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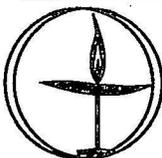
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, August 18. Submit items for August 22—September 12, 1991.

# CALENDAR

### Thursday, July 25

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday, July 28

10:00 AM

No Service 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)

### Sunday, August 4

10:00 AM

"THE BUSINESS OF DYING: A GRACEFUL EXIT" led by John Grindrod, Rachel Siegfried, and Beverly Thielman, program coordinator for the Wisconsin Coalition for the Aging. (See related story)

### Thursday, August 8

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

7:30 PM

PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets at the Meetinghouse. Everyone is welcome.

### Sunday, August 11

10:00 AM

"ESSAYS ABOUT EARLY RELIGIOUS THINKING" led by Karen Gross. (See related Story)

### Thursday, August 15

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE TALESPIINNERS meet at the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday, August 18

10:00 AM

"A TENTATIVE—BUT NOT CONCLUSIVE—LOOK AT DISABILITIES, or When 'Them' becomes Us" coordinated by Rosemary Dorney.

### Thursday, August 22

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

### Saturday, August 24

1:00 PM

PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS will hold their annual planning meeting for 1991/92 at the home of Pat Watkins, 230 N. Meadow Lane. This is a POTLUCK LUNCH so please bring a dish to pass.

### Sunday, August 25

10:00 AM

JOINT MEETING WITH SAUK CITY FREE CONGREGATION in Sauk City

to be followed by a POTLUCK LUNCH. (See related story for directions)

### Sunday, Sept. 1

NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE.

### Monday, September 9

7:00 PM

"SPANISH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK" at the Meetinghouse. Please call 238-4382 or 273-4041 for more information. (See related story)

### Today's Quote:

"When we remember we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained."

- MARK TWAIN

# 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

## Beach Party

Prairie's traditional annual beach party and potluck at John and Shirley Grindrod's will be held on **July 28th**.

...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

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.

## The Business of Dying...

Woody Allen once wrote that while he wasn't especially afraid of dying, he would just as soon not be around when it happened. Forethought, however, can make life better for the survivors. The **August 4** program will deal with such topics as Living Wills and the simple dignified ways of dealing with the business of dying offered by groups such as the Wisconsin Memorial Society.

## Early Religious Thinking...

Karen Gross is a second generation UU and a sometime religious education teacher at Prairie. At an RE teachers orientation last year, it was suggested that the Prairie children might want to interview their parents about their religious beliefs. So she did. It's an interesting story she will share with us on **August 11**.

## Sauk City Service

The Sauk City Free Congregation was founded long ago as the Freie Gemeinde by German immigrants to the area. More recently they affiliated with the UUA. Prairie visits them in their beautiful Meeting House each year. It is located in a beautiful park about four blocks North of the Wisconsin River and four blocks East of Highway 12—you can't miss it. Come at **10:00 AM Sunday, August 25**, and bring a dish for the potluck afterward.

## Spanish Speakers' Potluck

The Spanish Speakers' Potluck in an informal group that meets once monthly (but not in August, please note) at Prairie to share food and conversation in whatever level of Spanish those attending can manage. Levels vary considerably, but we learn a lot from one another—and about one another. This is an excellent way both to extend Spanish speaking skills and get to know a small, easy-going group of people. (We promise: there will be no test afterwards!)

Usually, each person brings a dish to pass, not necessarily "Hispanic," but if you just can't get something together that day, please don't stay away. There's always plenty. We generally get in a couple of hours of conversation, about what's going on in our lives, or about any trips we've made (recently, or ever) to countries where Spanish is spoken and the culture is Latino. With the increasing number of Hispanics in this country, and our community's growing awareness of both the contributions and needs of Latinos, we feel it's a good time to be improving our skills. One of our regular attendees recently became employed partly because of her ability to speak and write Spanish, and she feels strongly that our monthly meetings contributed to her success.

If you feel you'd like to know more about us, or if you need a ride, call Orton Gray at 273-4041 or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382.

## 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.

## Building Manager Needed

The Housing & Property Committee would appreciate hearing from anyone interested and able to take on some or all of the building manager's 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 Committee,  
John Grindrod, 238-4422

## Attention Committee Chairs!

Your projected budget needs to reach the Finance Committee by the end of August so that we can start planning

for Prairie's 1992 budget. Please respond to Linda Nelson (Finance Chair) by **August 30**.

## 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.

## Musicians—Attention!

This fall we will have a musical service featuring the life and music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on this 200th anniversary of his death in 1791. The program will probably be held in late October or November and will be coordinated by Warren Hagstrom. Musicians of all ages are invited to perform. Think about pieces you would like to perform and let Warren know about them.

## Please Share Your Skills!

This year, we have reserved the weekend of **Oct. 4—6** for the Upham Woods retreat. Peg Stevenson 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. She will be coordinating the program of activities for the weekend and needs activity leaders, group facilitators, nature walk guides, and a lot more.

## New Addresses for Prairie Folk!

Prairie member **Scott Savage** and his family (**wife Mary and son Max**) have moved to McFarland. Their new address is:

6141 Exchange Street  
McFarland, WI 53558  
phone: 836-6141

Prairie member **Rick Ruecking** has also moved. His new address is:

5921 Elder Place  
Madison, WI 53705  
phone: 238-2924 (home)  
266-9611 (work)

# SOCIAL ACTION

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 Scratfish at 233-1118.

## Witness for Peace

Community Action on Latin America in Madison, Wisconsin is organizing a Witness for Peace delegation to southern Mexico and Guatemala from October 18–November 1, 1991. The delegation will meet with and offer support to Guatemalan refugees in camps in Chiapas, Mexico as they prepare to return to their homelands in early 1992. In Guatemala, the delegation will meet with groups representing a broad spectrum of views on the current political, economic, and human rights situation.

We are hoping to support a diverse group of participants from various walks of life. Delegates are expected to share their experiences as widely as possible after their return.

Estimated cost of the delegation is \$1,300 (includes airfare, room and board). Some financial assistance may be available. For more information call Sharon Lewandowski at 608/241-2392.

# MISCELLANY

## 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

## Start Saving Now!

Remember, Prairie's White Elephant Sale will be coming up again this fall. Save all those "too good to throw away" items for the sale! Enrich Prairie and amuse your friends and neighbors. (Is it really true that someone is going to donate a Winslow Homer painting to the auction? Be sure to check it out!)

## Coffee Service Volunteers

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

- July 28 NO Service at Prairie.
- Aug. 4 ??
- Aug. 11 Barbara Rames
- Aug. 18 ??
- Aug. 25 ??
- Sept. 1 NO Service at Prairie.

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

- July 28 NO Service at Prairie.
- Aug. 4 ??
- Aug. 11 ??
- Aug. 18 ??
- Aug. 25 ??
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The following have signed up to greet visitors on Sunday mornings.

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

## A Month in Arizona?

Scotty Meek (interim minister at First UU several years ago) has learned that his next 'interim' year will be at the Kansas City, MO UU Society, so his and Dorothy's retirement home will be available for us UUs to rent again next winter at half the 'going rate' of \$1,500 per month (that's only \$750 per month!). November and December '91 and January and April '92 are still open. If one or two singles, or one or two couples (2 bedrooms and 2 baths) are interested, would you let us know within the next two weeks? After that, we will contact the Wausau UU Society where Scotty was 'interim' 2 years ago.

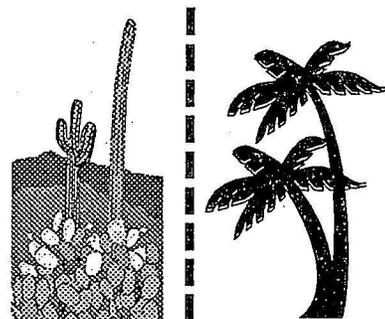
- Gordon & Vera Cunningham  
271-1246

## Or A Month in Florida?

Our friends, the Iribarrrens, who rented our house while we were in Albuquerque, have asked us to tell anyone we think might be interested that they would like to rent their house in Boca Raton, Florida, to congenial people for the month of August while they are in Europe. The house is in a quiet, attractive area within 10 miles of the coast, about three hours from Orlando, 45 miles from Miami, 40 from West Palm Beach. It is a duplex with one bedroom and one bath. There is a patio with a pond, orange and mango trees, and a pleasant vista. The rent will be \$800 per month, slightly less than they pay. If you are interested or know someone who is, contact Norma Iribarren, 339 W. Conference Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33488; phone at work: 1-800-FAU-MRC1; at home: 407/392-9579.

We especially want to give them a hand in renting their place because they were so kind to us, vacating our house before their year's lease was up when our son died and we returned to Madison unexpectedly.

- Rosemary Dorney & Tim Fast



# August 1991

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10:00 The Business of Dying, led by Beverly Thielman, et al.	5	6	7	8 7:00 Prairie Men's Group meets at the Meetinghouse. 7:30 Program Committee meets at the Meetinghouse	9	10
11 10:00 Early Religious Thinking, led by Karen Gross	12	13	14	15 7:30 Prairie Talespinners meet at the Meetinghouse.	16	17
18 10:00 A Look at Disabilities, led by Rosemary Dorney  <i>Prairie Fire</i>	19 7:30 Prairie Board Meet at the Meetinghouse.	20	21	22 7:00 Prairie Men's Group meets at the Meetinghouse.	23	24 1:00 Prairie Playreaders Potluck and 91/92 planning meeting at Pat Watkins home.
25 10:00 Joint Meeting with the Sauk City Free Congregation 11:30 Potluck Lunch	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Prairie U-U Society Activity Calendar