955-9471

Her address has been changed since the last directory was published, so please write this change in yours. Heartily thanks to all those who have been paying regularly on their pledges! This is very much appreciated.

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), 655 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.

B and B To Be Featured At Nov. 13 Parish Meeting!

Come one, come all! Or at least come 30. That's the number of members we need for a quorum at our regular fall parish meeting that will be held Sunday Nov. 13th, starting at 1PM.

Like any parish meeting, this is an excellent opportunity for rank and file members to direct the course of Prairie. In particular, all members attending the meeting will have the chance to speak out and vote on the proposed amendments to our bylaws and the 1989 operating budget. Both the Bylaws and the budget will materially affect the operation of our Society during the coming year. The tentative budget and the proposed bylaw changes were printed in previous issues of Prairie Fire.

In addition, the parish meeting is an opportunity for Prairie
members and friends to ask questions and express concerns they may have about Prairie. However, specific items of new business must be requested by at least 10 members before they can be considered since no items were received by the October 16 deadline.

The parish meeting will be preceded by a potluck meal which will get underway right after the morning service. Childcare will be provided during the parish meeting.

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.


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. Rachel Siegfried will be in charge of the rededication process, so call her 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 Warren Hagstrom.

An Opening Invitation

Bill Grover is having a show of his recent sculpture in the Class of ’25 Gallery at the Memorial Union from Nov. 10 to Dec. 10, with an opening on Fri. Nov. 11th from 7 - 9 PM. He would be pleased to see Prairie members and friends there.

CHANNING-MURRAY NEWS

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 Minnie's 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 Weh-nona Drive on Nov. 4th. Rev. Tony Larsen from Racine will lead the revival and 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 236-9684.

R. E. CORNER

All R. E. classes will meet on November 6th at Prairie. The nursery and pre-school age children are to report to the area that used to be the downstairs kitchen. All other children will sit with their families for the first ten minutes of the service before reporting to their classes downstairs.

The classrooms for children in grades K-8 have been assigned as follows:

K-1-2 - Report to the same area as last year, just at the bottom of the stairs.
3-4-5 - Report to the old nursery area.
6-7-8 - Report to the same area as last year.

(This represents a change from some of the letters that went home.)

Since we are starting up at Prairie a little later than expected, the parent/teacher coffees have been rescheduled. The coffees are expected to last no longer than fifteen minutes and will be held in the appropriate children's classrooms after the morning service. The coffee dates are:

November 6 - Grades 3-4-5
November 13 - Grades K-1-2 Grades 6-7-8

The pre-school coffee will be scheduled after the new pre-school teacher has been hired.

Preschool Teacher Resigns, Replacement Urgently Needed!

Sue Azad, who has done such a great job with our younger children, has found that she cannot continue to help us due to the birth of her own child. The R. E. Committee is looking for a replacement preschool teacher.

The preschool teacher plans the activities for the children and, with the assistance of a high school student, works with the children weekly. It is important to have a person who enjoys and is skilled with younger children - one who will be reliable and regular to provide needed continuity for the children.

The position is paid $12 weekly for 2 hours of work.
Please call Alice Bullen (838-8055) or Aileen Nettleton (236-6053) if you are interested or have someone to recommend.

Nifty Gifty Ideas Needed!

Have you got some nifty ideas about what a 6-year to 11-year-old child could make as a holiday present for parents, other important adults, brothers, sisters, and other friends? 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 (271-5192), know your ideas so we can start collecting materials and volunteers.

Y R U U

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. The next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 6th.

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

SOCIAL ACTION ISSUES

You Could Be A VIP

Volunteers in Probation is a nonprofit United Way Agency that matches adult volunteers with youth who are in need of guidance and support. These youth have had some trouble with the law and are in need of a positive role model in their lives. If you have a few hours of time each week and would like to make a difference in the life of a youth, call Dennis or Carol at 241-7707.

They have an immediate need for 25 male volunteers in the program!

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 Urbanski 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.

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 interested, call Kerith at 249-7075 or see her at Prairie after the services.

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.

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.