

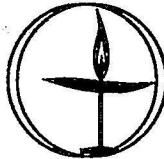
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, May 6. Submit items for May 10-May 24, 1990.



Thursday, April 26

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

Friday, April 27

6:00 PM
ETHNIC DINNER CIRCLE meets at the new Ruby's Chinese Restaurant, in the former Atrium Mall on Odana Road.

Sunday, April 29

10:00 AM
"WHEN SHALL WE PULL THE PLUG ON GRANDMA?" Fourth in the *Man, Woman, and Machine* lay ministry by Mike and Norma Briggs.

Thursday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 5

CHANNING-MURRAY CAMPING WEEKEND at Wyalusing State Park (See related story).

Sunday, May 6

10:00 AM
"TECHNO-COPS" Fifth in the *Man, Woman, and Machine* lay ministry by Mike and Norma Briggs.

Monday, May 7

7:00PM
SPANISH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK at the Meetinghouse. Call Orton Gray at 273-4041 for information.

Thursday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 13

10:00 AM
"WHO OWNS LIFE?" Sixth in the *Man, Woman, and Machine* lay ministry by Mike and Norma Briggs.

Monday, May 14

7:30 PM
PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets at the meetinghouse.

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

6:00 PM
Prairie Playreaders' Annual Fish Fry. Playreading at the home of Lori Pederson after dinner.

Sunday, May 20

10:00 AM
To Be Announced

Thursday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 27

10:00 AM
To Be Announced

Thursday, May 31

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

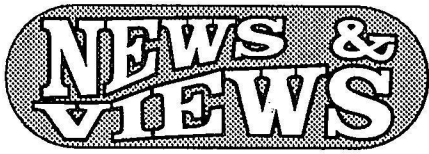
Saturday June 2

8:00 AM
PRAIRIE BUS TRIP to the Chicago Art Institute show, Monet in the 90's--The Series Paintings. Call Donna Murdoch at 238-0530 if you have questions (see related story).

Today's Quote:

Faith: *n.* Belief without evidence in what is told by one who speaks without knowledge, of things without parallel.
-Ambrose Bierce

...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. 29: Barbara & Jim Carl
- May 6: JoAnne Seckman & Bill Robbins
- May 13: Shirley & John Grindrod
- May 20: Alice Bullen & ??

Lay Ministers Still Needed!

The Committee on Committees is still looking for lay ministers for 1990-91. The job usually involves preparing about nine programs over a three month period, interspersed with intergenerational and other programs prepared by the program committee. More than one person can share a lay ministry. It's an exciting opportunity for expressing your interests, talents and ideas. If you would like to do a full or partial lay ministry, or 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

TRAVEL! EXCITEMENT! ADVENTURE! Enlist Now!

Hundreds of volunteers are needed for a wide variety of jobs at the **1990 General Assembly in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from June 21 to June 26**. Some people have already volunteered, but many more are needed. **Volunteers** will, depending on the time they put in working at the GA, **receive either free 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)**.

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 like 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.

U.U. Needs You/You!

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 kindergarten 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.

Don't Miss The Chicago Art Institute Tour

The next fundraising tour is to the **Monet in the 90's—The Series Paintings Exhibit** at the Chicago Art Institute on **Saturday June 2**. This is an unusual opportunity as the exhibit is only being shown in Boston and Chicago in the US before moving to London. The cost, excluding lunch, is **\$35.00**, which includes admission to the Art Institute and the Acoustiguide Recorded Tour of the exhibit. **The deadline for reservations is May 7**. Our price for this tour is much less than is advertised elsewhere (\$55-\$65) so available seats are expected to go quickly. Reserve yours right away!

Send your checks, made out to Prairie UU Society, to Donna Murdoch, 636 Sheldon St., Madison, WI 53711. Call her at 238-0530 if you have questions.

UUA Young Adult Campaign

Recently the Friends of the UUA sent out a mailing concerning a new campaign aimed at getting more 'young adults' (ages 18-25, I guess) interested

in Unitarian-Universalism—both keeping our high school students as they move on to college or otherwise, and providing a welcoming place for people coming from other denominations. I would encourage everyone who can afford it to give some money (even just \$5 or \$10) to this fund drive. It's very important to our denomination (and to Prairie as well) to encourage membership in this age group.

-Anne Urbanski, Membership Chair

Welcome to a New Member

Prairie has another new member (that's 11 since the end of January!). Please add this information to your directory:

Carin Quedenfeld
2008 Greenway Cross #9
Madison, WI 53713

Spanish Speakers Potluck

The May monthly Spanish Speakers' potluck supper will take place on the first Monday of May, the 7th. The time will be 7:00 PM and we'll meet at Prairie. We cater to all levels of Spanish (and to all tastes in food). If you're able to bring a contribution to the meal but need ideas, give Orton Gray a call at 273-4041.



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.

Thursday Lunches continue at the Memorial Union. You can bring a brown bag or buy something from one of the Union Cafeterias. These lunches feature frequent guest speakers and we have a number of good ones lined up for the semester. The lunches are also open to UUs from the community.

Mark **May 5 & 6** on your calendars! A

camping and hiking weekend is planned for these dates at Wyalusing State Park. We're hoping for a sunny, warm spring weekend rather than a May snowstorm! Paul Kosir is a naturalist at Wyalusing and he will be coordinating the weekend. Please call him at 246-9603 with your ideas, suggestions, and offers of help.



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.

From War To Peace...

"A Vietnamese Woman's Journey From War To Peace" is the title of a talk to be given by Le Ly Hayslip, author of the book When Heaven and Earth Changed Places, at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road at 7:30 PM on Saturday, April 28. Ms. Hayslip is the founder of the East Meets West Foundation, dedicated to world peace and the reconciliation of the people on both sides of the Vietnam War. The program is sponsored by Church Women United of Madison, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the U. S. Committee for Scientific Cooperation with Vietnam.

Peace and Freedom Dinner

The Madison branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom invites you to its annual "Peace and Freedom Dinner" on Sunday, April 29th, at the Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Avenue. Prof. Nellie McKay, of the Afro-American Studies and English departments, will speak on "Linkages: Women in the Peace and Civil Rights Movements". The "Ethnic Connection" will offer music from around the world during the 6-7 PM social hour.

Call Margaret Stephenson, 257-7372 for reservations or send \$15 to Mary Sabatini, Peace Office, 731 State Street, Madison, WI.

OUR EARTH Family Festival

There will be an ecumenical gathering of children, youth, and adults to

promote a just, peaceful, and environmentally sound world on Sunday, May 6, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ, 1501 Gilbert Road, Madison.

There will be activities for children and families (zoo animal demo., non-competitive games, paper crane folding, etc.), for youth (conflict resolution, making a peace or ecology banner for church, etc.), and for adults (conflict resolution, wartime to peacetime economy, socially-conscious consumerism, etc.).

The Social Action Committee has ongoing projects in the following areas (and we need your help in all of them):

- The Drop-In Shelter for homeless men (we staff it on the 4th Monday of the Month).
- The Once a Week blood donors club (Red Cross Blood Bank).
- Recycling (containers are in the garbage can area in back).
- Food pantry (we collect food for 2 families in our neighborhood. The collection box is in the foyer outside the men's room).

From time to time, we also do letter writing after the service on topics of concern and sometimes pass the hat.

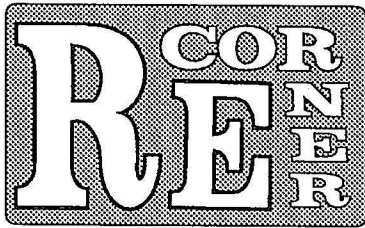
For more information on any of this stuff, call Judy Skog at 273-4813.

Fellowship of Reconciliation

The Fellowship of Reconciliation will hold its national conference "Celebrating Our Past: Charting the Future" on July 4-8 at Lake Geneva. Part of the conference will also be a special opportunity for people aged 15-23 to meet with Soviet youth from the Russian Orthodox Church. This program would begin on July 3. For more information, contact F.O.R., Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960, phone 914/358-4061.

Peace Links—US/USSR Pen Pals

The Peace Links project advertised last year in several Russian newspapers for people interested in being pen pals with an American. They have received over 4,000 letters in response—half in English and half in Russian. They are from persons of all ages and walks of life. Peace Links needs people like you who are interested in making a friend in Russia and willing to make



RE Celebrates Earth Day!

Preschool...

The preschoolers, led by Aileen Nettleton (Anna was attending a YRUU conference) read M.B. Goffstein's Natural History and painted images of the natural world as based on her illustrations. They also took advantage of the wonderful spring weather by taking a walk through the neighborhood to look for blooming flowers and trees.

K-1-2...

This group was joined by the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to watch the video "The Blue Planet", a beautiful and technical look at some of the earth's processes. The leader, Karen Gross, also led a discussion of ecologically-sound practices that families can and do follow.

3-4-5...

After watching "The Blue Planet", this group, led by Linda Nelson, went outside to plant blue delphiniums in the side garden. They also read the book "The Story of Three Whales", the story of the whales who were trapped in the ice near Alaska two years ago.

6-7-8...

Marty Drapkin took this group to a service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as part of their Church Across the Street curriculum.

a commitment to write and receive letters. If you are interested, please return the form below to Peace Links, 747 8th Street SE, Washington, DC 20003.

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Looking Ahead-

- 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.
- June 24-30: **LAKE GENEVA SINGLES WEEK** combines personal growth workshops with fun in the sun. Brochures are available at Prairie or call Sharon Spencer (312/973-2715) or John Halbeck (708/447-4534).
- July 14-20: **UU Bayside Camp: Around the World in 80 Ways**, on Lake Geneva at Williams Bay, WI.
- Oct. 5-7: **CAMP UPHAM WOODS Retreat** for Prairie UU Society at Wisconsin Dells.

Help Wanted!

Is there a professional wallpaper hanger in Prairie? Does anyone know of a good professional wallpaperer that they would recommend? If so, please let either Pat Watkins or Dick Bonser know. Call her at 262-7962 days, call him at 274-3248 evenings.

Summer at Sunrise

Join us this summer for the Earth Lovers' Family program, June 18th to August 17th. We have openings for 2 ½ to 6 year olds, part or full days. We are City certified and State licensed. Call 276-7816 for information or to register.

A Weekend in German(y)

For all of you folks who have learned and liked the "awful German language" (Mark Twain) but lack the opportunity to practice, I am going to conduct a "total immersion" German weekend at St. Benedict Center on **Friday and Saturday, May 18/19**, through UW-Madison Extension. A few spaces are still available. For further information please call me at 262-2075 (office) or 255-7039 (home).

- Rosemarie K. Lester

Native Plant Sale

The Friends of the Arboretum will have a native plant sale on **Saturday, May 12, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM** at the McKay Center (1207 Seminole Hwy). The sale will include about 70 varieties of woodland and prairie plants as well as some trees and shrubs. All plants are guaranteed to be native Wisconsin stock and are not dug from the wild. Information will be provided with each plant.

Wanted to Buy

Inexpensive 3 speed Women's bicycle. Call Cinda LaMar at 238-9884.

PeaceLinks Pen Pal...

A pen pal is available immediately to anyone in the medical community. Judy Skog received two letters by mistake in response to her request. If you are interested, call her at 273-4813.

Please send me a letter. I'll keep Peace Links posted as our friendship develops. I would like to receive a letter from: _____ a woman, _____ a man, _____ either one. Age range: _____, profession: _____, _____ in English, _____ in Russian.

Here's a little bit about me: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

