DEADLINE for the NEXT
PRAIRIE FIRE will be SUN-
DAY, April 2nd. Submit
notices for the period April
6th - April 20th.

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 23
12:00 N - CHANNING-MURRAY
STUDENT LUNCH in the
Memorial Union. Look for
Unitarian Student Group on
"Today In The Union".

Sunday March 26
10:00 AM - EASTER SUNDAY
INTERGENERATIONAL
SERVICE, followed by a
POTLUCK DINNER.

Monday, March 27
7:30 PM - PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS
AT THE MEETINGHOUSE.
All members welcome to
attend.

Thursday, March 30
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

MEETS at the meeting-
house. All interested
persons are encouraged to
attend.

Sunday April 2
10:00 AM - "FUNDAMENTAL
CHANGES" with Lay
Minister Jack Jallings
continues with John
Ohliger, director of Basic
Choices, Inc., speaking on
the subject "If Learning
Never Ends, Does Living
Ever End?".
11:30 AM - R.E. Coffee for Pre-School
Parents, in the R.E. area
downstairs.

Thursday, April 6
12:00 N - CHANNING-MURRAY
STUDENT LUNCH in the
Memorial Union. Look for
Unitarian Student Group on
"Today In The Union".

Saturday, April 8
8:00 AM - Bus trip to the Field
Museum in Chicago. Note
Extended Deadline! Reser-
vations are due by March
29th (see related story).

Sunday April 9
10:00 AM - "FUNDAMENTAL
CHANGES" with Lay
Minister Jack Jallings
continues with guest Dianne
Greenley who will speak of
the fundamental changes
needed in programs for
persons with disabilities.
11:30 AM - Special Parish Meeting to
consider renting to Sunrise
School Daycare.
4:30 PM - Memorial Service for John
Dorney, Followed by a
POTLUCK SUPPER. (See
related notice inside)

Thursday, April 13
12:00 N - CHANNING-MURRAY
STUDENT LUNCH in the
Memorial Union. Look for
Unitarian Student Group on
"Today In The Union".

Friday, April 14
5:30 PM - Ethnic Dinner Circle will
meet at the Essen Haus
514. E Wilson Street. Don't
forget to call Pat Watkins at
262-7960 to
make your
reservation before 4:30 PM
on April 12th.

Sunday, April 23
Spring Parish Meeting and Elections
This is World Children's Day. (See
related story)

Saturday, April 29
2:30 PM - A BUS TRIP TO THE
MILWAUKEE REPER-
ATORY THEATER for Sean
O'Casey's Juno and
the Paycock. Reservations are
due by Friday, March 24th
(See related story).
News And Views

Prairie Directories
Available At Last
The 1989 Directories are now out and available at the meetinghouse. Our heartfelt thanks to Lee and Alice Bullen for the wonderful work they did and their donation of their time. Thanks also to Dick Bonser, Anne Urbanski, Allan Nettleton, and the membership committee for their help.

- Sharon Scattish

Photos Missing!
Photos loaned to Prairie by Mary Mullen and Erin Bosch for the Rededication Open House are missing. If you have any idea where they may have been taken or stored, please call Sharon Scattish at 437-5915.

Parish Poll
Forms for voting on the 1989 Parish Poll were distributed at Prairie on Sunday, March 19. Additional forms will be available at the service on March 26th for members who have not yet picked up a ballot. The forms are designed so that all persons in a family or “pledging unit” who are members can vote on the same form.

This year, the forms DO NOT contain a summary of the text of the resolutions. Instead, members should consult the March/April 1989 issue of the UU WORLD, which contains the complete text of all the resolutions on pages 24-28. We will vote on whether to include resolutions on these topics on the Final Agenda for the G.A.

G-1 Ending Covert Operations
G-2 Expanding Concern for Animals
G-3 Inner City Youth
G-4 Need for Adequate Income
G-5 Palestinian Human Rights
G-6 Protecting Our Children by Limiting Population Growth
G-7 Strengthening the United Nations
G-8 Stronger Sanctions Against Apartheid

The following business resolutions will also be considered:
Denominational Survey on the direction of the UUA Dept. for Social Justice
Location of UUA headquarters
Supporting Proposals of the Common Vision Planning Committee (re: homophobia and heterosexism in UU)

A box will be placed in the meeting room on March 26 and April 2nd for collecting parish poll forms. Please bring your parish poll, with your preferences marked, to Prairie by April 2nd. If you can’t bring the form to Prairie, please mail it to Anne Urbanski, 4629 Crescent Rd., Madison, WI 53711. She must receive them no later than April 5th.

Ethnic Dinner Circle
The Ethnic Dinner Circle will meet at 5:30 PM on Friday, April 14, at the Essen Haus, 514 E. Wilson Street. Save this date and plan to join us for an evening of German food and gemütlichkeit. Don’t forget to call Pat Watkins at 262-7960 (days) before 4:30 PM on April 12th to make your reservation.

Special Parish Meeting Called
As prescribed by Prairie’s By-Laws, a Parish Business Meeting must be called

Memorial Service for John Dorney
John Gardner Dorney, son of Rosemary Dorney and stepson of Timothy Fast, died March 3, 1989, while vacationing in Thailand. A celebration of John’s life will take place at Prairie on Sunday afternoon, April 9, at 4:30.

John was born in Madison, lived for several years in Chicago and then returned to Madison where he attended Hoyt and Van Hise Elementary Schools, West and Malcolm Shabazz High Schools. John participated in Unitarian–Universalist religious education programs from age 4–15. Many Prairie members taught him, and many Prairie youth were his classmates.

All his life John loved music and chess. He was an avid chess player and veteran of many tournaments. He had performed with various rock/pop groups since age 12 and often wrote the music he sang.

John died in a household accident in Bangkok. He would have been 28 on June first.

We hope many of you will be able to join us in celebrating John’s life and saying farewell to him on April 9th. A potluck supper will follow the memorial service. We would especially appreciate, before that time, hearing from any of you who have slides or pictures of John, or any special memories that we could include in the service.

- Rosemary and Tim

Rosemary and Tim can be reached at: 315 Hermosa Drive N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87108
Phone # 505/260-0788

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Field Museum

This event is a General Fund fundraiser. The bus will leave Madison at 8:00 AM on April 8th from the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot. There will be a lunch stop at 11:15 at Water Tower Place, with two hours free time for shopping or what have you. The next stop will be the Field Museum, which has recently opened a new permanent two story exhibit en-titled inside ancient egypt. This exhibit has received excellent reviews. The centerpiece of the exhibit is the reconstruction of the 2400 BC tomb of Unisankh, son of a Fifth Dynasty Pharaoh. Part of the exhibit will show the evolution of the mummification process. The exhibit includes about 1400 art objects and artifacts of the period. We’ll leave Chicago at 4:30 PM, make a brief snack stop, and arrive back in Madison at 7:45 PM. The price of $30.00 includes transportation and entrance to the museum. This trip is far from filled up - if we do not have a break-even number of reservations by March 29th, the trip will have to be cancelled.

Theater Trip

If you enjoy good theater, plan to join the “Prairie Playreaders” on Saturday, April 29th, for a Theater Bus Trip to the Milwaukee Repertory Theater production of Juno and the Paycock. Sean O’Casey’s masterful representation of the heartache and pain engendered by the fervent patriotism of early 20th century Ireland. It is a story set in the past; but, still, apropos of this “modern” age. We will leave Madison at 2:30 PM and return at approximately 11:00 PM. The price of $16 includes bus fare and theater ticket only. After the show, we will stop at Fuddruckers (next to the Brookfield Mall), a restaurant known for its steaks, burgers, and salad bar, for dinner. Dinner will be on your own. You must sign up for this trip no later than Friday, March 24th.

Payment for the Field Museum Trip must be received no later than March 29th. Make checks payable to Prairie U.U. Society and mail them to Pat Cautley, 4805 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53705. If you sign up after March 12, please call Pat at 238-5373 to verify seat availability for the trip you are interested in. Pat will also be able to provide any additional information you want about either trip. Reservations will be confirmed and all necessary information about either trip will be sent with your receipt.

Call for Lay Ministers

Do you want to bring your ideas to Prairie as a lay minister? If so, the committee on Committees would like to hear from you. Call Rick Ruecking, Cinda LaMar, Fredricka Schilling, or Malcolm Williamson and tell them what you’d like to do. It is not necessary to have a proposal for three months of services. This year’s split lay ministry worked out pretty well. Ask any past lay minister. Those who can say “I did that” -also say “I’m glad I did that!”

Call for Agenda Items

It’s been an eventful year at Prairie and now that we’re finally back into a functioning building, it’s time to turn our thoughts to the ordinary but just as important future of Prairie — the regular Spring Business Meeting.

This is an invitation to all members to submit items for the agenda of the parish meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 23, 1989, at 1:00 PM. Normal items for this meeting are the election of officers, the election of Committee on Committee members, the election of GA delegates, and the presentation of lay minister proposals for the coming year. Any item you want discussed at the meeting must be submitted in writing to President Mary Mullen or Secretary Norma Briggs. All items should be submitted by Sunday morning, April 2nd to comply with our bylaws. Items submitted will be printed in the Prairie Fire as part of the meeting notice.

Fundraising Bus Trips Scheduled

There is still plenty of space on both bus trips. We have been able to extend the deadline for one of them a few days to allow more people to sign up.

At this point, the sentiment of the Board is very favorable toward rental.
Joining Prairie, are welcome to attend.

April 3rd, 10th, and 17th. The first session will focus on Prairie's history, program offerings, etc. All programs will start at 7:30 PM. All new members, or anyone considering joining Prairie, are welcome to attend. If you need directions to get to any session, call Anne. If you are coming, please call a few days in advance so we can know how many people to expect at each session.

Locations are as follows:
April 3rd, 10th — Anne Urbanski’s house, 4629 Crescent Rd. (271-1349)
April 17 — Rachel Siegfried’s house, 5209 Tolman Terrace (271-2173)

Spanish Speakers Potluck
The Spanish Speakers group (mostly Prairie folk) will meet on Sunday, April 16 at 7:00 PM at Orton Grays. Please call 273-4041 if you need directions.

Celebrate Passover
With a Seder
The Seder is the traditional Passover meal for those of the Jewish faith. Passover this year comes on Wednesday, April 19th. If you are interested in taking part in such a celebration, please call either Shirley Grindrod (238-4422) or Arline Ferguson (249-7075). If there is enough interest, a Seder will be organized at Prairie that evening.

New/Prospective Member Orientation
Every year (more or less) Prairie holds orientation sessions to acquaint new and prospective members of Prairie with the society in particular and with Unitarian—Universalism in general.

The next Orientation Series will take place on three consecutive Mondays — April 3rd, 10th, and 17th. The first session will exercises to explore your religious background, sort of “where you came from and how you got to Prairie.” The second session will feature general discussion of UUA principles and a brief history of the denomination. The third session will focus on Prairie’s history, program offerings, etc. All programs will start at 7:30 PM. All new members, or anyone considering joining Prairie, are welcome to attend. If you need directions to get to any session, call Anne. If you are coming, please call a few days in advance so we can know how many people to expect at each session.

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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’ under Unitarian Student Group. Drop in for the Wednesday night dinners at Headliners Food Court on University Ave. or at Pizza Pit near MASCO on University Ave. We meet at 6:00 PM and are usually done by 7:00 or 7:30. We’ll be alternating between the two places for a while, and the March 22nd dinner will be at Headliners. The location for the March 29th dinner will be Pizza Pit and we’ll be back at Headliners on April 5th.

Channing-Murray will be presenting two worship services at First Unitarian Society on Sunday, April 9th. The theme for these services is “Hope For The Flowers”.

Channing-Murray is planning a used book sale on April 15 at First Unitarian Society and they need your donation of good used books. Fiction usually sells well, particularly the ‘trashy novel’ sort. Please bring your donation to Prairie on any Sunday prior to the 15th or call Cinda LaMar at 238-9884 or at 233-9774 to make other arrangements.

R. E. CORNER
Preschool
The preschoolers have been welcoming spring throughout these weeks by focusing on eggs. They have discussed what hatches from eggs and have had fun with several egg based craft projects: dyeing eggs and making moasels with colored egg shells. After this focus on eggs, the children will continue to explore spring through plants, seeing how seeds grow and actually planting some seeds outside.

Note: The Parents coffee for this age group will be held downstairs at 11:30 on April 2nd.

Grades K-1-2
All different types of homes for all different types of beings are being explored. The children created a mural of animal homes and planted seeds. They also created wonderful creatures through decorating egg shells. They’ve also been practicing the song “Inch By Inch, Row By Row...” for singing at the Easter Intergenerational Service. When warm spring weather is finally with us, several walking field trips to look for signs of spring are planned, one in the neighborhood and another to the U. W. arboretum.

Grades 3-4-5
Hinduism has been the focus for this class. The students have made incense burners, seen slides of temples, and practiced yoga. The next religion to be explored will be Buddhism.

Y R U
Y R 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.

Our Y R 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!

SOCIAL ACTION ISSUES
Share With Our Neighbors
Now that Prairie is again open for business, we can again accept food donations for our needy neighbors. There are two families in our immediate neighborhood that need our help to be properly nourished. Please bring your donations on any Sunday and place them in the small room outside the Men’s room. During the week, you can...
drop off donations at Mary Mullin’s/ Fredricka Schilling’s home (call first). Perishable items can be donated as well as staples. Fredricka will see to it that perishables are delivered promptly. (Money is also an acceptable gift.)

Recycling
Prairie now has an account at Recycle Worlds, 2701 Packers Ave, 244-5451. You may take your recyclable items there. Before you get your recyclables weighed, tell them to put the money in the “Prairie Society” account. They will give you a receipt so you can claim your donation to Prairie on your taxes. They are open M-F 9-5:30; Sat 8-4 and Sun 11-4.
You can also bring your recyclables to Prairie. The collection containers for glass and aluminum have a temporary home in the downstairs entryway. If you have more than will fit in the containers, or items other than glass and aluminum, please contact either me or Ken to make a direct transfer from your car to ours after the service.
Judy Skog

World Children’s Day
April 23rd is World Children’s Day. In conjunction with this, Discovery Toys is selling interactive kites (you create your own design) for $2.25 of which $1.00 will be donated to UNICEF. After Prairie on that day, we will probably go to the park to fly them. I have to pre-order them in lots of 10, so if you are interested or know of any groups that would be interested, please contact me at 249-7075 by March 20th.
Arline Ferguson

Help the Visually Impaired
Volunteer Braillists, Inc. will again be offering a six-month course in the transcription of print into Braille. We urge you to consider this worthwhile community service. If you are interested in this or other services for the visually impaired, please contact Gail Yu at our offices (233-0222) from 9 AM to noon or call Betty Oakley at 233-7780.

Easter Food Drive Scheduled
An Easter food drive will be held the weekend of March 24, 25, and 26th. Our church and Dane County Kohl’s Food Stores are serving as collection points for non-perishable food items. The food drive will help more than 60,000 families and individuals throughout Dane County. This year there is a great need for canned fruits, vegetables, and meat in a can items. Please donate whatever you can and help make this Easter special for everyone!

Para-military Organization Seeks Recruits
The Community Action Commission has received a grant to start up three Boy Scout Troops in Madison—the choice of sites depends on resident response. All fees (including a one-week summer camp fee) and uniforms will be provided. Scout Masters will receive a stipend of $25 a month. If interested, please call Mary Kasparek at CAC, 266-9720, by March 31st.

Cancer Society Needs Volunteers
The American Cancer Society is seeking new members for its Road to Recovery Program. This is a group of volunteers who drive cancer patients in Madison and Dane County to and from medical facilities for life-saving treatments. The schedules are flexible. If you have a car and can spare as little as one morning or afternoon a month to help somebody along the road to recovery, call the local American Cancer Society office at 249-0210.

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.

1989 General Assembly
The 1989 General Assembly will be held from June 22 to June 27 at New Haven, CT, on the campus of Yale University. Prairie is permitted to send two voting delegates to GA. So far, two members have expressed an interest in attending either as visitors or as delegates—Cinda LaMar and Arline Ferguson. The annual Ware Lecture will be delivered by ethicist Sissela Bok, author of Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life. The Service of the Living Tradition will, for the first time in its history, be co-led. The sermon will be given by the Revs. Harry and Judith Hoehler, ministers at First Parish in Weston, MA. Professor

ME?

Miscellany

They’re Having a Ball!
The Madison Scottish Country Dancers will hold their 12th Annual formal dinner and ball at the UW Memorial Union on Saturday, April 1. Alasdair Fraser, master Scottish fiddler, will play for the Ball accompanied by Prairie’s own Mike Briggs on the piano. Contact Mike or Norma Briggs for information or tickets. Spectators are welcome!
Robert Kegan, an educator at Harvard University, will give this year's Sophia Fahs Lecture.

Help Wanted
Prairie Society needs a Janitor! The job is 4 hours per week at $7.00 per hour. The job is available now through July 1, 1989, with a possibility of an extension at that time. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, have them call Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173.

Until someone is hired for this job, we need volunteers to clean the building. Two or three people per week should be able to take care of the essentials in an hour or so.

Inner Peace...
The following comes to us courtesy of Barb Bailly, a Prairie Expatriate now living in Wheeling, IL. It was published in the North Shore Unitarian Beacon.

Symptoms of Inner Peace
Tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than from fear based on past experiences.
An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
Loss of interest in judging other people.
Loss of interest in judging self.
Loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
Loss of interest in conflict.
Loss of ability to worry. (A very serious symptom.)
Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
Frequent attacks of sailing through the eyes from the heart.
Increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
Increased susceptibility to love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend love.

If you have all or even most of the above symptoms, please be advised that your condition of PEACE may be so far advanced as not to be curable! If you are exposed to anyone exhibiting several of these symptoms, remain exposed at your own risk. This condition of PEACE is probably in its infectious stage.

Midwest Leadership School
The annual Midwest Leadership School, sponsored by Central Midwest District, will again be held at Beloit College from July 8th to 15th. The school has been highly acclaimed by all who have attended, many of whom now serve on the Planning Committee. There are two fees for the training session—a Society fee of $75.00 and a personal fee of $350.00. The Society fee entitles us to send three participants and helps to cover administrative costs. The individual fee covers tuition, meals, room, and all supplies. (Don't push folks—the line forms on the right.)

(Ed. note—I won't be able to go to leadership school this year due to prior commitments, but I will graciously accept any and all contributions toward next year's fees and expenses and save them up until registration time!)