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12:00 N - CHANNING—MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on 'Today In The Union'.

Saturday, October 28
6:30 PM - CUUPS FESTIVAL OF SAMHAIN at Olin Park. Includes finger food potluck meal. Everyone invited and welcome!

Sunday, October 29
10:00 AM - "THE DEVIL IS THE SPIRIT OF GRAVITY—THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS FALL", by lay minister Warren Hagstrom.

Thursday, November 2
12:00 N - CHANNING—MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on 'Today In The Union'. The special guest will be Psychotherapist Hal Rosenberg.

Friday, November 3
7:30 PM - FRIDAY NIGHT VIDEO: "Exploring Psychic Space" at Prairie.

Saturday, November 4
6:00 PM - DINNER IS SERVED at the Prairie Auction.
6:45 PM - PREVIEW THE GOODIES to be auctioned off.
7:15 PM - AUCTION ACTION BEGINS! Don't Miss a Moment of the Fun!

Sunday, November 5
10:00 AM - "THE POLITICS OF ORIGINAL SIN", by lay minister Warren Hagstrom.

Monday, Nov. 6
7:00 PM - HISPANIC POTLUCK at the Prairie Meeting House. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, November 9
12:00 N - CHANNING—MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on 'Today In The Union'. Madison area CUUPS members will be the special guests. (see related story)
Is Your Pledge In?
If you have not been contacted about pledging to support Prairie, or if you have not yet returned your pledge form, please think carefully about the importance of Prairie to you. Prairie needs your financial support as well as your physical participation. Send in your pledge to the Finance Committee, c/o Pat Cautley, 4805 Regent St., Madison, WI 53705.

CUUPS to Celebrate Samhain
The Covenant of U U Pagans invites you to join them to celebrate Samhain, the end of the Celtic year — also known as Halloween — at Olin Park on Saturday, October 28th at 6:30 PM. The festival will include the pagan rituals of casting the circle, honoring the ancestors, confronting the shadow, leaping the fire, and sharing 'cakes and ale'. Please bring some finger food to share and whatever you like best to drink. For further information, call Rick at 256-6165.

The Spirit of Gravity—
The title for this service comes from Friedrich Nietzsche: "I would believe only in a god who could dance. And when I saw my devil I found him serious, thorough, profound, and solemn: it was the spirit of gravity — through him all things fall. Not by wrath does one kill but by laughter. Come, let us kill the spirit of gravity!"

I'll have a little to say about Salman Rushdie's The Satanic Verses, which follows Nietzsche's advice and applies it to Islam, among other things. Part of the program will be reserved for the favorite religious jokes of members of the congregation. Come prepared with your jokes, either one liners (like the one about crossing an atheist with a dyslexic) or shaggy god stories. —Warren Hagstrom

Friday Night Video
How do you feel about ESP, channeling, astrology, divining, psychic surgery, psychic spoon bending, psychic prediction of the future and other forms of paranormal behaviour?
Are these psychic phenomena genuine or are they largely figments of our imagination? How can we distinguish between authentic psychic occurrences and the fraudulent claims of tricksters like Uri Geller?

Come see "Exploring Psychic Space" on the first Friday evening, Nov. 3rd, at 7:30 PM at Prairie. Join in the discussion of this controversial but stimulating film.

Come join us at Friday Night Video. George Callen

November 4th — Our Big Auction
Be sure to come to Prairie on Saturday evening, November 4th, for our SPECIAL AUCTION of all kinds of treasures, artifacts, precious objects, and special services. This is a wonderful opportunity to do Christmas shopping, have some fun, and meet other people.

Bring your friends! Food at modest prices will be available at 6:00 PM. Come to preview the auction items at 6:45 PM so you can decide what you would like to bid for. The auction will begin at 7:15 PM.

There will be a DOOR PRIZE and we have also arranged for the services of Heloise, a talented astrologer who will tell your fortune!

If you are donating artifacts, treasures, craftworks, your labor, your skills, or whatever, please be sure to bring it to Prairie before the 6:45 PM preview time. If you cannot come on the evening of the 4th, Donna Murdoch would be glad to accept your special objects in advance. Call her at 238-0530.

...Original Sin
This program (Nov. 5th) will be based largely on Elaine Pagels' Adam, Eve and the Serpent, and we'll have a reading from the Garden of Eden story.

Hispanic Potluck
The next Hispanic potluck will be at the Prairie Meeting House on Monday, Nov. 6th, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. Orton Gray is our coordinator. Give him a call at 273-4041 and tell him what food you'd like to bring. Remember: no particular level of expertise in Spanish is required.

Fall Parish Meeting
The regular fall parish business meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12, at 1:00 PM following the morning service and a potluck dinner.

The agenda is as follows:
1. Approval of minutes.
2. Committee reports.
3. Election of Vice President and Denominational Affairs chairperson.

Nominations for Board Vacancies
Two vacant board positions will be filled by election at the fall parish meeting. The positions of Vice President and Denominational Affairs chairperson are open due to resignations. Persons interested in either position should contact a member of the nominating committee: Judy Skog, Al Nettleton, Tom Robinson, and Mary Mullen.

Help With the Nifty Gifty!
One of our annual events is the Nifty Gifty, at which our children have an opportunity to make gifts for family members using recycled materials as an alternative to commercial holiday shopping. This is an excellent opportunity for adults to share their talents and interests with children through a hands-on activity. This year the Nifty Gifty will be on Sunday morning, December 10th.

If you have an idea for a way to use recycled materials to make a 'nifty gift', or if you are interested in helping kids on a specific project, we need you! This includes both adults and high schoolers. Planning will begin soon. Please contact Anne Pryor (244-7099) or Michelle Honoré (837-0469) with your suggestions and offers of help.
Y R U U: Youth Groups

A number of Prairie young people are again a part of the Y R U U groups this fall. Erin Bosch is our Prairie advisor with the grade 7-8 group, which is meeting once or twice a month. Elizabeth Alexander, a member of Channing–Murray, is the advisor for Prairie for the high school group. They meet weekly on Sunday evenings at First Unitarian Society in the Annex.

All Prairie young people, grades 7-12, are invited to participate. If you have not received a mailing about the fall programs or want more information, please call Erin (238-6285), Elizabeth (221-7898), or Anne Pryor (244-7099). Our thanks to Erin and Elizabeth for their time and commitment to young U-Us.

Midwest U–Us to Gather in Rockford

More than 200 members of the sixty-nine U-U Societies and Fellowships in the Central Midwest District will be congregating in Rockford, IL on November 10-12 for the CMD Annual Meeting. Our congregation is entitled to be represented by delegates and an unlimited number of unofficial observers. In addition to the annual business meeting, a program has been planned to benefit the participants and the societies and fellowships of which they are members. There will be two keynote addresses on the theme of “Exploring the Frontier at the Doorstep of the Church” by the Rev. Loren Mead, an Episcopal minister who is president of The Alban Institute, an ecumenical research organization in Washington, D.C. There will also be twelve workshops addressing a variety of issues, a special program on the conflict in the Middle East, several worship services, a banquet and a record hop. Free home hospitality is available for the weekend as well as reasonably priced motel accommodations. Contact president Jack Jallings for programs and registration forms. Registration forms are due no later than Nov. 1.

Sophia Lyon Fahs is one of the prime contributors to Unitarian Universalist Religious Education philosophy, process, and curricula. Beginning in the late 1980's, Fahs influenced the direction of Unitarian and Universalist Religious Education through her belief in the importance of the process of learning, that how a thing is learned is just as important as what is learned. This accompanied her belief that free inquiry is the best way for children to discover a religion of their own.

Following are a few excerpts from Fahs’ foundational writings—ones especially pertinent to Prairie’s R. E. philosophy.

from A New Ministry to Children: "Religion is not like an old suit or dress that we cut down to fit the child. It should be something sincerely real in the child's thoughts and feelings. It should be a quality that develops naturally as the child's experiences expand and deepen."

from Today's Children and Yesterday's Heritage: "Instead of helping children on Sunday to think about 'religious things', we need to learn how to help children to think about ordinary things until insights and feelings are found which have a religious quality.

“Children should feel the Mystery of life before being told how it has been explained. Children should feel the wonder before being given the words to say it by. Children should feel a trust before being told that there is a God on whom they can depend. We believe in taking the young child's own questions at their true and deep worth. Who am I? What is everything about? We would recognize children's questions as their real childhood prayers – put into the language they know how to speak.”

—Anne Pryor
R. E. Director

1989—1990 R. E. Calendar

November '89
26th: Thanksgiving Intergenerational Service.

December '89
3rd: No War Toys Intergenerational Service.
10th: Nifty Gifty.
24th: YULE Intergenerational Service.
31st: No R. E. program

January '90
7th: Interim Session.
14th: Interim Session.
21st: Interim Session.

February '90
11th: Valentine's Intergenerational Service.

March '90
15th: Easter Intergenerational Service.

April '90
13th: Last day for R. E. this season.
20th: Transitions Intergenerational Service.

May '90
Channing–Murray, the University of Wisconsin Student Unitarian – Universalist group, meets every Thursday at noon. Wednesday evening dinner meetings will be held at the Headliners Food Court next to Kinko's on University Avenue at 6 PM. There's plenty of room for our group and we have a very relaxing and enjoyable time. We're usually done by 7:00 PM.
In the Human Race, among the same 142 countries the U.S. ranks:

- 16th in the percent of women in total university enrollment.
- 18th in infant mortality rate per 1000 live births.
- 18th in population per physician.
- 5th in Gross National Product per capita.
- 8th in public health expenditures per capita.
- 5th in the literacy rate of the adult population.
- 6th in life expectancy.
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In the Arms Race, among 142 countries the U.S. ranks:

- 1st in nuclear warheads and bombs.
- 1st in military technology.
- 1st in military bases worldwide.
- 1st in military training of foreign forces.
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Guest speakers at the noon lunches will be psychotherapist Hal Rosenberg on November 2nd and members of CUUPs (Covenant of U-U Pagans) in the Madison area on November 9th.

Social Action

Red Cross Donation
Nets $79!
The Social Action Committee collected $79 for disaster relief for the American Red Cross on Sunday, Oct. 22nd. This will help to finance the relief for earthquake victims in the San Francisco area.

Arms Race vs. Human Race
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- 142nd in university enrollment.

Share With Our Neighbors
There are two families in our immediate neighborhood that need our help to be properly nourished. One family is a single mother with 4 children (2 have now moved away from home). She works 50 hours a week in a dry cleaning store but her wages are low. Her rent and utilities come to $500 per month for a very modest 2 bedroom apartment. With nearly half of her salary going to housing, you can imagine how difficult it is to keep up with the grocery bills. The other family is a single father with one child. He has been unemployed or underemployed for over 2 years. He is at risk of losing his house, not to mention having trouble putting food on the table. Please bring your donations on any Sunday and place them in the small room outside the Men's room. If you have food and the Meeting House isn't open, or if you have fresh or frozen food, please call Fredericks Schilling (271-5192). She will take it to the families.

UNICEF Cards Available at Prairie
Beginning Sunday, October 29th, UNICEF Christmas cards will be available at Prairie, both for sale and for ordering in case we run out of the kind you want.

All of the money paid for these cards goes directly to UNICEF, which has a very extensive program to help the world's children - teaching mothers how to prevent dehydration due to diarrhoea, immunizing children against communicable diseases, helping establish clean water supplies, and many other services.

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Looking Ahead—
November 10-12 CMD Annual Meeting, in Rockford, IL, Registration due by Nov. 1, 1989.

Address Change
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Please update your directory with this information.

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