Saturday, September 29
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at
the Hagstroms. (See related story)

Sunday, September 30
10:00 AM
“HOSPICE CARE”- Presented by lay
minister Orton Gray.
11:30 AM
PARENT COFFEE FOR GRADES K, 1 & 2. Come and meet the class leaders
and find out the program plans for the
coming year.

Monday, October 1
7:00 PM
SPANISH SPEAKERS’ POTLUCK at
the meetinghouse. (See related story)

Wednesday, October 3
12:00 N
Channing-Murray lunch at the Union.
Look for Unitarian Student Group on
Today in the Union.

Thursday, October 4
7:30 PM
WOMEN’S BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP meets at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, October 7
Upham Woods Retreat. No service at
Prairie. (See related story.)

Wednesday, October 10
12:00 N
Channing-Murray lunch at the Union.
Look for Unitarian Student Group on
Today in the Union.

Sunday, October 14
10:00 AM
“FINAL CHOICES: LIVING WILLS,
BURIAL OPTIONS, COSTS”- by lay
minister Orton Gray and Rachel
Siegfried.

Monday, October 15
7:30 PM
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
at the meetinghouse.

Tuesday October 16
6:30 PM
FRENCH SPEAKERS POTLUCK at
the Sheehys’, 629 Piper Dr. (See related
story)

Wednesday, October 17
12:00 N
Channing-Murray lunch at the Union.
Look for Unitarian Student Group on
Today in the Union.

Saturday, October 20
7:30 PM
PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of
Pat Moller, 4526 Crescent Road. Play to
be announced.

Sunday, October 21
10:00 AM
“LIFEBOAT ETHICS”- Orie Loucks

Wednesday, October 24
12:00 N
Channing-Murray lunch at the Union.
Look for Unitarian Student Group on
Today in the Union.

7:00 PM
DUNNS MARSH NEIGHBORHOOD
ASS’N. meeting at the meetinghouse.

Sunday October 28
10:00 AM
“BEREAVEMENT”- last in Orton
Gray’s lay ministry on death.
11:30
Parent Coffee for Grades 6, 7 & 8
downstairs in the RE rooms. Refresh­
ments and child care provided.

Monday, October 29
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the
meetinghouse.

Wednesday, October 31
12:00 N
Channing-Murray lunch at the Union.
Look for Unitarian Student Group on
Today in the Union.

...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
Today's Quote:
"It's not my job to drive the train—the whistle I can't blow. It's not my place to say how fast the train's allowed to go. I'm not allowed to let off steam, or even ring the bell—but let the damn thing jump the track and see who catches hell!"
- ANONYMOUS RAILROAD WORKER

Last Chance—Call Now!
If you have not registered for Upham Woods, but would still like to come, it is still possible to register by phone. Call Rick Ruecking at 246-4804. We want everyone to feel welcome and there is plenty of room available. See story below for activities available.

Coffee Cleanup Volunteers:
The following people have volunteered to clean up coffee cups and the kitchen after Sunday services:
Sept. 30: Jack & Betty Jallings
Oct. 7: No service at Prairie
Oct. 14: Aileen Nettleton & Mary Mullen
Oct. 21: Lindy McGraw & Mona Birong
Oct. 28: Beth Lovern & Rachel Siegfried
Nov. 4: Pat Cautley & ??
VOLUNTEERS: If you run into a problem and cannot work on the day you signed up, please call Anne Urbanski at 258-8269.

Spanish Speakers' Potluck
On the principle of better-late-than-never, those interested in keeping up on their Spanish (at any level) are urged to join us at the Prairie meetinghouse on Monday, October 1st at 7:00 PM. This is an informal group of persons with wide-ranging skill levels which gather monthly to share a meal and conversation. Bring a dish to pass—it doesn't have to be Latino. If you have questions, or need directions, call Rosemary at 238-4382.

Hagstroms Host Playreaders
The Playreaders will meet at Warren and Susan Hagstrom's home, 916 Shorewood Blvd., Shorewood Hills, on Sept. 29th at 7:30 PM. The play will be either The Rovers, by Aphra Behn (if enough people show up) or What the Butler Saw by Joe Orton. Aphra Behn is one of the first woman playwrights to make a living at it, and was considered vulgar and risque by many of her famous contemporaries.

Meet The Candidates!
Central Midwest District Trustee elections are coming this fall. We will be electing a representative to the national board of the UUA. First Society will host the two announced candidates, Jean Kapuscik of Hinsdale, IL and Patsy Sherrill-Madden of St. Louis, MO at a candidates forum on Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 1:00 PM. Prairie members and friends are invited to attend.

Women's Book Discussion Group
Study the conflict between the goddess and Christianity in the Mists of Avalon. The story is about King Arthur—from the women's perspective. The group will meet at 7:30 PM at the Prairie meetinghouse on Thursdays beginning October 4. We will meet roughly every other week. We will follow a 9 week UU curriculum designed by Denise Tracy.

For information or to sign up, call Judy Skog at 273-4813.

Upham Woods
Please join our Prairie family for the annual weekend retreat at Camp Upham Woods October 5-7. This is a beautiful spot to share a lovely fall weekend with Prairie friends.

Activities will include Fish Printing, led by Peg Stevenson (could someone catch us a few fish—maybe Bluegills?), a Nature Walk, led by Pat Cautley, discussions on Men's Issues, Gay/Lesbian Issues, and Long Range Planning, and New Games led by Bill Robbins. These games derive from undokai (Japanese sports day). We will try some of the common relays from sports day as well as other new games.

Photo Album-Collage Workshop at Upham Woods
Are you one of the many people who have envelopes, drawers or boxes of photos lying around? If so, Upham Woods offers you the chance of a lifetime to get started on making them more accessible and interesting than you ever imagined. The photo album-collage workshop will feature a slide show and sample albums to give you ideas, technical tips to speed you on your way, and free rubber cement to stick those photos down. You'll either want to buy a 12"x14" spiral bound scrapbook with gray pages (available for about $3.50 at K-MART) or call Mary Mullen or Fredericka Schilling (271-5192) so they can bring one for you. You must bring your own photos, and you might be happier with your own scissors, rulers, and pens than those provided.

We know how forgetful Prairie Folk are, so if you're even faintly interested in doing this, get those photos out right now and put them in your suitcase!

Chicago Art Institute Trip
Reserve your seats now for Prairie's bus trip to the Chicago Art Institute on Saturday, November 3rd for the exhibit "Poussin to Matisse: The Russian Taste for French Painting". The trip will include a lunch and shopping stop at Water Tower Place on Michigan Avenue's "Magnificent Mile". The works are from Leningrad's Hermitage Museum and Moscow's Pushkin State Museum and this is a unique opportunity to view these rarely available masterpieces. The cost of the trip is $35, including transportation, admission fees, and the acoustiguide recorded tour. Paid reservations must be received by October 8th. Send your check (made out to Prairie U.U. Society) to Donna Murdoch, 622 Sheldon St. Madison, WI 53711. For more information, call Donna at 238-0530.

French Speakers' Potluck
Anyone interested in speaking French, at any level of ability, is welcome to join
on-going programs of Prairie-RE, the

The ANNUAL CANVASS

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The Playreaders meet once a month at
members’ homes. Everyone is welcome
to attend at any event. Neither a
commitment to the group, theatrical
experience, talent, nor any pre-reading
of the play is required. All you need is
an enjoyment of literature and theater,
an enjoyment of open discussions, and
the desire to get together for a social
evening. Additional information on
dates, locations, and plays to be read
will be printed in the Prairie Fire
prior to each meeting. Please join us!

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We thank you most sincerely, and we
wish the best for you all and for Prairie.

Sincerely,
- The children, parents, and staff
of Sunrise School

Annual Canvass Begins

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The purpose of the ANNUAL CANVASS
is to ask for commitments to support the
on-going programs of Prairie—RE, the
lay ministers, janitorial service, etc., and
payments on our mortgages. Fortunately
we are not in the dire shape that our US
Government is, but we cannot claim to
be in great shape either. The proposed
budget—made up by “best estimates”
from various Prairie committees—is
about $3,000 higher than anticipated
income from all sources. This total shows
the lack of income from Sunrise School,
which has moved out to its own quarters
where it has room for nearly twice as
many children as it could care for here.

At the parish meeting on Sunday,
September 16, after a great deal of
painful discussion, the final vote was not
in favor of working out an arrangement
with Head Start for their use of the
space during the week for eight months.
The Finance Committee has tried
various ways of raising money, mainly
through trips, but it has not been
successful all of the time. Other sugges­
tions will be gratefully considered.

In the meantime, we ask each of you to
think about what you can pledge to the
support of Prairie for the coming year.
A member of the Canvass Committee
will be in touch with you during the
early weeks of October.

- Pat Cautley, Finance Chair

Preschool/Nursery

Unlike past years, the preschool is
fairly empty these days. Most of the
children have moved on to higher
grades, with three of last year’s
preschoolers in Kindergarten this year.
Anna Nettleton is still ready and able to
provide high quality care for those
preschoolers who do show up. Jo Anna
Honoré really liked being the only one
with Anna on the first day of RE; they
had fun playing and drawing together.
For the first time in several years, we
have a baby—Kalin Andrews—in the
nursery, again under Anna’s charge.
Precocious at 8 months, Kalin was
attracted to the abacus and spent her
time calculating equations.

K-1-2

We’re fortunate to have Beth Lovern
and Dana Dopp leading this group this
year. Both are creative and loving
individuals who work very well with
this age group. On their first Sunday,
Dana and Beth aimed to help the
children get to know each other and feel
comfortable in the new situation. The
group played a name game, read two
stories on friends and made very
decorative name tags.

The following week’s session was led by
Beth. This began the curriculum
“Adventures with God’s Folk,” with the
first focus on Bezalel, the builder of the
Ark of the Covenant. After lighting a
chalice for all people in slavery or in
hardship, the children heard the story
of how Moses received a command from
God to have the Ark built for the
purpose of carrying the precious objects
of the Israelites as they traveled,
searching for freedom and a homeland.
Then they built a cardboard Ark
themselves, enjoying the decorating of it
very much. They also made their own
snack, bread cut into the same shapes
as those that decorated their Ark, and
sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar.
Watching this Ark playing a role in
future services!
Dean Schroeder and Mike Sheehy, both former RE leaders and wonderful additions to our teaching crew, are leading this group for the year. The curriculum they will be following is "A Growing Up Year," one that will look at stories of faith and science, leading into stories about Unitarian Universalists, and ending with the children examining how these tales relate to them.

Mike and Dean began the first Sunday by helping the group members to get acquainted and become somewhat familiar with what is planned for the year. They made name tags and "me charts," learned the song "To Everyone in All the World," and played a fun game of scatter ball outside.

Mike led the group the following week, focusing on an origin story from the Miwok Indians, "The First Animals Make People," which the group read as play reading. They also played a couple of name games and made a list of "Big Questions," such as "What happens when we die? Who made color, and how? How did people come to be? and How did the world begin?"

6-7-8
The middle schoolers will be enjoying an innovative program designed and created by the co-leaders: Marty Drapkin, Andrea Lawrence and Karen Gross. These three individuals make a great team and will be able to provide a dynamic and challenging year for the youths in this group. Karen will not be able to stay with the class for the entire year, as she has accepted a job in Milwaukee and will be moving there in December. Until then, she will be coordinating the training of the group in the use of video equipment. The focus of the year will be to create several videos that record the beliefs of Unitarian Universalists, others on issues of faith and science, leading into stories about Unitarian Universalists, and ending with the children examining how these tales relate to them.

The following week had more introductions to get to know each other better, but the main focus was on learning the basics of operating video recording equipment. Some of the group members are particularly intrigued by the process, and will have further opportunities to pursue their interest and strengthen their skill through this RE program.

EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES OF NATURE—Regional UU Youth Conference at Camp Upham Woods from Friday, November 2 through Sunday, November 4. Contact Arthur Thexton at 608/249-2702 (h) or 608/255-4201 (w) for more information.

Looking Ahead—
Sept. 30: CMD Trustee Candidates Forum at First Society, 1:00 PM.
Oct. 5-7: CAMP UPHAM WOODS Retreat for Prairie UU Society at Wisconsin Dells.
Oct. 20: Central Midwest District Annual Leadership Conference, Countryside UU Church, Palatine, IL.
Nov. 2-4: EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES OF NATURE—Regional UU Youth Conference at Camp Upham Woods. Contact Arthur Thexton at 608/249-2702 (h) or 608/255-4201 (w) for more information.
Nov. 9-11: Central Midwest District Annual Meeting at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Joliet. Registration $20 plus meals & concert. Call 708/481-5339 or 708/481-5055.

For Sale
Free-standing full length swivel mirror with white rattan frame. A portion of the selling price will be donated to Prairie. Call Cindy at 238-9884 for more information.

Free Apples!
The Hagstroms have good cooking and/or cider apples free for the taking. Pick your own.
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