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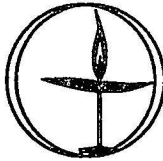
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# Prairie Fire



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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, September 8. Submit items for September 12-26, 1991.

# CALENDAR

### 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. Please bring your calendars and playbooks. Also, bring a hungry tummy and a dish to pass since this is a POTLUCK LUNCH. (See related story)

### Sunday, August 25 10:00 AM

"CELEBRATING OUR GERMAN FREE THOUGHT HERITAGE," a joint meeting with the Sauk City Free Congregation in Sauk City to be followed by a POTLUCK LUNCH. (See related story for directions)  
NO PROGRAM IN MADISON

### Sunday, Sept. 1 10:00 AM

NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE.  
2:30 PM

PRAIRIE BEACH PARTY AND POTLUCK at John and Shirley Grindrod's home. Boating, swimming and fishing followed by eating at 5:30 PM. (See related story)

### Thursday, September 5 7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

### Saturday, September 7

GARAGE SALE at Warren Hagstroms—proceeds to benefit Prairie.

### Sunday, Sept. 8 10:00 AM

"AN EXPLORATION OF SPIRITUALITY" by lay minister Scott Savage. (See related story)

### 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)

### Sunday, Sept. 15 10:00 AM

"ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE ON SPIRITUALITY" by a guest speaker, part of lay minister Scott Savage's ministry.

### Tuesday, September 17 7:30 PM

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the meetinghouse. All interested persons are invited to attend to plan the remainder of the fall programs.

### Thursday, September 19 7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.  
FRENCH SPEAKERS POTLUCK at the home of Metje Butler, 2115 E. Mifflin Street, Apt. B. Call 244-3659 for information.

### Sunday, Sept. 22 10:00 AM

To be announced.

### Thursday, September 26 7:30 PM

PRAIRIE TALESPIINNERS MEET at the meetinghouse. No theme has been selected for this meeting.

### Sunday, Sept. 29 10:00 AM

"ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE ON SPIRITUALITY" by a guest speaker, part of lay minister Scott Savage's ministry.

### Today's Quote:

(Taken from Rick Ruecking's Tee Shirt...)  
"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

- GROUCHO MARX

*...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



## Excuse Me, But...

**WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF MONEY!** Pledge income this summer has not been high enough to cover current operating expenses. We've had to tap into the savings account to pay some bills that should have been covered by pledge income. If you pledged a donation to Prairie, please bring it up to date. If you're not sure, pay ahead a little—it won't hurt (much) and we sure need it. Up to date pledge reports are to be mailed out at the end of September. Mail your pledge payment to Treasurer Julie Bonser at 5213 Milward Drive, Madison, WI 53711 or put it in the basket at Prairie on any Sunday.

## Beach Party Note Change of Date!

Prairie's traditional annual beach party and potluck at John and Shirley Grindrod's, originally scheduled for July 28th but cancelled due to rain, will be held on **Sept. 1**. 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. (In the event that we are again rained out and you find yourself with more of a potluck dish than you can consume, it has been suggested that you may wish to donate it to the Drop-In Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church.)

## What's a Playreader?

The Prairie Playreaders is a group of Prairie members and friends who meet monthly at the home of one of the participants to read from scripts of plays, old and new, for enjoyment. The group also attends local theatrical performances and holds an annual fish fry in the spring.

You don't need acting experience to participate. You don't have to have gone to a play before to take part. You don't even need a good memory, since we read from the scripts in the book! We are a

group that enjoys an evening of friendly, relaxed fun and we'd like to share it with you. For more information, call Pat Watkins at 233-5795.

## Sauk City Service

The Sauk City Free Congregation was founded long ago as the Freie Geminde 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.

## UU's and Spirituality— an Oxymoron?

What are your views regarding spirituality? As a UU this and, like most any other question, you'll get a broad range of responses ranging from "Such a thing exists not" to "WOW, cosmic." Perhaps it is one of those loaded words you shrink from, or attack upon hearing. This ministry will examine aspects of spirituality, including views of UU's on the subject. The series will include information, exercises and, of course, discussion about the spiritual experience as part of being human. Interested persons will have an opportunity to take the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and explore how personality type differences can impact our spiritual experience. This lay ministry will begin on September 8.

## 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.

## A.P.T. Outing Planned

Prairie member Susan Hagstrom is organizing a trip to American Players Theater to see **A Winters Tale**. The show is on **Saturday, Sept. 14 at 8:00 PM**. We would meet at 7:00 PM to share a potluck meal and then walk up the hill to see the play. Ticket prices are \$21.50 for adults with a reduction of \$2.00 if 20 or more persons register as a group. The discount is only possible where reservations are made in a block by one person. Anyone who is interested should call Susan at 238-4970 or write her at 916 Shorewood Boulevard, Madison, WI 53705. Susan will accept reservations until **August 31**, which is the deadline for the Sept. 14 performance.

## 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.

## Attention All 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**.

## Presenting Scott Savage

Scott Savage joined Prairie early this year. After moving ten times in as many years, from southern Illinois to Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin, he has vowed to stop his rolling stone ways. Wife Mary and son Max have sighed with relief. He joined Prairie, he says, to be part of a community and nurture the spiritual aspect in his life.

A second generation UU, he was reared at the UU church of Hinsdale in the Chicago area. He attended several UU societies in the Twin Cities and helped found a fellowship in River Falls, WI. The range in UU's, he notes, runs from the fundamental to the intellectual.

Scott holds a Master's degree in Business Education and a B.A. in psychology. He has spent the last twelve years evolving a career as a counseling and training and development consultant to business, government and community development agencies. Working part time, building a consulting practice, being housedaddy to 3 year old Max and loving spouse to Mary take up most of his time these days. Scott sat on the Ad Hoc Off The Wall Committee prior to joining, is the chair of Prairie's Long Range Planning Committee, and is also working with the planning committee for a Board of Directors retreat.

## Upham Woods is Coming!

The Prairie Upham Woods Retreat is the weekend of **October 5-7**. Registration materials will be coming in the next **Prairie Fire**. Plan on attending this annual "Best of Prairie" event. Start practicing for the talent/variety show NOW and thinking of ways you can help the programming. Contact Peg Barratt (formerly Stevenson) with your ideas and offers of assistance.

## 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.

## Name Change

Please change your Prairie Directory to reflect a name change for Prairie member Peg Stevenson. She is now Peg Barratt (but will retain Stevenson as a middle name).

## Address Change

Prairie friend Lynda Dale has moved. Her new address is  
4130 W. Martin Drive, #101  
Milwaukee, WI 53208

## CMD Leadership Conference

The CMD Fall Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, October 5, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church West, 13001 West North Avenue, Brookfield, WI. The theme is "Speak your Unitarian Universalism: Witnessing Our Identity." The Keynote speaker will be the Rev. Jean M. Rickard, who will speak on "A Faith to Be-Live." There will be 12 workshops to choose among, and the registration fee is \$25.00 (\$30.00 after Sept. 23). Child care will be available for \$12.00 and lunch for \$6.00. Call 414/782-3535 for more information. A registration form is tacked on the bulletin board in the Meetinghouse.

would like to have an input into the social concerns that our committee addresses, please consider joining us. Please call Sharon Scrattish, 233-1118.

## Food Pantry

Please continue bringing good items for the food pantry. Place your donations in the box just outside the men's bathroom. Money, too, is always welcome. We'll buy food that is needed. The food pantry is located in the Allied Community Center and serves those living in the Dunns Marsh/Allied Drive neighborhoods.

## 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.

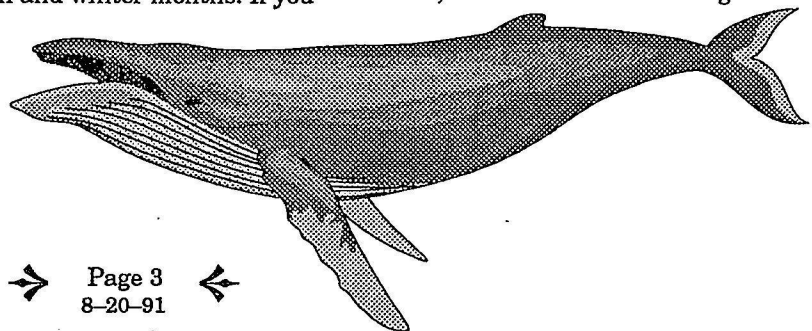
## Blood Donors Recognized

The following dedicated Prairie UU individuals have continued to participate in the One-A-Week Club by donating blood to the American Red Cross: Dick Bonser, Barbara Rames, Judy Skog, Andrea Lawrence, Mike Briggs, Barbara James, Aileen Nettleton, and Fredericka Schilling.



## Committee Meeting Called

The Social Action Committee will be meeting in late August to make plans for the fall and winter months. If you



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## 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 priceless antique bowl 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.

Aug. 25 NO Service at Prairie.  
Sept. 1 NO Service at Prairie.  
Sept. 8 Karen Gross  
Sept. 15 Barbara Rames  
Sept. 22 ??  
Sept. 29 Scott Savage

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

Aug. 25 NO Service at Prairie.  
Sept. 1 NO Service at Prairie.  
Sept. 8 Cinda LaMar & Chris Smith  
Sept. 15 John & Shirley Grindrod  
Sept. 22 Rachel Siegfried & Metje Butler  
Sept. 29 ??

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

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Sept. 29 ??

**IF ANYONE CAN VOLUNTEER TO GREET VISITORS AND/OR MAKE COFFEE FOR SEPT. 22, PLEASE CALL ANNE URBANSKI, AS SHE**

**WILL BE OUT OF TOWN AND CANNOT SERVE AS DEFAULT GREETER OR COFFEE MAKER ON THAT DAY!**

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

## Hospitality Needed!

The Central Midwest District Board is meeting at Prairie the weekend of September 13-14. Board meetings run through Friday evening and all day Saturday. We need housing for 15 people for both Friday and Saturday nights. Please call Rick Ruecking at 238-2924 if you would host an interesting UU from our district societies.

## Absent Friends...

Former Prairie member Lilo Koehl suffered a heart attack last month. The last we heard, she was recuperating nicely, but slowly. She would love to hear from all her old friends and acquaintances. Her address is:

Lilo Koehl  
612 West Street #2  
Prescott, AZ 86301

## Prairie Member Organizes Tour

Prairie member Dr. Rosemarie Lester is organizing a tour to Berlin from July 12-25, 1992. The first week will be a program of lectures and seminars (in English) at the European Academy, a lovely old villa in the Grunewald district, including lodging at the Academy. The second week will be headquartered at a medium priced hotel on the Kurfürstendamm, which is conveniently located to explore the City. Day trips to Dresden and Potsdam are also included. The price including air fare from Chicago will be approximately \$2,300.00. Interested persons should contact Rosemarie as soon as possible at 255-7039 since the deadline for her making reservations is close at hand.

# September 1991

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:00 NO SERVICE at PRAIRIE 2:30 BEACH PARTY and POTLUCK DINNER at John & Shirley Grindrod's.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 Prairie Mens Group meets at the Meetinghouse.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Garage Sale at Warren Hagstroms—Proceeds to benefit Prairie.
<b>8</b> 10:00 AN EXPLORATION OF SPIRITUALITY by lay minister Scott Savage. <i>Prairie Fire</i> <b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 Spanish Speakers' Potluck at the Meetinghouse	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:00 ANOTHER VIEW OF SPIRITUALITY by a guest speaker and lay minister Scott Savage.	<b>16</b> 7:30 Prairie Board meets at the Meetinghouse.	<b>17</b> 7:30 Program Committee meets at the Meetinghouse.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 Prairie Mens Group meets at the Meetinghouse. French Speakers' Potluck at the home of Metje Butler.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00 To Be Announced. <i>Prairie Fire</i> <b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30 Prairie Talespinners meet at the Meetinghouse.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00 YET ANOTHER VIEW OF SPIRITUALITY by a guest speaker and lay minister Scott Savage.	<b>30</b>					

**Prairie U-U Society Activity Calendar**