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DEADLINE for the NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE will be SUN-
DAY, April 16th. Submit no-
ices for the period April
20th – May 4th.

CALENDAR

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

Friday, April 7
The YAC Spring Meeting will be held
April 7–9 at First Unitarian
Society.

Saturday, April 8
8:00 AM – BUS TRIP TO THE FIELD
MUSEUM IN CHICAGO.

Sunday April 9
10:00 AM – "FUNDAMENTAL
CHANGES" with Lay
Minister Jack Jallings
continues with guest Prof.
Daniel Wilder of the
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, who will speak on
"The Ethics of Rationing
Health Care in the United
States". Dr. Wilder is
currently involved in the UW
Medical School Medical
Ethics program and in the
UW Dept. of Philosophy.
11:30 AM – PARISH MEETING to
consider the Sunrise
School Daycare proposal.
A Quorum of 30 members is
essential for this meeting.
2:00 PM – PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS –
to act on the decision of the
parish meeting.
4:30 PM – Memorial Service for John
Dorney, Followed by a
POTLUCK SUPPER.

Tuesday, April 11
7:30 PM – Adult Orientation Meeting
at Anne Urbanski’s, 4629
Crescent Rd. (271-1349),
NOTE CHANGE OF
DATE!

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
for a reservation before 4:30
PM on April 12th.

Saturday, April 15
7:30 PM – The PRAIRIE PLAYREAD-
ERS will meet at the home
of Pat Watkins, 2419
Norwood Drive, to read
"Juno and the Paycock" in
preparation for the Theater
Trip on the 29th. Please call
Pat at 262-7960 (days) if
you plan to attend.

Sunday, April 16
10:00 AM – INTRODUCING AM-
NESTY INTERNATIONAL,
with speaker Sue Hensel,
coordinated by Lee Bullen.

Monday, April 17
7:30 PM – Adult Orientation at
Rachel Siegfried’s house,
5209 Tolman Terrace
(271-2173)

Tuesday, April 18
7:30 PM – PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS
at Prairie.

Thursday, April 20
12:00 N – CHANNING-MURRAY
STUDENT LUNCH in the
Memorial Union. Look for
Unitarian Student Group on
“Today In The Union”.

Sunday, April 23
12:00 N – POTLUCK DINNER,
everyone invited!
1:00 PM – Spring Parish Meeting
and Elections, a Quorum of 30 persons is essential. Child Care Provided! (see agenda, etc. in this issue).
This is World Children’s Day. (See related story)

Thursday, April 27
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. Topics to be discussed include summer programs. (See related story)

Saturday, April 29
2:30 PM – A BUS TRIP TO THE MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATER for Sean O’Casey’s Juno and the Paycock. Reservations are due Sunday, April 9, by 5:00 PM. (See related story)

Monday, May 22
7:30 PM – JOINT MEETING OF THE OLD AND NEW PRAIRIE BOARD, at Prairie.

Announcement Policy...
There have been complaints that announcements have been taking an increasing amount of time on successive Sunday mornings. Please keep your announcements as short as possible, preferably confine them to Prairie business or activities, and best of all just have them printed in the Prairie Fire. —Warren Hagstrom

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 if 10 members request it. A petition has been received and the meeting has been set for 11:30 AM on Sunday, April 9th, right after the regular morning service.

The meeting was requested, in the words of the petition, “to allow members to discuss and vote upon whether we shall rent the building to Sunrise School.” If tentative plans to construct a storage space on the stage in the alcove are ready, this item will also be up for discussion. Thirty members are required to make a quorum. Childcare will be provided.

Following the meeting, the Prairie Board will meet to act on the decision of the membership.

All members and friends are cordially invited to the April 9th Parish meeting, although only members may vote at the meeting.

Theater Bus Trip
Good News! Although the Milwaukee Repertory Theater originally required our tickets to Juno and the Paycock be totally paid for by March 29th, when they found out that we had signed up only sixteen people, thereby losing our discount and also losing money on our trip, they agreed to hold, without obligation on our part, ten additional tickets until April 10th. The sale of these ten tickets would re-instate our discount and allow us to break even. For the best entertainment in town, climb aboard our theater bus on Saturday, April 29th. $16 buys your seat in the theater and on the bus. Call or see Pat Watkins or Pat Cautley by Monday, April 9th.

Childcare will be provided for the meeting and a Prairie folk will meet on Sunday, April 9th.

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 April 3rd, 11th, 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
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1. Call to order.
2. Approval of minutes of the Nov. 13, 1988 and April 9, 1989 parish meetings.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Building Committees.
7. Election of new Prairie Board.
8. Election of 3 new Committee on Committees members.
9. Choose 2 delegates to General Assembly.
11. Presentation of plan for stage alcove storage construction.

**Board Nominations**

President: Jack Jallings
Vice President: Malcolm Williamson
Secretary: Norma Briggs
Treasurer: Barbara Park
R.E. Chair: Aileen Nettleton
Finance Chair: Pat Cautley
Program Chair: Julie Bonser
Social Action Chair: Judy Skog
Membership Chair: Anne Urbanski
Housing/Property Chair: Jean Matos
Long Range Png. Chair: Rick Ruecking
Denominational Affairs: Mona Birong

Diane has offered to match donations up to $500 for construction of the Prairie. We want to meet this challenge, so cough up some cash money so we can get started! Contact Diane Derouen (238-3766) or Rachel Siegfried (271-2173).

**Notice and Agenda for Annual Parish Meeting**

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**RE Teachers Needed for Next Year**

This is your chance to share in the growth of our Prairie children and their futures. If you enjoy children and would like to share you your The RE Committee is looking for two teachers for each age group for next fall: grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Groups range in size from 5-12 children per Sunday. Curriculum materials give a foundation for the program to which you can add your own creativity for active learning experiences. Team teaching allows you to plan together with another adult, as well as with the RE Director. It can be a very rewarding experience and a good way to get to know our kids. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Anne, RE Director, 244-7099, or any committee member: Ken Skog, Diane Derouen, Alice Bullen, Nancy Lynch, or Aileen Nettleton.

**Summer Program Ideas Sought**

We have no lay minister during the summer, but we do plan on meeting every Sunday. We hope to go on some outings but also to have services in the Meeting House about every other Sunday. The Program Committee seeks suggestions for programs and, even better, volunteers to lead them. If you have ideas for outings or for services at the Meeting House, give them to Warren Hagstrom or other members of this year’s Program Committee, or to the chair of next year’s committee when we know who that person is, or come to the meeting of the Program Committee on April 27.

**Prairie Landscaping**

Diane Derouen has found a graduate student in landscape architecture eager to design a prairie planting for us. The student, Lori Nelson, presented a first draft to a committee meeting March 27th. It is a very exciting plan and includes ideas for the remainder of our site as well as the prairie garden. We hope to present the plans at our regular Sunday meeting on May 14th.

The next meeting of the committee will be at 7:30 PM, April 23rd at the Meeting House. Anyone interested in being on the committee is welcome.
The following comes from Pat Bowen, UU Minister and editor of "Connections, the Family Newsletter of the Church of the Larger Fellowship".

"Families are much maligned these days. We hear and read about ways in which the family is failing, and we feel that we can’t seem to do anything right. I suggest some ways we can recognize our successes, and appreciate that reality.

"Dolores Curran examined families and has written about TRAITS OF A HEALTHY FAMILY (Harper & Row) in which she reveals 15 traits that she expounds upon and confesses she has never worked with a family that exhibits all fifteen, including her own. So, this is not a test, but an opportunity to appreciate the traits you recognize in your own family. The healthy family:

- communicates and listens
- affirms and supports one another
- develops a sense of trust
- shares leisure time
- teaches a sense of right and wrong
- has a shared religious core
- values service to others
- fosters table time and conversation
- teaches respect for others
- has a sense of play and humor
- has a balance of interaction among members
- exhibits a sense of shared responsibility
- respects the privacy of one another
- admits to and seeks help with problems
- has a strong sense of family in which rituals and traditions abound"

Y R U U

Congratulations to Valerie Tremelat, from First Unitarian Society, who was elected the CMD Youth Representative on the CMD Executive Board. She also received a commendation and a place on the Youth Honor Roll at the UUA!

The YAC Spring Meeting will be held April 7-9 at First Unitarian Society. All Prairie youth are invited to take part.

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.

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!

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

UUSC Aids Hurricane Recovery

Nicaraguans are still reeling from the effects of Hurricane Joan, which caused almost $1 Billion in damage to the devastated Atlantic coast and to the nations agriculture, housing, and roads. The UUSC has already provided $10,000 in emergency aid to the hardest hit areas, but the U.S. Government has refused to send aid and other foreign relief efforts have fallen short of what is needed. Some coastal communities have been almost completely destroyed, and reconstruction has been hindered by the outbreak of flood induced malaria and dysentery.

UUSC remains committed to both short and long term assistance. Donations for Nicaragua may be sent to UUSC, 78 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Join the UUSC!

Hundreds of UU Congregations are setting aside a Sunday this spring for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee’s annual membership building event. UUSC’s work depends on direct, voluntary contributions, largely from UUs. UUSC receives no general support from the UUA. As part of the membership drive, UUSC members and friends organize dinners, slide talks, guest speakers, coffee hours, and similar events. Participants learn about UUSC’s work and are encouraged to support the Service Committee by becoming a member. Membership is
$25 per year ($10 for students & those over 65). Individual gifts of $50 or more are matched by the North Shore Unitarian Fellowship of Plandome, New York. Contact either Mary Mullen or Anne Urbanski for details on how to join the UUSC.

Miscellany

Dance in Worship Concert

A Master of Fine Arts Dance Concert entitled "Credence — A Concert of Dance in Worship" will be presented by Diane Rawlinson at St. Paul's Catholic Center on April 21 and 22 at 8:00 PM. Tickets are $4 (student/senior) and $5 (adult) in advance, $4.50 and $5.50 respectively on the day of the performance. Tickets may be purchased in person at St. Paul's or ordered prepaid from them at 723 State Street, Madison, WI 53703.

Sacred Dance Workshop

UW Extension is sponsoring a Sacred Dance Workshop featuring Carla De Sola, artistic director of Omega Liturgical Dance at St. John the Divine in New York City, to be held on April 22 at First Unitarian Society. The workshop is open to individuals at all levels of skill/training. For more information, contact Karen Cowan at UW Extension (263-8927).

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, author of "Myths of Time and History", will present the keynote sermon during the morning worship service. Symposia and workshop topics, such as "The Male Warrior Mythology" presented by Roger Backes of Madison, WI, relate to the varied roles of myths in our lives and our denomina-

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 Robert Kegan, of Harvard University, will give this year’s Sophia Fahs Lecture.

For Sale—Proseeds for Prairie Item

I have two tickets to "Sweeney Todd: the Demon Barber of Fleet Street", for the Saturday, April 22, performance at 8:00 PM in the Wisconsin Union Theater. The tickets are $7.00 each. Call Warren Hagstrom at 238-4970 if interested. (We bought two pairs by mistake).

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 supplies.

Homecomings—Bringing UUs Together

The Homecomings Bed and Breakfast Travel Directory is a guide to UU homes throughout the country that will provide bed and breakfast for UU travelers. The 1989 edition was published on March 15 and is available for $10.95 (US) from Homecomings, Box 1545, New Milford, Connecticut, 06776. The price includes postage and registered ID that identifies you to your UU hosts. Says one UU traveler, "It's like staying with old friends. I can't wait to go back again."