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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, April 8. Submit items for April 12–26, 1990.

Friday, April 6
7:00 PM
FRIDAY NIGHT VIDEO: The Truth About Lies. (see related story)
YOUTH GROUP OVERNIGHT: a joint Prairie/First Society youth group event.

Sunday, April 8
10:00 AM
WINDOW FROM THE WEST: A foreigner’s view of Japan. Peg Stevenson will share some views of Japan today based on her recent experience in Japan as a Visiting Researcher. (see related story)

Thursday, April 12
12:00 N
CHANNING MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on ‘Today In The Union’.

Sunday, April 15
10:00 AM

Monday, April 16
7:30 PM
PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets at the meetinghouse.

Thursday, April 19
12:00 N
CHANNING MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on ‘Today In The Union’.

Saturday, April 21
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Al and Aileen Netleton. The play is to be announced.

Sunday, April 22
10:00 AM

Monday, April 23
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING at the meetinghouse.

Thursday, April 26
12:00 N
CHANNING MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on ‘Today In The Union’.

Sunday, April 29
10:00 AM
To be announced.

Channing–Murray students are especially invited to join us at Prairie for Sunday Service and coffee. Rides can be arranged!

...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
Volunteers Clean Up
The following people have signed up to wash coffee cups, pots, etc. after Sunday services:
Apr. 1: Rachel Siegfried & ??
Apr. 8: ?? & ??
Apr. 15: Carol Fishbaugh & Andrea Lawrence

Greeters Needed!
The Membership Committee needs a few friendly, outgoing people to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. You get to meet the most interesting people that way... Contact Anne Urbanski if you’d like to take a turn.

Call for Lay Ministers...
The Committee on Committees is still considering the Lay Ministries for 1990-91. Lay Ministers start beginning in September and lasting until the end of May. The job usually involves preparing around nine programs in a three month period with intergenerational programs. More than one person can share a lay ministry. It’s an exciting opportunity for expressing one’s interests, talents, and thoughts. If you would like to do a full or partial lay ministry, or even a single service, or if you have a topic you would like to see discussed, please contact one of these committee members:
Judy Skog 273-4813
Mary Mullen 271-5192
Al Nettleton 238-6053
Rachel Siegfried 271-2173
Tom Robinson 256-9090

Annual Meeting Notice and Agenda
The annual Spring Parish Meeting will be held at Prairie on Sunday, April 1, 1990 beginning at 1:00 PM following the morning service and a potluck lunch. A quorum of thirty members is needed.
Proposed Agenda:
I. Call to Order
II. Approval of Minutes from 11/12/89
III. Reports of Officers & Comm. Chairs
   A. Treasurer: Barbara Park
   B. Religious Education: Aileen Nettleton
   C. Finance: Patricia Cautley
D. Program: Julie Bonser
E. Membership: Anne Urbanski
F. Social Action: Judy Skog
G. Housing & Property: Al Nettleton
H. Denom. Affairs: Cinda LaMar
I. Long Range Ping: Rick Ruecking
J. President: Jack Jallings
IV. Other Reports
   A. Newsletter: Dick Bonser
   B. Sunrise School: Rachel Siegfried
   C. Cost analysis of Sunrise occupancy: Barb Park, Rick Ruecking, Mary Mullen
V. Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly, June 21-26, 1990
VI. Report of Comm. on Committees
   A. Election of Officers, etc.
      1. Comm. on Committees slate
      2. Nominations from the floor
   B. Election of new Committee members
   C. Recommendation of Lay Ministers
      1. Comm. on Committees report
      2. Recommendations from the floor
VII. Election of GA Delegates
VIII. Proposed bylaws committee

Board Nominations
President: Jack Jallings
Vice President: Bill Robbins
Secretary: Norma Briggs
Treasurer: Julie Bonser
R.E. Chair: Erin Bosch
Finance Chair: Pat Cautley
Program Chair: ??
Social Action Chair: Judy Skog
Membership Chair: Anne Urbanski
Housing/Property Chair: Jean Matos
Long Range Ping Chair: Dan Laux
Denominational Affairs Chair: Carol Fishbaugh

Special Notice to Spanish Speakers!
The monthly Spanish Speakers’ potluck supper will take place on the first Tuesday, not Monday, of April. Note also that the time will be 6:00 PM instead of 7:00 PM and that we’ll meet at Amy Schuhs’ home, 2804 So. Syene Rd., not at Prairie. If you have any questions about how to get there or if you’ll need a ride, call Amy at 273-2639. We cater to all levels of Spanish (and to all tastes in food). If you’re able to bring a contribution to the meal and need ideas, give Orton Gray a call at 273-4041. Also, bring along any ideas you may have for something Hispanic we can do or attend together.

Window From The West
Peg Stevenson, her husband Rod, and their two sons recently returned from a 10 month stay in Japan. Rod and Peg were Visiting Researchers at Osaka University; David and Daniel attended Japanese public schools. The media are full of information about Japanese business, but there is relatively little information about Japanese families. Peg will draw on her experience visiting 45 families for her research as well as experiences with friends. This will be, not a travelogue, but a personal commentary to perhaps help you understand the Japanese way.

Work Your Way to GA!
The 1990 General Assembly will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from June 21 to June 26, and hundreds of volunteers are needed for a wide variety of jobs. Some people have already volunteered, but many more are needed. 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? If you are interested, call Prairie’s Volunteer Coordinator, Andrea Lawrence (845-5615), or President Jack Jallings (835-3746) and let them know.

Friday Night Video
“The Truth About Lies”, a TV program by Bill Moyers, will be the feature on Friday Night Video, Friday, April 6, at 7:00 PM at Prairie. Why do we lie? Is truth an endangered species among politicians? Oliver North lied to Congress and he became a hero to millions. Do the American people love to be lied to and to be deceived? How has deception shaped our foreign policy and our daily lives? Join us in seeing this outstanding documentary, followed by discussion.
-George Calden

Dedication & Welcome of Children
Part of the service on May 20 will be a ceremony of welcome and dedication for infants and children into our Prairie Community. If you would want your children included, please notify Julie Bonser (274-3248) or Erin Bosch (238-6285). We have copies of previous
services or you may want to write your own to include your favorite poems, music and readings.

Help Wanted!
We need someone to organize and coordinate Prairie’s annual Memorial Day Canoe Trip on May 26, 27, and 28. This event has been one of Prairie’s rites of spring for many years now, and it is enjoyed by many members and friends. The organizer needs to select a stream, find a campground, and arrange for people to sign up and collect money for the costs involved. Please call Julie Bonser at 274-3248 if you are willing to help.

See your local Recruiter today!
Prairie’s RE program is looking for new talent. If you would like to contribute your talents to working with our children, this is your chance. They are looking for teachers for classes from kindergartners through middle school. You could team up with another adult to teach a group of 4 to 10 children. The curriculums for next year include “God’s Folk”, stories of past heroes, “Stepping Stone Years”, and “How Do I Know What to Believe?”. Please contact Aileen Nettleton, 238-6053, Ken Skog, 273-4813, or Anne Pryor, 244-7099 if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.

Upham Woods Dates Set
Our reservation for Camp Upham Woods has been confirmed for October 5 through October 7. Our aim is to have an absolute minimum of 90 adults and children there. Peg Stevenson has again agreed to be in charge of the program. She did a wonderful job last year. Rick Ruecking volunteered to be responsible for registration and the many other items that inevitably come up. Rick has done this job before too, and we know he’ll do extremely well also. Both Peg and Rick will need able helpers to get the job done. Please contact them with your program ideas and requests, and your offers of help.

CMD Youth Conference
There will be a CMD Youth Conference this spring, on April 20, 21, and 22, in Saint Louis Missouri. The theme of the conference is “One World—One People”.

There will be a van going to the Conference from Madison and all Prairie Youth are encouraged to attend. Contact Anna Nettleton, 238-6053, for more information.

The Tours Are Back!
Prairie’s Finance Committee is back with the Fundraising Tours—an activity that has proved to be very popular over the last two years. The first tour of this year will be on Saturday, April 28, to the Mitchell Conservatory Domes and the Milwaukee Zoo. The Domes will have a special exhibit, “Springtime in the Alps”, with a Swiss Chalet overlooking a garden of flowering bulbs, perennials and annuals. Then we will go to the Milwaukee Zoo, one of the outstanding zoos in the country, for the afternoon. The cost, excluding lunch, is $18. The bus will leave Madison at 8:00 and return about 4:45. The deadline for registration is April 18th.

Other tours scheduled for this year include a second trip to the Mitchell Conservatory on Saturday, July 21, for the show “Arabian Nights, Persian Delights”, coupled with a trip to the Mayfair Mall, one of Milwaukee’s premier malls; a Theater trip to the Broadway hit musical “Les Misérables” on Sunday, August 26; a guided walking tour of “The Architecture of the Loop” in Chicago coupled with some splendid shopping opportunities on Saturday, October 13; and a second trip to the Chicago Art Institute on Saturday, November 3 for an exhibit entitled “Poussin to Matisse”. Further information on these later trips will be published in future issues of Prairie Fire.

Secret Friends
Next week, April 1, is the last day of our secret friends program. On that day, after the morning service, the children will reveal their identity to their adult friend. Then, pairs of friends can share a meal and chat face to face at the potluck that morning. If any secret friend cannot be there that morning, please let me know in advance, so I can let your partner know.

The Past Two Weeks in:
Preschool...
Led by Anna Nettleton, this group made silhouettes of their faces using shadows from a slide projector one week and the next week made beautiful messages for their secret friends.

K-1-2...
As part of the Celebrating Our Roots & Branches program, this group has been learning about American Indians. Led alternately by Karen Gross and Dean Schroeder, they have listened to Navajo and Lakota music, read poems by Indian children and a story called “the Winter Wife”, and made a snack of “Indian bread”. This group has also spent lots of time on their secret friends, writing letters, drawing pictures, and even making friendship bracelets. They are really enjoying the pairing very much.

3-4-5...
Continuing their investigation of UUism, led by Linda Nelson and Sharon Scrattish, this group read through a play about John Murray and Universalism that they may perform later in the spring. The following week they read creation stories from around the world and drew pictures of them. Both weeks also included writing to their secret friends, an activity that’s highly enjoyed.

6-7-8...
This group has been visiting various

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religious organizations in town. Peg Stevenson led the visit to Last Days Praise Center, a Christian charismatic church, where they found a strong emphasis on salvation with lots of music and singing involved. The group found this service to be the longest yet of the ones visited. The following week Erin Bosch led the Friday night visit to Temple Beth-El to participate in their Jewish Sabbath service.

Youth Group Overnight Set
The joint Prairie/First Society Jr. High Youth Group is planning a gathering on Friday, April 6. We will assemble in the parking lot of First Society at 8:00 PM and then we will go to the indoor swimming pool located in the apartment complex of a First Society member. At about 9:30 PM we will leave the pool and go to Prairie for an overnight with movies, games, food, etc. Parents will pick up their children at Prairie at 10:00 AM Saturday morning. So keep this date in mind—you will be receiving more details by mail soon. Sixth graders are invited to join us and, as always, friends are welcome. Parents will be needed for transportation. If you can help, call Erin at 238-6285.

Peace Education
The April program at the Madison Children's Museum is Play Fair, a traveling exhibit from Chicago's Peace Museum. In conjunction with the exhibit, cultural programming on April 14th and the 28th will be centered around the Soviet Union. Admission is $1.50. call 256-6445 for information.

Looking Ahead—
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 Ctr., Crystal Lake, IL.
April 20-25: WOMANQUEST: UU Women's Convocation, Lake Geneva, WI.

General Assembly Highlights
The theme of the 1990 General Assembly, Sound The Chorus of Faith, focuses on the connections made between the arts and spirituality. This year's Ware Lecture will be presented by Schuyler Chapin, who has been General Director of the New York Metropolitan Opera Company and has enjoyed a distinguished career in the arts for more than 30 years. He is a member of the Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York City. Another highlight will be the elegant Concert for the Hymnbook, presented on Saturday night, June 23, at 8:00 PM in the historic Pabst Theater.

The CMD Women & Religion Committee Meets
The CMD Women and Religion committee will meet in Madison at the end of March, and a group at First Society are planning a potluck luncheon for them on Saturday, March 31st. If you'd like to come to the potluck luncheon to share your ideas about possible "Women and Religion" events for the future, please call Arlene Lukas at 873-5074. She needs a count of attenders for planning purposes.
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