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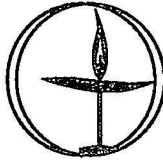
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, February 3. Submit items for February 7—February 21, 1991.

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 24
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the Meetinghouse.

Sunday, January 27
10:00 AM
"HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICA" with guest speaker Robert Willobe. Part of a series entitled "Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage" led by Bill Robbins and Michelle Honoré.
6:00 PM

Channing-Murray student group meets in the Copper Hearth Room at Union South. (See related story)

Monday, January 28
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING at the meetinghouse.

Wednesday, January 30
12:00 N
Channing-Murray lunch at the Union.

Sunday, February 3
10:00 AM
"FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE IN COLONIAL & REVOLUTIONARY TIMES" presented by Lee Bullen. This is the first of a series on this subject by Lee.

Wednesday, February 6
12:00 N
Channing-Murray lunch at the Union.

Thursday, February 7
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the Meetinghouse.

Sunday February 10
10:00 AM
"VALENTINES DAY INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE" with a new angle, presented by the Prairie Highschoolers and Elizabeth Alexander.
11:30 AM
POTLUCK LUNCH at the Meetinghouse.

Wednesday, February 13
12:00 N
Channing-Murray lunch at the Union.

Saturday, February 16
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Pat Cautley, 4805 Regent Street, Madison. The play will be announced later.

Sunday February 17
10:00 AM
"BREAKING THE CYCLE OF DISADVANTAGE" with guest speakers from 'RESULTS', a political action group. Second

in a series by Bill Robbins and Michelle Honoré.

Wednesday, February 20
12:00 N
Channing-Murray lunch at the Union.

Thursday, February 21
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the Meetinghouse.

Sunday, February 24
10:00 AM
"THE MUSIC OF KURT WEILL" led by Rosemarie Lester & Al Nettleton, with musical contributions from several Prairie members and friends.

Monday, February 25
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at Prairie.

Today's Quote:
"If the world were a logical place, men would ride sidesaddle."
- RITA MAE BROWN



Attention, All Musicians!

Al Nettleton and Rosemarie Lester are organizing a program on Kurt Weill for February 24th. Please volunteer to perform some of Kurt's music and let either Al or Rosemarie know of your selection.

...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

New Member Orientation (Friends, too!)

The Membership Committee is sponsoring a 3 session orientation for new Prairie members, prospective members, and interested friends of Prairie. All session will begin at 7:00 PM. You are welcome to attend any or all sessions. The dates and topics are as follows:

- Feb. 12 Your personal religious journey, or, "how I got to Prairie".
- Feb. 19 Overview of Unitarian-Universalist history and (ahem) "beliefs."
- Feb. 26 Overview of Prairie Society history and structure.

Meetings will be held either at my house, 317 N. Baldwin St. (if less than 10 people) or at Prairie. If you are interested in attending, please call me at 258-8269 or complete the registration form in this issue and mail it to me.

- Anne Urbanski

Coffee Service Volunteers

The following persons have volunteered to SET UP THE COFFEE service on Sunday mornings. Additional **volunteers are needed** to fill in!

- Jan. 27 Paul Adams
& Elizabeth Alexander
- Feb. 3 Paul Adams
& Elizabeth Alexander
- Feb. 10 Jim Harvey
- Feb. 17 ??
- Feb. 24 ??

The following have volunteered to WASH DISHES after Sunday services. **Volunteers are needed** for the open dates!

- Jan. 27 Alice & Lee Bullen
- Feb. 3 Kate Tucker
& Mike Sheehy
- Feb. 10 Kathy Converse
& Greg & Jackie Pavek
- Feb. 17 Randy Converse & ??
- Feb. 24 ??

The following have signed up to GREET VISITORS on Sunday mornings. More **volunteers are needed!**

- Jan. 27 ??
- Feb. 3 ??
- Feb. 10 Jaen Andrews
- Feb. 17 Barbara Rames
- Feb. 24 ??

Any volunteers who cannot work on the

day they've signed up, please let Anne Urbanski know so she can locate a substitute.

Sidewalk Care Volunteers:

Jan. 27 Jack & Betty Jallings

Calling All High Schoolers!

Please come and help the Prairie High Schoolers with planning for the Valentines Day program. We're meeting at Prairie on **Saturday, January 26th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.** There'll be Pizza for everyone. Bring your best ideas and some money to help with the cost of the Pizza.

Pledge Status Report

Several members have asked me whether they have paid their entire pledge for 1990. If you want to telephone me at 238-5393, I can give you that information. The Finance Committee will soon be sending reminders out to those who have not quite completed payment of their 1990 pledge. If you get such a notice and you think there is an error in our records, please be sure to let me know. If you send in a check at this time of year, please **CLEARLY** mark it for either 1990 or 1991 so we can keep our records straight.

- Pat Cautley, Finance Chair

Prairie Production Goes Public!

Prairie's Middle School group video project "Afterlife: What Do You Believe?" will be aired on WYOU Channel 4 on **Sunday January 27 at 3:30 PM.** If you wish to find out about becoming a member of Cable Channel 4, call 258-9664 and if you'd like your own copy of the video, call Karen Gross on any Saturday at 241-7635.

New Member Welcomed!

The following person has recently joined Prairie. Please add her name and phone number to your directory.

Linda Colletti
424 East Bluff
Madison, WI 53704
Phone: 241-9372

Hemlock Society of Wisconsin

At a meeting held on January 19, those present decided to organize a chapter of the National Hemlock Society in Wisconsin. There is a steering committee at work to

create a proposed slate of officers and interim bylaws, etc. A formal organizing meeting will be held at **10:00 AM on Saturday February 2nd, at the First Unitarian Society Meetinghouse** to adopt bylaws, elect officers, and provide an opportunity for people to join the chapter.

The Hemlock Society is a nonprofit national organization supporting the option of active voluntary euthanasia for the terminally ill. It does **NOT** encourage suicide for any reason in the absence of terminal illness and approves of the work of those involved in suicide prevention.

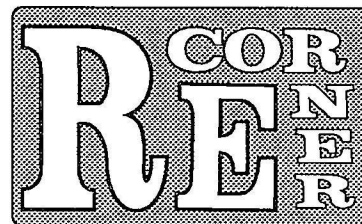
For more information, please call Lori Pederson at 833-3139 or Linné Cain at 233-7949.



Thursday night dinners have resumed and Wednesday lunches will resume on **January 23.**

Don't forget the semester Kick-Off meeting on **Sunday, January 27th, at 6:00 PM** in the **Copper Hearth Room at Union South**, where there is a fireplace we can use. A spaghetti dinner will be provided but salad, bread, beverages, etc. are needed to go with it. Volunteers are needed to cook the spaghetti and sauce that evening.

There has been a change in the arrangements for the **MUUYAN Conference**. Rather than being sponsored by Channing-Murray, it will be coordinated by former Channing-Murray member Karl Olson, who now lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, and will be held on **January 25-27 in New Glarus, WI.**



On January 27, RE classes will begin again. Hope to see you all then!



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, see coordinator Frank Iltis.)
• 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.

Food Pantry Items Needed!

Prairie has started to contribute to the Allied Drive Food Pantry. Why not buy a food item each week when you do your shopping and bring it to Prairie? Here's a list of what's really needed:

- Infant formula (SMA brand)
String beans
Cream corn
Soup (all kinds)
Tuna fish
Spam (!!!)
Crackers
Baked beans

Food items should be things YOU would

like to eat! Infant formula is ALWAYS needed. Bring your donations to Prairie and either put them in the box near the men's room or give them to me. Cash donations are always welcomed—I can buy whatever is most needed that week! Please try to make a weekly donation—I will see that it gets to the Allied Community.

- Fredericka Schilling

Guest At Your Table

Prairie people contributed \$147.06 to the UUSC through the "Guest At Your Table" boxes. The money will be used for their programs to help children throughout the world.

- Leland Bullen, UUSC Representative

Convocation '91

Convocation '91 is the seventh annual assembly on UUs for lesbian/gay concerns. It will be held in San Francisco on Feb. 15, 16, & 17. The keynote speaker will be Kim Crawford Harvie from Boston's Arlington Street Church. Registration fees are set on a sliding scale from \$45 to \$75 based on income, include all activities, and include six meals. A \$20 late fee will apply to registrations received after January 15, 1991. If you are interested in attending, see either Mary Mullen or Fredricka Schilling for more information.

If You're Facing a Draft...

(Ed. note: the following material is excerpted from a brochure published by the Committee Against Registration and the Draft, 731 State Street, Madison, WI 53703, phone: 257-7562)

If you or someone you know is of draft age, you should be aware of the speed

with which military conscription could be re-established in this country. It has been estimated that the first draftees would be arriving at boot camp within thirteen days (Yes—13 days!) after Congress approved the action. The Selective Service says that it can deliver 100,000 draftees to the military within 30 days. The options today are somewhat different than they were during the Vietnam era.

- You could try for CO status.
You could try for exemption or deferment.
You could look for asylum.
You could refuse Draft Orders.
You could refuse to Register.
Get Involved!

Join an anti-draft group, form a peace group, call or write your state and federal representatives opposing the war and the draft. Write your local newspaper or call a radio show and speak your mind. For further information and a referral to a draft counselor, contact the organization above.



Looking Ahead-

Jan. 25-27: Midwest Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Network (MUUYAN) conference in New Glarus, WI. Contact Karl Olson, 402/474-4106.

Feb. 15-17: Convocation '91, the seventh annual assembly of Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian/Gay concerns, in San Francisco. Contact Mary Mullen or Fredricka Schilling for more information.

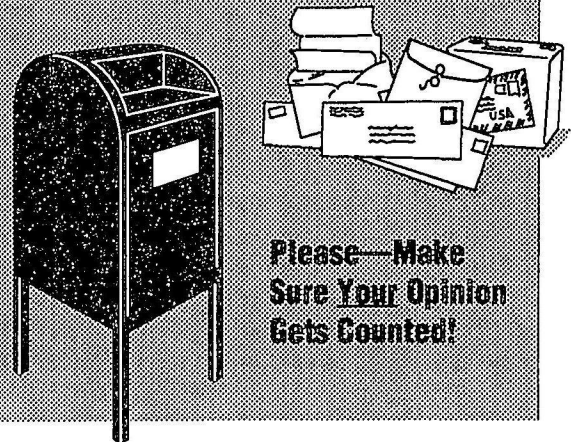
Fresh Fruit, Anyone?

Prairie expatriate Faye Glessner dropped me a postcard recently to announce that her new UU fellowship in Bakersfield is raising money by selling oranges they have picked. A twenty pound container costs \$14.95 including shipping. Anyone who is interested should contact:

Chris Paul
P.O. Box 813
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Orientation Registration
Yes! I'd like to take part in the Prairie Orientation Series on Feb. 12, 19, & 26.
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
I plan to attend the following evenings:
Feb. 12 [] Feb. 19 [] Feb. 26 []
(It's best if you can attend all three!)

February 1991

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h2>Prairie U-U Society Activity Calendar</h2>					1	2
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