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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, March 11. Submit items for March 15–March 29, 1990.

Sunday, March 11

Thursday, March 15
12:00 N – CHANNING MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on 'Today In The Union'.

Saturday, March 17
CUUPS Equinox Celebration, location to be announced.

Sunday, March 18
10:00 AM – To be announced.

Thursday, March 22
12:00 N – CHANNING MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on 'Today In The Union'.

Sunday, March 25
10:00 AM – To be announced.
10:00 AM – TEACHERS' DAY OFF—INTERIM-STYLE WORKSHOPS replace regular classes today only.

Thursday, March 29
12:00 N – CHANNING MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian

...As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world and with one another. PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION
Clean Up Volunteers
The following people have signed up to wash coffee cups, pots, etc. after Sunday services:

Mar. 4: Donna Murdoch & Frank Itlis
Mar. 11: Jack & Betty Jallings
Mar. 18: David Ogren & Maria Hansa
Mar. 25: ?? & ??
Apr. 1: Al Nettleton & ??

Spanish Speakers' Potluck
On Monday, March 5th, Prairie Spanish Speakers will hold their monthly potluck at 7:00 PM at the meetinghouse. This group meets to share a meal and practice whatever degree of Spanish those who attend can offer. It’s quite a variety! So come and check us out. We find the more we do it, the more secure our Spanish becomes and the more comfortable we are with one another. If you can, bring a dish to share. Call Orton Gray at 273-4041 and tell him what you’ll bring.

CUUPS Chapter to Meet
The next meeting of the Madison CUUPS chapter, which is co-sponsored by Prairie and First Society, will be held on Sunday, Mar. 4th at 2:00 PM at Linda Ellen’s house, 2611 Chamberlain Ave. This is a planning session for upcoming social and celebratory occasions and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Orientation Meetings Scheduled
There will be a series of orientation meetings held in March for new Prairie members, people considering joining, and anyone else interested. The meetings will take place on three consecutive Wednesdays in March—the 7th, 14th, and 21st—beginning at 7:00 PM. Please call Anne Urbanski (258-8269) if you plan to attend. The topics will be:

- March 7: Exploration of our religious background (how you got to Prairie).
- March 14: A brief history of Unitarian-Universalism.
- March 21: Everything you wanted to know about Prairie but were afraid to ask...

The location will be either at Anne’s home or at Prairie, depending on the number of persons wanting to take part.

Call for Agenda Items
The annual spring Parish Meeting will be held at Prairie on Sunday, April 1st, at 1:00 PM following the morning service and a potluck lunch. A quorum of thirty members is needed. Any members who wish to submit agenda items are strongly encouraged to do so. These must be presented to the Prairie Board in time for its next meeting on Monday, March 26th. Items of business may include but are not limited to: budgets, elections, appointments, revisions to the By-Laws, committee reports, and resolutions dealing with social issues.

GA Is On The Way!
The 1990 General Assembly will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and hundreds of volunteers are needed for a wide variety of jobs. Some people have already volunteered, but many more are needed. The volunteer coordinator for the GA is Irene Sanderson, 5005 North Palisades Road, Milwaukee, WI 53217. Prairie will soon be receiving a local volunteer packet to facilitate this task. If you are interested in volunteering, call President Jack Jallings (835-3746) and let him know.

Volunteers actually working at the GA will, depending on the time they put in, receive either free registration or half price registration. Those who have gone to a General Assembly have all reported that it is a wonderful experience. This may be our best chance to attend at an affordable price, so why not volunteer today?

A Warm Welcome!
The following individuals have taken the plunge and joined the Prairie family! Please add their names to your directory or change their status from friend to member.

- Cindy Haq and Bob Lawrence
  2886 Stony Ridge Circle
  Verona, WI 53593
  Phone: 845-8005

- James Vink
  930 St. James Circle
  Platteville, WI 53818
  Phone: 608/348-4868

- Kevin & Sandy Hopkins
  6198 Verona Road
  Madison, WI 53719
  Phone: 273-8762

- JoAnne Seckman
  524 S. Page Street
  Stoughton, WI 53589
  Phone: 608/873-6209

- Mike & Linda Sheehy
  629 Piper Drive
  Madison, WI 53711
  Phone: 273-3895

Absent Friends...
Prairie member Malcolm Williamson writes from San Diego that he has bought a house after living in a motel for three months. He and Danielle have moved in and almost all of the cardboard boxes are unpacked, he reports. He said they'd tried the main U-U church but found it too large and formal. He's joined a smaller, start-up group called the U-U Chalice Church, which has about 20 members and meets in a local school. It "feels a lot more like Prairie", he says. He and Danielle send their best wishes to all. Their new address is:

Malcolm Williamson
& Danielle Wellander
6321 Mt. Ainsworth Court
San Diego, CA 92111-3220

Prairie members David and Marcia Johnson, who joined the Peace Corps last fall, have finished training and are settling down in the small town of Santani in Paraguay. Their home is pretty much like a camp, with no glass or screens in the windows. They sleep under mosquito netting. No project materials or expenses are provided by the Peace Corps, just their living allowances. They have to scrounge whatever they can to meet the needs. The next issue of the Prairie Fire will have a longer article outlining their needs and how to send them useful materials without subjecting them to import duties. Their present address is:

David and Marcia Johnson
Calle de Francia #860
Santani, Paraguay
South America.
Channing–Murray, the University of Wisconsin Unitarian-Universalist Student group, meets every Thursday at noon. Informal Wednesday evening dinner meetings are held at the Headliners Food Court next to Kinko’s on University Avenue at 6:00 PM. There’s plenty of room and we have a very relaxing and enjoyable time. We’re usually done by 7:00 PM.

Channing–Murray worship services will be held at Prairie on March 4th and at First Society on March 11th. All C-M members are urged to take part. The theme of the services will be “Transylvania and Back: A Journey of Religious Freedom.” The service will be a musical and philosophical examination of our historical connection to Transylvania and Eastern Europe and a celebration of recent progress toward religious freedom in those areas.

The Past Two Weeks in:

Preschool...
With typically low adult-child ratio (this week, 1:1), Anna Nettleton worked with Meredith Thompson on creating a paper fish pond, followed by the playing of some favorite games.

K-1-2...
Continuing to focus on the diversity of Americans in their ethnic heritage, Dean Schroeder led this group in locating different countries on the globe, following along with a Raffi song. They read the story Molly’s Pilgrim, focusing on contemporary immigrants. Then they focused on Italy, learning how to order ice cream in Italian, and ended with making their own pasta.

3-4-5...
After having investigated U-U principles last semester, this group is now seeing how different Unitarian-Universalists have applied these principles in their lives. Sharon Scrathtih led the focus on Whitney Young Jr. and discussed some political and social issues pertinent to African-Americans today. They ended by making posters and buttons about such concerns.

6-7-8...
Peg Stevenson showed the film “People of Preservation” to this group. The film focused on the beliefs and practices of the Amish, and was followed by a discussion: would they like to live in that way (maybe for a while), should curuches and families be able to prevent their children from getting beyond an 8th grade education (“that’s a funny thing to do” or “that’s all they need to know for their lives”).

Looking Ahead–
March 17: Feminist Theology Symposium, First Unitarian Church, Chicago.
April 21: Brother Spirituality Symposium, First Unitarian Church, Chicago.
April 21: CMD Men’s Group retreat Vitalizing Connections: Our Lives as Men in the 90’s, The Lakeside Center, Crystal Lake, IL.
April 20–25: WOMANQUEST: U U Women’s Convocation, Lake Geneva, WI.
May 12: CMD conference on Visions & Values IV — Searching For The Sacred, Hinsdale Unitarian Church, Hinsdale, IL.
June 21–26: SOUND THE CHORUS OF FAITH: UUA General Assembly, Milwaukee, WI.
July 14-20: UU Bayside Camp: Around the World in 80 Ways, on Lake Geneva at Williams Bay, WI.

Desperately Seeking Disney...
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UW Sponsors
Parenting Classes
The UW-Madison School of Social Work is accepting registration for classes on parenting challenging children ages 5–11. The groups will start in March and will meet for 2 hours one evening per week for 8 weeks. A number of strategies for dealing with acting out may be demonstrated and practiced in the group, such as: time out, Grandmas’s rule, limit setting, making appropriate behavior worthwhile, and giving clear commands.

Many of these strategies may already be familiar, while others may be new. No one approach is sufficient. Through discussion, problem-solving, and practice, parents can improve their abilities to cope with and manage their children’s aggressive behavior.

There is a $20 fee for materials and a $20 refundable deposit. Fees are on a sliding scale for those with limited ability to pay. Pre-registration is required. If you are interested in learning more about these groups or would like to register, call Randy Magen at 608/263–6388.

SOCIAL ACTION

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

March 3-4:
EQW: Equality of WOrking Women of the USA, Inc.
March 29-30: UUA First Unitarian Church, Hinsdale, IL.
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