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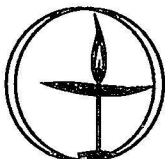
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, March 17. Submit items for March 21-April 4, 1991.

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 7

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND rehearsal.

Sunday, March 10

10:00 AM

"THE MUSIC OF KURT WEILL"
presented by Al Nettleton and Rosemarie Lester.

Monday, March 11

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE AD HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE meets at the Meetinghouse.

Thursday, March 14

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND rehearsal.

Sunday, March 17

10:00 AM

"FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS": a Video presentation by the Middle School class

11:30 AM

PROGRAM COMMITTEE meeting.
POTLUCK LUNCH and Secret Friends party.

Monday, March 18

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BOARD meets at the Meetinghouse.

Thursday, March 21

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND rehearsal.

Saturday March 23

7:30 PM

Prairie Playreaders meet at the home of Rosemary Dorney and Tim Fast, 4205 Odana Road. The play to be read will be announced later.

Sunday, March 24

10:00 AM

To Be Announced.

Monday, March 25

7:30 PM

HOUSING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE meets at the Meetinghouse.

Thursday, March 28

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND rehearsal.

Sunday, March 31

10:00 AM

To Be Announced

Today's Quote:

"Puritanism is the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy."
- H. L. MENCKEN



We Are Looking For Lay Ministers

The Committee on Committees is looking for ideas and proposals for lay ministers for next year. Although the typical lay ministry is for three months duration—approximately 8 or 9 services—shorter durations and shared lay ministries are certainly possible. Please contact us if you might like to do a lay ministry, share a lay ministry, or do a couple of services. In addition, please contact us if you have ideas that you would like to see someone else develop into services—perhaps we can find the right person. Please consider sharing your talents with Prairie in this way. Contact any of the following committee members:

- Tom Robinson 256-9090
- Pat Cautley 238-5373

...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

- Jennifer Parker 246-4304
- Peg Stevenson 233-6449
- Andrea Lawrence 845-5615

Mar. 24 Heidi Oliverzen
Mar. 31 ??

Spring Parish Meeting Set For April 21

Prairie Society's Annual Spring Meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 21. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck lunch which will begin shortly after the morning service.

Prairie members are invited to submit proposed spring meeting agenda items to the Board for consideration at its next regular meeting. The deadline for submission is Sunday, March 17th.

Prairie Men's Group

Prairie's Men's Group will meet on Thursday, March 7 and on Thursday, March 21 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We are reading from New Men, Deeper Hungers, by Tom Owen-Towle (a UU minister from San Diego), with time for exploration of personal and contemporary issues. All men are welcome to join our two hour discussions. For more information, call Dick Bonser at 274-3248 or Rick Ruecking at 246-4304.

Coffee Service Volunteers

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

- Mar. 10 Paul Adams & Elizabeth Alexander
- Mar. 17 ??
- Mar. 24 Heidi Oliverzen
- Mar. 31 ??

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

- Mar. 10 Rick Ruecking & Kate Tucker
- Mar. 17 Betty Jallings & Pat Cautley
- Mar. 24 Jack Jallings & Jennifer Parker
- Mar. 31 Randy Converse & ??

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

- Mar. 10 Rachel Siegfried
- Mar. 17 ??

Any volunteers who cannot work on the day they've signed up, please let Anne Urbanski know so she can locate a substitute.

Sidewalk Safety Check Volunteers:

- Mar. 10 Paul Adams & Elizabeth Alexander
- Mar. 17 ??
- Mar. 24 Randy Converse

Housing Committee News

Members wishing to use the Prairie building for activities are reminded to call Rachel Siegfried to reserve the building. Rachel is the person who coordinates the use of the building and she needs advance notice, preferably two weeks, to schedule the use of the building. Other groups do use the building, so it is absolutely necessary to schedule with Rachel to avoid conflicts and double booking of the building. Building use rules are posted in the kitchen.

Now that we have the roof project squared away, we are ready to start working on a sign for the building. All those who would like to be involved in this project please call Jean Matos at 255-2209.

We are also looking for a volunteer to do a small sheet rock repair job. Please call Al Nettleton at 238-6053 if you're willing.

Best Of The Board Meeting

- The Dorothy Weatherby Memorial Fund has been designated for purchasing the new UU Hymnal, provided that members of her family agree.
- Peg Stevenson has agreed to coordinate program planning for next fall's Upham Woods Retreat. A reservation has been submitted for a weekend in October. A volunteer or volunteers are needed to handle registration for this event. Contact president Jack Jallings at 835-3746 if you are willing.



Channing-Murray, the University of Wisconsin Unitarian-Universalist Student group, meets every Wednesday at noon, every Thursday at 6:00 PM, and once a month on Sunday at 6:00 PM for a dinner and program evening.

Wednesday Lunches are held at the Memorial Union. You can bring a brown bag or buy something from one of the Union Cafeterias. These lunch sessions feature discussions led by one of the students, with each one who wishes taking a turn. The lunches are also open to UUs from the community. Check "Today In The Union" for the Unitarian Student Group room location.

Informal Thursday evening dinner meetings are held at the International Food Court next to Kinko's on University Avenue at 6:00 PM. Fifteen to twenty people usually attend. There's plenty of room and they have a very relaxing and enjoyable time. They're usually done by 7:00 PM.



Secret Friends

Secret Friends is continuing very nicely. Both children and adults are pretty conscientious about getting a letter for their friend to Prairie each Sunday, whether it's hand delivered or mailed. Parents of children who are secret friends are asked to please help their child to remember to write/draw a message to bring to Prairie on Sunday.

The ending party and potluck is scheduled for March 17th. I hope that all Secret Friends will be able to attend that celebration.

Program News

K-1-2

This group is focusing on Sacajawea, learning the details of her life, and are finding the story to be enthralling. As accompanying activities they have made paper headdresses, clay bead necklaces, a ring toss game and a mural. Dana Dopp and Beth Lovern lead this group.

3-4-5

This group has begun a unit on choices. They have discussed the whole idea of making a choice, of having a choice made for you, and what happens if one chooses not to choose. The story of the Good Samaritan was used as an illustration of choosing. The group acted out the story (with Dean as the mugged merchant), and also played games that are based on choices rather than chance. Dean Schroeder and Mike Sheehy lead this group.

6-7-8

Get set for a lively and engaging service on the topic of personal freedoms on March 17. This group is in the final stages of preparation for leading this service, and they're doing a great job! The group is led by Karen Gross, Andrea Lawrence and Marty Drapkin.

Nursery-Preschool

The children in this age group seem to enjoy their time together, and with their care givers Anna Nettleton and Emilie Dickson.



The Social Action Committee has ongoing projects in the following areas:

- The Drop-In Shelter.
- The Once a Week blood donors club.
- Recycling.
- Food pantry.

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.

Children in Need of Foster Homes

There are children in our community who need your help—they are in need of foster homes. They include all kinds of kids. The Dane County Department of Human Services is looking for homes to meet the needs of the following children:

- Teenagers
- Young siblings kids who want to stay together
- African-American children
- Children with emotional and behavioral challenges
- Children in need of Respite Foster Care (1-2 weekends/month)

Each of the children waiting for a home is unique. What they share in common is their need for foster parents. You can make the difference in the life of a child. Call Deena Williams at 273-6600 for more information on how you can help children through foster parenting.

Food Pantry Items Needed!

When you do your shopping each week, please buy a food item for the food pantry and bring it to Prairie. Here's a list of what's really needed:

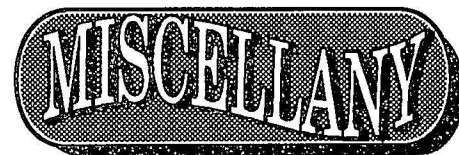
Infant formula (SMA brand)
String beans Cream corn
Soup (all kinds) Tuna fish
Spam (!!?) Crackers
Baked beans

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

Peace & Freedom Dinner

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will have their annual Peace & Freedom Dinner on **March 16th at 6:30 PM**. There will be a speaker on the people of the Middle East. Call Betty Jallings at 835-3746 for more information on this event.



Looking Ahead—

April 5-6: "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven Workshop", a leader training program. Unitarian Church West, Brookfield, WI. Contact Janet Nortrom, CMD Women and Religion Committee, 414/964-3764.

April 21: Annual Spring Parish Meeting and potluck, at the Meetinghouse.

May 11: Central Midwest District Visions and Values Conference: Sing My Joys, Cry My Woes, at the Unitarian Society of Geneva, IL.

June 17-19: Fort Lauderdale, FL, UU Women's Federation Biennial Convention "The Radical Quest: Honoring Our Diversities, Connecting Our Circles." Contact UUWF, 25 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108. 617/742-2100 ex.692.

June 20-25: Hollywood, FL, Youth Caucus at the General Assembly, contact G A Office, 25 Beacon St., Boston MA 02108. 617/742-2100.

July 27-Aug. 2: Port Townsend, WA, Leadership School for UU youth (15-18) and young adults (18-30). Contact Edmonds UU Church, 8109 224th Street SW, Edmonds, WA 98206. 206/778-0373.

August 19-25: Ocean Park Camp, WA "Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) Continental Conference (Con-Con)." Contact the Youth Office, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108. 617/742-2100

Job Opening!

YRUU Program Specialist: age 16-22, able to live in the Boston area from 9/91-8/92, work in the Youth Office as paid employee. Request application from Youth Office, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108, phone 617/742-2100. Applications must be postmarked by **March 15, 1991**.

