As the prairie's bond of union becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to each other and be one with the natural world and with one another.

Prairie Smoke (Sievers's floor)

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DEADLINE for the NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE will be SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH. Submit notices for the period February 23RD - March 9TH.

Saturday, February 18
7:30 PM - PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Jack & Mona Birong, 599 Glen Drive. The play will be 'The Laundry', translated from the French by Guardon. The play is a satire based on an ancient Minotaur myth. Call 233-5995 for directions.

Sunday, February 19
9:00 AM - CHOIR PRACTICE for the re-dedication service.
10:00 AM - RE-DEDICATION OF OUR MEETING HOUSE coordinated by Rachel Siegfried and Sharon Scratth, followed at 12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM - OPEN HOUSE with refreshments for friends and neighbors.
6:00 PM - CHANNING-MURRAY will meet at the home of Max and Carolyn Geaebler. The Geaeblers will talk and show slides of their stay in Australia this past year.

Thursday, February 23
12:00 NOON - CHANNING-MURRAY STUDENT LUNCH in the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on Today in the Union.
Sunday, February 26
10:00 - CAN A SECULAR HUMANIST LOVE CAYIS? led by Warren Hagstrom. Special Collection for the Urban Ministry Fund.
11:30 AM - Special meeting to consider resolutions for General Assembly. (See related story.)

Thursday, March 2
12:00 N - CHANNING-MURRAY STUDENT LUNCH in the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on Today In The Union.
7:30 PM - PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING at the meetinghouse. Everyone is invited to participate.

Saturday, March 4
9:30 AM - Second Annual Cross-Country Ski outing at Dave & Marcia Johnson s farm near Coloma. POT-LUCK MEAL: Bring a dish to pass. (See related story.)

Sunday, March 5
10:00 AM - THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION OF 1688 AND RELIGIOUS FREE­DOM, led by Malcolm Williamson.

News And Views

Rededication and Open House

The rededication and open house will be coordinated by Rachel Siegfried and Sharon Scrattish and will take place on February 19th. A regular adult service will be held at 10:00 AM, followed by an open house, beginning at 12:00 Noon and running until 2:00 PM. The meetinghouse will be open for all of our friends and neighbors to inspect and admire, and refreshments will be served. Members and friends are encour-
aged to lend photos and slides covering the times from our beginning days to the present. If you have pictures or other mementos from Prairie's past, please contact Sharon (437-5915), and get the items to her no later than February 12. Please put your name on each item so we can return it, and a caption so we know what's going on in the picture.

Goodies Needed For Open House

Cookies, Cakes, Bars, and other finger food goodies are needed as refreshments for our upcoming Open House. Please call Rachel at 271-2173 to tell her what you will donate and bring it on the morning of the 19th.

Prairie Choir to Perform

Barb Park and Aileen Nettleton invite all Prairie members and friends who enjoy singing to come and sing for the Rededication Service. There will be no practice session on February 12th but there will be a rehearsal at 9:00 AM on the 19th. It is a simple piece so all are welcome to come, even if they haven't practiced with us before. Sopranos are especially needed!

Barb and Aileen are the Choir Coordinators for Prairie, and are trying to get a regular choir group started again.

Sunrise School Day Care

The Sunrise School, a private, non-profit daycare program serving children aged 2 1/2 to 6 years, must relocate from Hoyt School and has asked Prairie to rent space for their operation. The Prairie Board will again consider their request at a meeting to be held on Sunday, Feb. 12th. Further details are available from R.E. Chair Aileen Nettleton, Housing and Property Chair Bill Grover, or President Mary Mullen.

Sunrise School would need to use the entire R.E. space downstairs plus restroom and the main room upstairs because they would be serving 35 to 40 children at one time. They would need to store some equipment. Children would be in the building from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM five days a week and would play outside for 30 to 40 minutes each morning and afternoon although the older children would often be taken to nearby Marlborough Park.

Prairie has already been inspected by State and City authorities. They have indicated that we basically meet requirements but would be required to provide screens for the basement windows, additional pegs for children's coats, and 4 foot high fencing behind our building. We would probably want to put shredded bark in the back yard and construct a storage area in the niche on the stage. (This was being considered before Sunrise made their request.) We would also have to secure a conditional use permit from the City of Madison. Operating costs would increase for utilities, janitorial services, and maintenance.

For the use of Prairie, the Sunrise School is prepared to pay between $900 and $1000 per month and would be willing to provide its own janitorial service. The school has its own liability insurance.

Prairie Committees have been asked to research costs associated with sharing our space with the Sunrise School as well as look into whether and just how we can share space. As many members will recall, some of our recent remodeling was undertaken with the idea of making our space daycare ready.

The question is, are we ready to serve the general community by sharing our new spaces with an actual daycare operation? Please talk to a Board member or come to the February 12 meeting.
Opera Night at Prairie
A video tape recording of an opera will be presented at 6:45 PM on February 12th. The opera, NIXON IN CHINA (by minimalist composer John Adams with libretto by Alice Goodman), places Nixon's visit in February, 1972, into the context of Chinese philosophy and the cultural revolution. The video tape was recorded in HiFi Stereo and the music will be played through the stereo system.

The performance, by the Houston Grand Opera under the direction of Peter Sellers, is three hours long and the curtain will go up promptly at 7:00 PM.

Bring a beverage or snack to share.

Celebration of Life in Memory of Fanny Holzman
All Prairie members and friends are invited to a service celebrating the life of Fanny Holzman, mother of Shirley Grindrod, who passed away on January 22nd, 1989, at the age of 92 1/2. The service will be held on Saturday, February 11, at 4:00 PM at Prairie. Max Gaebler, Minister Emeritus of First Unitarian Society, will lead the service. After the service, we will break bread together to conclude the celebration. John and Shirley Grindrod will provide Fanny's favorite dishes - lox and cream cheese on bagels with tomatoes and onions, and corned beef on rye with kasher dill pickles. Friends are asked to bring salads, desserts, or other dishes that will go with these items to round out the feast.

Paint For Sale
Help Prairie and yourself by buying our leftover interior paint. We have two gallons of flat satin white, one and a half gallons of flat white, and three-quarter gallon of light yellow satin flat paint. The suggested price per gallon is $10.00.

Prairie Member on National TV
Prairie member Fran Remeika will be featured in one of the shows on NBC's Unsolved Mysteries series. The program, entitled The Case of George J. Stein, is expected to be shown on Channel 15 (NBC) on the evening of February 15th.

General Assembly Resolutions To Be Considered
A special meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26th, immediately after the service, to discuss the three study resolutions that will be voted on at the 1989 U.U.A. General Assembly. The topics of the resolutions are:

- The AIDS Crisis
- Protecting the Ecosystem
- Economic Conversion for Peace and Human Needs

The full text of the resolutions will be posted at Prairie beginning Sunday, February 12th, and some questions relating to these topics will appear in this issue of Prairie Fire and the next.

Come prepared for a spirited discussion of these topics. Our comments will be summarized and mailed to U.U.A. by March 1st. (P.S. Stay tuned for information about the annual Parish Poll, which will take place sometime in March or very early April.)

Prairie Ski Outing
The second annual cross-country ski outing at Dave and Marcia Johnson's farm near Coloma will be held on Saturday, March 4th. Skiiing will begin at 9:30 AM and continue until everyone is too tired to go on. Dave and Marcia will provide a pot of hot chili and skiers are asked to bring a dish to pass for a POTLUCK DINNER.

To get to the Johnson's farm, take Hwy. 51 North to Coloma and exit at the Hwy. 21 off ramp (about 75 miles). Go East on Hwy. 21 about 4 blocks to the Coloma cemetery. Turn right on Slater Street and go about 1 1/2 miles South to the Lumber sign on the left and the mailbox on the right. Turn right into the driveway to the house.

This is a Fundraising Event. The requested donation is $5 per adult and $3 per child. The event is subject to cancellation due to unfavorable snow conditions. If there is any question as to cancellation, call Prairie at 608/271-8218 for a last minute report.

G. A. Resolutions Quiz
1. What percentage of U.S. trash is currently buried in landfills?

A. 10%  B. 30%  C. 50%  D. 70%  E. 90%

2. From 1981 to 1987 how much did the Pentagon spend on the average per household?

A. $210  B. $2,100  C. $21,000  D. $210,000

3. What percent of persons with a positive HIV antibody status is predicted to ultimately progress to illness (AIDS)?

A. less than 20%  B. 33%  C. 50%  D. more than 80%

(Answers are on the last page.)

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show slides of their stay in Austra-
alia this past year. Watch the news-
letter for more details on this one!

Walk a Mile
in My Shoes:
Interview a Vet.

This annual contest for 15–23 year
olds is being run again. Interview a
Vietnam War veteran, find out how
the war affected that person, and
tell what you think or feel about
what you’ve learned. Your entry
can be an essay or a work of art or
music. 22 prizes of $500 or $100
are offered. For details contact
Nancy Lynch at 244–3906.

Craft Materials
Needed in R. E.
The K-1-2 class needs appli-
ciance sized cartons or large sheets of
corrugated cardboard for their cur-
rent projects. If you have some or
know where we can get some,
please contact the teachers or R. E.
Director Anne Pryor at 244–7099.

New Preschool Teacher
Hired!

Terry Krause is Prairie’s new pre-
school teacher. Terry has been in
Madison since 1985 as a doctoral
candidate in Educational Admin-
istration at U.W., and has attended
Prairie during that time.

Terry has been involved in U.U.
Religious Education since 1965.
She has helped develop R.E.
programs at various societies, was
the R.E. Director and Chair in St.
Cloud, MN for 12 years, and has
been involved at the denomina-
tional level by leading workshops
and reviewing curricula. Terry is
also a licensed parent educator
with a strong interest in child
development and parenting prac-
tices. Terry is a very creative and
caring individual who will ensure a
fun, warm and enjoyable semester
for our youngest Prairie members.

Terry will also be acting as
teacher-trainer for Yasmine Sido,
the Preschool Assistant Teacher.
Yasmine has been with our pre-
school class for 2 1/2 years as assis-
tant and is a valued part of the
program. She will now be planning
the classes and doing some lead
teaching under Terry’s supervision.
We welcome Yasmine in her new
position as student teacher.

Anna Nettleton continues to volun-
teer her Sunday mornings with the
preschool group. Our thanks to
Anna for her wonderful assistance.

Youth Group Dinner
Scheduled

The Prairie Youth Group (6th Grade
and up) will have an Italian Dinner
Party on February 10th from 6:30
to 10:00 PM at Prairie. We will use
Prairie’s new kitchen to prepare
spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed
salad, milk, soda, and suckees for
dessert. Call Erin (238–6285) by
Wednesday, Feb. 8th, to RSVP and
tell her what ingredients you’ll
bring. First, we’ll all cook and clean
up, then we’ll play games after-
ward. Bring a favorite game to play
if you like. Non-Prairie friends are
always welcome.

Y R U U
Plans are in the works for an over-
night ski trip, possibly late January
or February. Both senior high and
middle school groups are invited.
Watch for the YRUU newsletter for
further details or contact Nancy
Lynch at 244–3906.

YRUU members should also take
a look at the contest described in the
Channing Murray section – Walk a
Mile In My Shoes.

SOCIAL ACTION
ISSUES

Channel 21
Pledge Drive
If you’re a fan of public television,
please donate some of your time to
help with our March pledge drive.
Call Michelle Honor at 273–5996
between 9:00 and 4:30 Monday
through Friday for details. (Ed.
note: Channel 21 could use some of
your money too)

A Service of Remem-
brane and Reconcili-
ance

Integrity/Dignity of Madison and
an ecumenical group of clergy and
lay people will be sponsoring A
Service of Remembrance and
Reconciliation at 7:00 PM on
Saturday, February 11th, for
persons with AIDS and all those
affected by AIDS. The service will
be hosted by Pres House, 731 State
Street (on the Library Mall). Every-
one is welcome.

Recycling

The collection containers for glass
and aluminum have a temporary
home in the downstairs entry-way.
When the Prairie Board assesses
space and use needs, the contain-
ers will be moved to a permanent
location. Each Sunday, I will
personally take newspaper and
plastic containers (sorry, no plastic
dogs) but I don’t plan to have
collection bins for these now.

A new recycling company has
opened. Recycle Worlds is located
at 2701 Packers Ave., Phone #
244–5451. They accept aluminum
cans and foil, corrugated card-
board, household and office waste
paper (junk mail), newspaper,
glass, household plastic, plastic
milk & pop bottles, tin/steel cans
and scrap metals. They are open
Mon.–Fri. 9:00–5:30, Sat. 8:00–
5:30, Sun. 11:00–4:00.

Judy Skog

U. U. National Work-
shop on Social Justice

The National Workshop on Social
Justice will be held in Washington
DC from April 16th to the 18th.
Workshops will include creative
worship, empowerment, small
group sharing, witnessing, group
lobbying, nurturing community,
and many others. For further
information, write UNWWSJ, 333
Dubois Road, Annapolis, MD

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Elder Abuse

In 1987, about 300 elderly people in Dane County were at risk for abuse, neglect, or self-neglect. This may represent only about 4% of the actual total. Some of these people had physiological problems that interfered with their performance of daily tasks. Others were too weak, afraid, confused, or depressed to care for or protect themselves.

One answer to the problem is the Senior Advocacy Volunteer Program. This program matches participants (or partners) with advocates (18 years or older) who visit them at least once a week. Advocates provide information and support. For information, call Carrie Rothbund at New Ventures, 249-6670. The next volunteer training begins in February.

Urban Ministry Fund

Whitney M. Young, Jr. (1921-1971) was a prominent civil rights leader and active Unitarian Universalist. His decade of service as Executive Director of the National Urban League produced historic breakthroughs for minority adults and youth in employment, education, and entrepreneurship. He coupled personal warmth and dignity with deep social commitment and canny organizational skills. In 1969, he was awarded the highest U. S. civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom.

The Whitney M. Young Urban Ministry Fund was established in 1983. Grants are made each year for the purpose of:

1. strengthening struggling UU urban congregations.
2. training UU leadership for urban ministries.
3. providing seed money for new UU societies of diverse racial and economic makeup.
4. creating channels for suburban-urban cooperation.
5. affirming in concrete ways our commitment to the city and its people.

Volunteers Needed

The Rape Crisis Center is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Crisis line counselors
- Updating and expanding educational resources
- Fundraisers
- Public speakers

Training began February 2, from 7 to 10 PM with a general orientation. Call 251-6061 for more information or to register for the training. You may still be able to enroll.

Help The Homeless

The YWCA and the Salvation Army provide shelter for homeless families. In 1988 the Y served 122 families (65 male headed and 57 female headed) with a total of 231 children. They also served 115 homeless single women.

There is a desperate need for the things you can buy with food stamps: diapers, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, hand lotion (especially in winter), laundry soap, fabric softener, and feminine hygiene products.

There is also a need for pots, pans and cooking utensils. The Y has a kitchenette, but if they supply cooking utensils, they tend to disappear. Toys are also welcome.

The next time you buy soap at the store, get two and bring one to Prairie. It won't add that much to your food bill and it will go to someone with immediate need! While you're at it, buy an extra can or two of vegetables for our neighbors: they still need help as much as before.

The Social Action Committee will have a collection box out for the Y articles the first Sunday of each month. The food collection box for our neighbors is in the basement entry at all times.

Dane County Advocates for Battered Women

In 1987, over 8,000 women in Dane County were abused by their partners. About 50% of the men who abuse their partners also abuse their children. Children who grow up in violent homes are more likely to give and/or receive violence in their own homes as adults.

The Dane County Shelter needs supplies (canned goods, linens, toys, disposable diapers, household supplies). They also need volunteers to answer the 24 hour crisis line, work with women and children in the shelter, provide typing and other office work or help out with special projects such as making curtains, painting, etc. Volunteer training started on Feb. 6th. Call 251-1237 for more information. You may still be able to enroll.

March for Women's Equality / Women's Lives

Now is the time to stand up and be counted in the fight for women's rights. A March for Women's Equality / Women's Lives will take place in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, April 9, beginning at noon. The march will end in a rally for keeping abortion safe and legal, and for the Equal Rights Amendment. Participants are asked to wear white clothing in the tradition of the suffragettes and to march in delegations.

Buses will leave from Madison on Saturday, April 8, and return on Monday, April 10. The cost is $85 and some scholarships are available. Call Madison N.O.W. (Lynne Qento, 256-5729) for more information.

How about sending a delegation of U.U. women?
Ethical Issues in Aging...

Meadville/Lombard Theological School and the Central Midwest District now offer continuing and lifelong education programs for lay people and ministers. The next offering this spring is Ethical Issues in Aging and Dying, a workshop for the elderly and their children, with presentations from Rev. Richard Kallaway of New Bedford, MA and Dean Spencer Lavan of Meadville/Lombard. It will be held Saturday, Feb. 25th, from 9 AM to 5 PM at Meadville/Lombard, 5701 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL. For further information, contact Meadville/Lombard at 312/753-3195 or the CMD office. Registration forms are also available from Anne Urbanski.

Visions And Values III Is Coming

Visions and Values III, Myths We Live By will be held on Saturday, May 6th, at the First Unitarian Church of Chicago, IL. The Rev. Alice Blair Wesley will present the keynote sermon during the morning worship service. Symposia and workshop topics relate to the varied roles of myths in our lives and our denomination. The afternoon service will feature the installation of Spencer Lavan as Dean of Meadville/Lombard Theological School. Watch for further information in later issues of Prairie Fire.

Roommate Wanted

Needed — a new non-smoking roommate to share Rachel Siegfried's home. There is a large bedroom with separate bath and dressing area. Kitchen facilities are shared. If you are interested, please call Rachel at 271-2173.

Answers to the Quiz:
The answers to the G. A. Quiz are as follows:
1. E 2. C 3. D

The members of Prairie Unitarian-Universalist Society invite you to join us as we remember our past, enjoy our present, and look forward to our future together.

Please help us celebrate the rededication of our parish meeting house on Sunday, February 19, 1989.

Rededication Service — 10:00 AM
Open house — 12:00 N — 2:00 PM

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Madison, WI 52711
608 / 271-8218

The open house will feature slides and photographs of current and former members and a variety of Prairie activities taken during our 21 years as a congregation.

Light refreshments will be served.

Our remodeled meeting house is now handicapped-accessible.