The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, April 14. Submit items for April 18—May 2, 1991.

Monday, April 15
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING at the Meetinghouse.

Wednesday, April 17
6:30 PM
FRENCH SPEAKERS’ POTLUCK at the home of Linda & Mike Sheehy, 629 Piper Drive. Call 273-3895 for directions.

Thursday, April 18
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN’S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BAND rehearsal.

Sunday, April 21
10:00 AM
11:30 AM
POTLUCK LUNCH—please bring a dish to share.
1:00 PM
ANNUAL SPRING MEETING & ELECTION, child care provided.

Thursday, April 25
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BAND rehearsal.

Sunday, April 28
10:00 AM
“THE HEAD START PROGRAM” with Marsha Huemoeller and a Head Start family as guest speakers, arranged by Bill Robbina & Michelle Honoré.

GA Resolution Discussion

There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 7, after the service to consider the general and business resolutions, rule changes and bylaw changes proposed for consideration at the 1991 General Assembly. There will be time for discussion and a vote as to which items should be placed on the final agenda. There are a few copies of the eight page list available. If you are interested, please see either Carol Fishbaugh or President Jallings.

Spanish Speakers Potluck

Prairie Spanish-speakers meet once monthly, on the first or second Monday, at Prairie's Meetinghouse to share a potluck meal and conversation in Spanish. Our levels of expertise vary greatly! So do our experiences with Spanish-speaking communities. (For some of us, this has been a classroom!) We now have between six and nine persons who attend fairly regularly.

...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
Join us for food and fun (and Orton's chistes*) in Spanish on April 8th at 7:00 PM. For more information or a ride call Orton Gray, 273-4041, or Rosemary Dorney, 238-4382.

(*)chistes = jokes

New Directories Available
The latest edition of Prairie's member/friend Directory is available at last. It's the product of the labor of many Prairie folk, and we hope you'll use and appreciate it for the next year or so. Please pick up your copy at Prairie after any service. Our supply is somewhat limited, so please take only one copy per family for the time being.

If you live out-of-state and would like a copy to keep track of old friends, please send a SASE (6"x9", 60¢ postage) and $5.00 to cover the cost of printing, etc., to the Editor, Prairie Fire, 5213 Milward Drive, Madison, WI 53711, and we'll send your copy by return mail.

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 beginning at 11:30 after the morning service.

Coffee Service Volunteers
The following persons have volunteered to set up the coffee service on Sunday mornings. Additional volunteers are needed to fill in!

April 7 Dick & Julie Bonser
April 14 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services. Volunteers are needed for the open dates!

April 7 Aileen Nettleton & Scott Savage
April 14 Al Nettleton & Heidi Donovan

The following have signed up to greet visitors on Sunday mornings. More volunteers are needed!

April 7 ??
April 14 ??

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

Prairie Men's Group
Prairie's Men's Group will meet on Thursday, April 4 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We are reading from New Men, Deeper Hunger, 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.

Cinderella!
Nora and Heidi Bosch will be appearing in a production of “Cinderella” during April and May. Nora is Cinderella and Heidi is a mouse who turns into a horse, and a lady. The play is enjoyable for adults as well as children and the director has a great sense of humor. If you go, be sure to stay afterward as the cast comes out to greet the audience and Nora and Heidi would like to see you.

There are 17 performances in all. Here are a few in the Madison area:
April 6: Monona Library, 1:00 & 3:00*; April 13 & 14: Waisman Center, 1:30 & 3:00*; April 20: Civic Center Crossroads 11:00 & 1:00; April 27: Middleton Library 11:00 & 1:00; May 4: Farmers' Market 10:30
(*Admission, usually $1.00 or so)

OOPS!
After the announcement of the Board's decision for the use of the Wetherby Fund last month, Board members were reminded that a committee had been appointed in the spring of 1990 to draft guidelines for an emergency fund. (Due to a variety of reasons, that report has not been finalized and adopted.) At the March meeting, the Board directed that the guidelines be finalized for recommendation to the Board at the next meeting on April 15th.

Songs That Have Made A Difference
I am interested in organizing a lay ministry (or just a mini-ministry of 3-5 weeks) on the theme of "Songs That Have Made A Difference." I became interested in this topic when I watched the Bill Moyers special "Amazing Grace" on public television. I started thinking of songs that have had special meaning to people, such as “We Shall Overcome” in the civil rights movement. I’d like to find several examples of songs for each of the following categories: abolition/civil rights movement; feminism/women's suffrage; peace movement (any era); labor movement; and (perhaps) personal importance. For the last group, please give the reasons for the selection. I’d like to do this ministry in September. Please send me your ideas on this topic by April 12, 1991. Send them to: Anne Urbanksi, 317 N. Baldwin St., Madison, WI 53703.

Agenda For Annual Meeting
1. Approval of Nov. 11, 1990 minutes.
2. Reports of Officers, Committees, & others.
5. Election of 3 members to the Committee on Committees.

Report of the Committee on Committees
The Committee on Committees has carefully reviewed the suggestions and nominations made to it by Prairie members and submits the following for consideration at the spring annual meeting:

President: Jack Jallings
Vice President: Allan Nettleton
Secretary: Norma Briggs
Treasurer: Julia Bonser
Program: Warren Hagstrom
Finance: Linda Nelson
R.E.: Linda Sheehy
Social Action: Sharon Scraggins
Hag. & Prop.: John Grindrod
Long Rg. Pl'g.: To be announced
Denom. Aff.: Rick Ruecking
Membership: Anne Urbanksi

Another New Member
Family!
I'm pleased to announce that my new friend, Scott Savage, and his family (wife Mary and son Max) have joined Prairie. Scott, despite the demands of establishing a new business, has devoted time to an ad hoc committee that is developing activity and program ideas for Prairie. He has also been an active participant in Prairie's growing Men's Group. Scott and Mary have also
Visions and Values—’91

Marilyn Sewell, a UU minister and author of Beacon Press’s Cries of the Spirit: A Celebration of Women’s Spirituality, will be the theme speaker at the CMD’s annual spirituality and worship conference. This year’s conference, “Sing Our Joys, Cry Our Woes”, will be held on May 11 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, 102 Second Street, Geneva, Illinois. In addition to the theme presentation, there will be four symposia and eight workshops. Registration (including lunch) will be $25 for this all day conference. Registration materials are available from President Jallings or from the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, 17 W Maple St., Hinsdale, IL 60521, phone# 708/579-3712.

Unsung Heroines

Prairie member Julia Bonser (a social worker) will be honored at this year’s Alliance for the Mentally Ill Banquet at 5:30 PM on April 10, 1991, at the Inn on the Park. Her nomination for the Unsung Heroine Award reads, in part, “Julia has given years of advocacy and encouragement to consumers, treating them with honesty, respect, caring, and skill and thereby building their confidence and helping make independent living possible.”

Another Prairie member, Barbara Rames, (a retired social worker) has received a Citizen Award from the Madison School District for her volunteer work at Emerson School. For the past 3 1/2 years she has spent all day at the school helping the kids who need it most. She also collected, washed and recycled all the used aluminum from the school lunchroom and donated the proceeds to UNICEF in the school’s name.

These women have not sought honors or awards but these have come to them in recognition of the dedication, sensitivity and care they demonstrate in what they have done. Congratulations, Barbara and Julie! The honors are richly deserved!

GA is On The Way!

The theme of the 1991 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association is “Speak to the earth & it shall teach thee,” focusing on the environment and our relationship with our home planet. The GA will be held at the Diplomat in Hollywood, FL from June 20 to June 25, and will feature daily worship services, plenary sessions at which the business of the Association is done, and a host of lectures, practicums, and presentations. Coinciding with the theme, this year’s Ware Lecture will be presented by Elizabeth Dodson Gray, a distinguished feminist theologian and environmentalist, as well as author of several books. If you are interested in attending, contact President Jallings for more information. If you want to represent Prairie, our delegates will be elected at the Spring Parish Meeting to be held on April 21 at 1:00 PM.

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
- Soup (all kinds)
- Tuna fish
- Spam (!!!?)
- Crackers
- Baked beans

Special need: we need to collect $40 per month for the next few months to buy ‘Similac’ for a needy mother whose child is allergic to SMA. She will exchange with us an equivalent amount of SMA to donate to the Allied Community Food Pantry.

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

Open House at Hospitality House

There will be an Open House at Hospitality House on Saturday, April 13, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Hospitality House was established last year as a
place where the homeless could go to read the paper, talk to others, etc. It is located at 1121 University Avenue. Prairie volunteers at the drop-in shelter are invited to drop by the Hospitality House to meet the staff. This is in lieu of a luncheon in honor of the volunteers which has taken place in previous years.

**Donation Needed!**

I have been helping a young Cambodian woman who lives at Wexford Ridge Apts. Chantha is 18, has a 1 1/2 year old son, and attends West High School. The management recently told her that she has to remove the sheet covering her patio doors and put up curtains. If you have an unneeded set of curtains that would fit patio doors, please call me at 238-6285. Chantha will be very grateful.

- Erin Bosch

**Peace/Ecology Festival**

“Our Earth Family: A Peace and Ecology Festival” will be held on Sunday, April 21, from 1:00 PM to 4:45 PM at Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ, 1501 Gilbert Road, Madison, WI. The festival will include storytelling by Rev. Tim Kehl, a songfest by Corinne Rockow, Madison folksinger and storyteller, and three workshop/activity sessions covering a wide variety of subjects suitable for adults and children. Refreshments will be for sale and there will be childcare for infants to age three. The Festival is sponsored by (among others) WILPF, the Sierra Club, and by a number of local churches, including First Unitarian Society. This could be a good place to go after the Parish Meeting is over.

**April 12—14: Circle Pines Camp, Michigan. “Join Hands In The Dance” is a regional conference and district caucuses for the Michigan, Ohio Valley, Ohio Meadville and Central Midwest UU district chapters of CUUPS. For registration forms/information, contact Sue Dick or Julie Bonser, (608/274-3248) or write directly to registrar David Burwasser, c/o Unitarian Society of Cleveland, 2728 Lancashire, Cleveland Heights, OH 44106. The registration deadline is April 5th.

**April 19—21: Women's Web: A Weaving of Women’s Personal & Spiritual Renewal, will be held at George Williams College near Lake Geneva, WI. Contact registrar Lyn Rund, 117 N. Bridge St. Rockton, IL 61072 (815/624-2003).

**April 21: Annual Spring Parish Meeting** at the Meetinghouse.

**May 4: Reception to Honor former Congressman Bob Kastenmeier, 5–7 PM at Ovens of Brittany on the Square, 1 S. Pinckney St. (2nd floor of the ‘glass bank”). NO CHARGE!**

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


**June 20–25: Hollywod, FL, UUA General Assembly: Speak to the Earth & It Shall Teach Thee, contact General Assembly 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 98026. 206/778-0873.**

**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**

**Note Re: Building Use**

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.

**Women’s Web...**

Women’s Web: A Weaving of Women’s Personal & Spiritual Renewal, will be held on April 19—21, 1991 at George Williams College near Lake Geneva, WI. The conference will focus on women’s spirituality and related issues through numerous workshops. Registration is $25 before April 5. Meals and accommodations range from $50 to $95 depending on choice of dorm or cottage. Contact registrar Lyn Rund, 117 N. Bridge St. Rockton, IL 61072 (815/624-2003).

**Upham Woods Annual Retreat**

Each October, Prairie folk gather for a weekend at Upham Woods Environmental Education Center on the Wisconsin River just above Wisconsin Dells. All ages join together for a weekend of activities emphasizing the outdoors, crafts, discussion, and learning. This year, we have reserved the weekend of Oct. 4—6 for the retreat. Peg Stevenson will be planning the program of activities for the weekend. Contact her at 238-6449 with your ideas and suggestions.

**Up For Adoption...**

I need to find a good home for a small black & white 11 year old Heinz dog. His name is Lucky. He’s good natured and fine with children. Call me at 256-1239 if you are interested. (Heinz-57 varieties)

- Marty Drapkin
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