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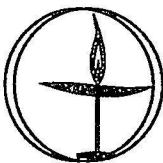
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, July 21. Submit items for July 25—August 31, 1991.

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 27
7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

Sunday, June 30
10:00 AM

"SELECTED DREAMS," coordinated by Warren Hagstrom. Dreams have been important in many religions but have been neglected by our own. Come prepared to discuss dreams in general and some selected dreams in particular.

Sunday, July 7
10:00 AM

REPORT FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY by Jack Jallings & Cinda LaMar.

Thursday, July 11
7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

7:30 PM

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the Meetinghouse. Lay ministers and

RE please note that we hope to rough out next year's schedule in addition to discussing the remainder of the summer programs.

Sunday, July 14
10:00 AM

A VISIT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION north of Baraboo. (See related story)

Monday, July 15
7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING at the Meetinghouse.

Thursday, July 18
7:30 PM

PRAIRIE TALESPIINNERS meet at the Meetinghouse. We'll focus on stories of change... rites of passage, revolution, evolution, deliverance, etc. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday, July 21
10:00 AM

ANCIENT FORESTS, an endangered ecological treasure, presented by Julie Bonser.

Tuesday, July 23
7:00 PM

FRENCH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK at the home of Jean Tucker, 2724 Center Ave., 249-2639.

Thursday, July 25
7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

Sunday, July 28
10:00 AM

Informal gathering at the Meetinghouse.

2:30 PM

ANNUAL BEACH PARTY AND POTLUCK DINNER at the home of John & Shirley Grindrod. Boating, swimming & fishing—eating at 5:30 PM. (See related story)

Thursday, August 8
7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

Today's Quote:

"Life is not so bad if you have plenty of luck, a good physique and not too much imagination."

- CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD

NEWS & VIEWS

On Every Sunday...

WE DO PLAN TO MEET EVERY SUNDAY at 10:00 AM at the meetinghouse this summer. Just drop in for the surprise if nothing has been listed in the newsletter.

- Warren Hagstrom,
Program Chair

...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

Coffee Service Volunteers

The following persons have volunteered to set up the coffee service on Sunday mornings.

June 30 Jack Jallings
July 7 Heidi Oliverson
July 14 No Coffee Today
July 21 ??
July 28 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

June 30 Rick Ruecking
& Kate Tucker
July 7 ??
July 14 No Coffee Today
July 21 ??
July 28 ??

The following have signed up to greet visitors on Sunday mornings.

June 30 Heidi Oliverson
July 7 Heidi Oliverson
July 14 Anne Urbanski
July 21 ??
July 28 ??

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

Crane Foundation

Prairie will hold a field trip to the International Crane Foundation on Sunday, July 14. Prairie people last visited the cranes five or ten years ago, and those who attended had a great time. Some of us will assemble at the Meetinghouse at 10:00 and will depart around 10:15 from there. Others can join us at the Foundation between 11:00 and 11:45 AM. We will then have lunch at their picnic grounds and try to make the guided tour at 1:00 PM (There are other tours at 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM).

Directions: Go to Baraboo on Hwy. 12 and drive 5 miles North from the intersection of Hwy. 12 and Hwy. 33 in Baraboo on Hwy. 12. turn right on Shady Lane Road (there is a sign about the Foundation facing highway 12), drive 1 1/4 mile to the Foundation and follow the signs to the Visitors' Center on the left.

Beach Party

Prairie's traditional annual beach party and potluck at John and Shirley Grindrod's will be held on July 28th. Plan to arrive at 2:30 PM to enjoy swimming, boating, fishing and conversation. The grills will be ready to cook around 5:30 PM. Bring what you want to grill, a dish to pass, and eating utensils. Bring beer or wine for yourselves if you wish, but Shirley will probably prepare some of her famous Sangria, with or without wine.

Obituary

Our much wanted first child, Sharon Lee Urbanski, was delivered June 4, 1991, at Meriter Hospital in Madison following her death in utero at 16 weeks of gestation. We want to thank everyone at Prairie for their kindness and compassion in what has been a time of great sadness for us. The support of so many good friends has been a great comfort to us.

- Anne & Lee Urbanski

Prairie Band Takes Recess

The Prairie Band is dis-Banding for the summer as some members are out of town for the summer. However, if someone is in dire need of making music or if someone's summer program requires some joyful noise, individual gatherings of a few are still a possibility—call Metje Butler at 244-3659.

Schedule Your Building Use!

Members wishing to use the Prairie building for activities should check with the Housing & Property Committee to reserve the building. Other groups do use the building, so it is absolutely necessary to schedule with the committee to avoid double booking conflicts in the building. They need advance notice, preferably two weeks, to schedule the use of the building. Building use rules are posted in the kitchen.

Summer Campout Planned!

The UU Fellowship of Dubuque, IA invites Prairie UU members to join us camping out Friday and Saturday, July 19 & 20, at Blue Mound State Park (off US 151 near Barneveld). On Sunday morning, July 21, we will attend the Unity Chapel UU Service at Taliesin.

Make your own campsite reservation by calling Blue Mound at 608/437-5711. Ask for a site near the Vinks. If you can't spend the night, come up for the day. For more information, call Deb Vink at 608/348-4868.

Building Manager Needed

The Housing & Property Committee has been informed by Rachel Siegfried that she will not be able to continue as building manager after July 1st due to other demands on her time. The committee would appreciate hearing from anyone interested and able to take on some or all of the managers functions which include checking and purchasing supplies, coordinating janitorial services and work days, and maintaining a schedule of building use. Some remuneration (\$75/month) is part of the deal.

- for the Housing & Property Comm.
John Grindrod, 238-4422

Pledge Statements Mailed

Pledge statements have been sent out to all Prairie members who pledged during 1991. If you pledged money to Prairie in 1991 but did NOT receive a statement of your pledge status, please call Linda Nelson at 255-8630 or write a note to her at 1813 Adams Street, Madison, WI 53711. Thank you.

Best of the Board Meeting

Over \$40 was contributed to the food pantry on June 16th, enabling the Social Action Committee to continue the purchase of infant formula. The Committee will continue to purchase the alternate brand until the baby that needs it due to allergies graduates to solid food.

At the Spring Parish Meeting, Prairie's contribution to the UUA annual fund was reduced by approximately \$1,400 because pledges did not meet anticipated expenditures. In addition, the current income is projected at \$3,500 below budget. The Board asked the Finance Committee to develop a special fund raising plan to cover this deficit of nearly \$5,000.

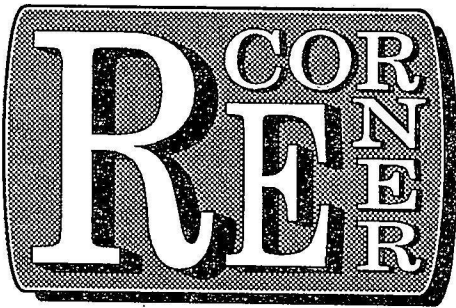
Some statistics:

Total UUA membership = 145,250;
expenditures by congregations = \$80,995,136; average expenditure per member = \$557.

Prairie has 125 members and a budget of \$34,099 for an average expenditure of \$273 per member.

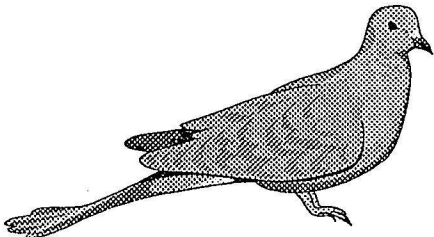
Why Not Lead a Workshop?

This year, we have reserved the weekend of Oct. 4-6 for the Upham Woods retreat. Peg Stevenson will be coordinating the program of activities for the weekend. She needs some help to take care of registrations, fees, and room/cabin assignments. Contact her at 233-6449 with your ideas, suggestions and offers of help.



R. E. Committee Report:

The R. E. Committee is pleased to announce that the following Prairie members will begin teaching in the fall: Metje Butler and Heidi Oliverson in the K-1-2 class, Aileen Nettleton and Mike Sheehy in the 3-4-5 class, and Jim Harvey, Bob Nelson, Rosemary Dorney and Kate Tucker in the 6-7-8 class. In addition, Julie and Dick Bonser will teach the AYS (About Your Sexuality) class for interested middle schoolers. Thanks to all of these people for their enthusiasm.



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

- The **Drop-In Shelter**.
- The **Once a Week blood donors club**.
- The Allied Community Center **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 these activities, call Sharon Scrattish at 233-1118.

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

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! During the summer, bring your donations to Prairie and either put them in the box near the men's room or give them to Sharon Scrattish. Cash donations are always welcomed—we can buy whatever is most needed that week! Please try to make a weekly donation.

- Sharon Scrattish
233-1118

The Social Action Committee (and indeed all of Prairie) extends its thanks to Frank Iltis, who has been scheduling workers for Prairie's work day at the mens drop-in shelter, and who often works there himself.



Looking Ahead—

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 S W, Edmonds, WA 98206. 206/778-0373.

August 9-11: YRUU Campout at Governor Dodge State Park.
August 19-25: Ocean Park Camp, WA **"Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) Continental Conference (Con-Con)."** Theme: UUtopia. Contact the Youth Office, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. 617/742-2100

Networking Help Needed!

Hello, Prairie Friends! As many of you know, I was laid off from my job in early April and have had no success in locating anything yet. A big strike against me is that I'm very new and unconnected in Madisonland. I welcome your help in thinking of me for work you may know of or referring me to someone who may know of other opportunities.

I have more than 7 years experience in training and organizational development including: curriculum design, training (supervisory, human relations, customer relations, alcohol and drug education, effective meetings, etc.), team building, organizational assessment, productivity improvement and related areas.

I've been trying to build my own consulting business and so am hoping for part-time, limited term, and project work. Realities being what they are, I'm also looking at full time work. Large organizations (including government) are the places most likely to have opportunities. Please call me if you know of any possibilities, and feel free to pass my name and phone number along. Thanks for your support.

- Scott Savage
838-6141

July 1991

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