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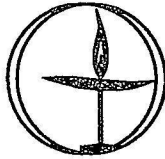
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, October 6. Submit items for October 10-24, 1991.

CALENDAR

Thursday, September 26

7:30 PM

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

Saturday, Sept. 28

Channing-Murray canoe day trip on the Baraboo river. For information and reservations (needed by September 15) call Carrie Sandahl at 255-1967.

Sunday, Sept. 29

10:00 AM

"NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY" by a guest speaker, part of lay minister Scott Savage's ministry.

11:30 AM

PARENT COFFEE for grades 3,4 &5.

Thursday, October 3

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, October 6

10:00 AM

UPHAM WOODS WEEKEND—NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE.

Sunday, October 13

10:00 AM

"THE STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS" by Julie Bonser and a guest speaker.

11:30 AM

PARENT COFFEE for grades 6,7&8.

4:30 PM

HISPANIC POTLUCK DINNER at the meetinghouse. Call Orton Gray at 273-4041 for more information.

Thursday, October 17

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the meetinghouse.

Saturday, October 19

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Donna Murdoch, 636 Sheldon Street. Call 238-0530 for more information. THIS IS THE CORRECT DATE. It was wrong in the last Prairie Fire.

Sunday, October 20

10:00 AM

"PERSONALITY TYPE AND SPIRITUALITY" by Scott Savage, lay minister.

11:30 AM

PARENT COFFEE for the nursery & preschool groups.

Monday, October 21

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, October 27

10:00 AM

"YOU'RE UNITARIAN AND YOU BELIEVE WHAT?" presented by the Channing-Murray University student group.

11:00 AM

POTLUCK LUNCH at the meetinghouse.

Tuesday, October 29

7:30 PM

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the meetinghouse.

Thursday, October 31

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the meetinghouse.

Today's Quote:

"When a man says he approves of something in principle, it means he hasn't the slightest intention of putting it into practice."

—OTTO VON BISMARCK.



...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



Y.R.U.U. Needs Your Help

The junior YRUU (Prairie's and First's youth group for 7th and 8th graders) is looking for someone from Prairie to assist the two advisors from First with the group's activities. The group will meet twice each month, once for an outing and once at either First or Prairie for a business-activity meeting. Experience with this age group is not a requirement. All that is needed is a sincere interest in and appreciation of young teens and a willingness to share some time with them. Anyone interested in considering this possibility may call Jim Jaeger, one of the advisors, at 273-1035.

Schedule Your Building Use!

Members wishing to use the Prairie building for activities should check with Julie or Dick Bonser to reserve the building. Other groups do use the building, so it is absolutely necessary to schedule with them 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.

Upham Woods is Here!

DIRECTIONS TO UPHAM WOODS: From the South on I-90/94, take exit 87. Turn left at the second stop-light onto 12/16 north. At the hilltop, turn right onto County 'A.' County 'A' becomes County 'N' beyond the RR underpass. Camp Upham Woods is on the right .6 mile past the underpass. (For a map, please see the previous issue of **Prairie Fire**.)

Many people have volunteered to lead activities:

Norma and Mike Briggs will lead the entire group in folk dancing on Saturday after dinner.

Marty Drapkin will MC our Saturday night talent show — bring your talent.

Mike Briggs will lead a sing-a-long on Saturday night — some people might

bring a card table and/or a lamp to add atmosphere. We will sell soda and have snacks available.

Scott Savage will extend his lay ministry by offering a 3-4 hour workshop on the Meyers Briggs personality inventory (\$5.00 will include scoring your questionnaire).

Erin Bosch will lead active outdoor games for children and adults including Frisbee golf (bring a frisbee for yourself and some to share), Blooper baseball, and Spud.

Dan Stevenson will lead card games from around the world (or least from Spain and Japan) on Friday night.

Rick Ruecking and/or Dick Bonser will lead a discussion of men's issues for men and women. This will include a look back over the meetings of the men's group.

Deb Vink will lead a craft activity for children from 6 up (including adults) on making paper flowers.

James Vink will offer Tarot card readings at your request and will talk about Tarot card interpretation and the basis for the Tarot card deck. (see also **Tarot Workshop** below)

Cinda LaMar will lead a discussion group on The Dance of Intimacy. You do not need to have read the book to come.

Rick Ruecking will organize a group of children up to around 4th grade into a talent show presentation of "There will be a hot time in the old town tonight."

Randy Convers will draw on his extensive experience with children to organize some children's activities.

Kathy Convers will use the resources of the nature center to present some nature activities.

Dick Bonser Will lead a workshop on Nature photography including some discussion and some hands-on experience.

Warren Hagstrom will organize a Volleyball game.

Peg Barratt will help you print on a t-shirt (\$4.00 will include the shirt)

Alice Bullen will again have a quiet story hour at the end of Saturday afternoon.

Pat Cautley will once again lead a nature walk on the Island.

David Stevenson will lead a rousing game of capture the flag.

Peg Barratt will help some of the older children prepare a video record of Upham Woods.

We will prepare a Prairie family notebook — bring or draw a picture to share

These are possible activities that would need leading or organizing:

sky show

bird walk

island hike

Saturday evening games, Trivial Pursuit

assembly of a notebook about our Prairie Family

orienteering

IN ADDITION >>> we need helpers for many of the children's activities. If you would like to volunteer or have other suggestions, call Peg Barratt at 233-6449.

UPHAM WOODS RULES

So that you may be aware of some of the Upham Woods rules and procedure, **please take a minute to read this:**

Life jackets must be worn at all times in canoes. Sign canoes in and out. Every canoe must have an adult in it or within a couple of paddle lengths.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

We follow Upham Woods procedures on meals — a few people need to volunteer to show up 15 minutes ahead to set the tables. At the meal, only the "hopper" goes to the serving window to get food and return dishes. Hoppers also scrape the dishes, clear and wipe the table.

No alcohol or drugs at any time. No smoking except on the upstairs porch of the main lodge.

Parents are responsible for their own children. Children are welcome to attend

activities on their own, but parent and child should know what the child will do after the activity.

Mozart Program Date Set

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 be held on November 10 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. If you can perform but need an accompanist, you can ask Warren about arranging for one.

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.

1991-92 PlayReaders Schedule

PLEASE NOTE CHANGED AND CORRECTED DATES!

Oct. 19: Donna Murdock
Nov. 23: Dick & Julie Bonser
Dec. 14: Maureen Gerarden
Jan. 11: Al & Aileen Nettleton
Feb. 15: Pat Cautley
Mar. 14: Karen Gross
Apr. 11: Pat Watkins
May 15: Rachel Siegfried

The plays to be read will be announced in future issues of **Prairie Fire**. Please see the related story in this issue for the announcement of this month's plays.

Tarot Workshop at Upham Woods!

The Tarot workshop at Upham Woods will explain the Aleister Crowley tarot deck from an astrological viewpoint. I will also bring hemi-synch tapes for left-

brain/right-brain attunement. You can borrow these from me for use at any time, during raps or overnight. They are useful for many purposes, such as developing ESP, fighting depression, and so forth.

- James Vink



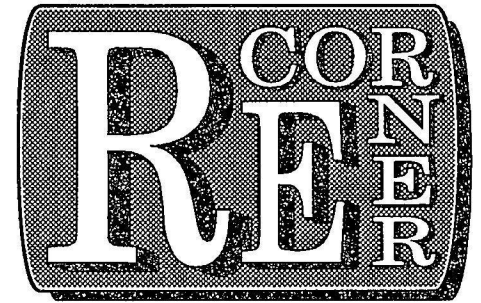
Channing-Murray, the University of Wisconsin Unitarian-Universalist Student group, meets every Wednesday at noon, every Thursday at 6:00 PM, and once a month on Sunday at 6:00 PM for a dinner and program evening.

Wednesday Lunches are held at the Memorial Union. You can bring a brown bag or buy something from one of the Union Cafeterias. This year those Channing-Murray members in the semester planning group decided besides students taking turns leading noon discussions, to add back in a previous format of occasional guest speakers from our Madison community. We'll try to have a guest speaker once every four or five weeks. 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 on the Memorial Union Terrace at 6:00 PM. Again, you can bring your own dinner or buy something at one of the cafeterias. 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. During September they'll continue to meet on the Union Terrace, if cold look for the group in the open room across from the Rathskellar. In October they'll begin meeting at the International Food Court, on University Ave. next to Kinko's.

Saturday, September 28, Channing-Murray will meet for a canoe trip on the Baraboo river. Carrie Sandahl is coordinating this event. Give her a call

at 255-1967 to make your reservation. This is a day trip (bring your own lunch). Carrie will need your reservation by September 15.



R.E. Coffees for Parents/Guardians.

Parents, guardians and all others interested in learning more about the Religious Education curricula this year, are invited to attend the series of coffees beginning September 15th. These will be held after the morning service and will be in the appropriate R.E. room. The adult leaders, the R.E. Director and member of the R.E. committee will meet with parents and others to discuss the program for the year. The schedule is as follows:

September 29:	3-4-5.
October 13:	6-7-8.
October 20:	Nursery & Preschool.

"Caring Hands"—led by Metje Butler and Heidi Oliveresen.

This group of Kindergarteners through second graders will be focusing on the theme of peace and justice this year. They began by getting to know each other through sharing stories, singing, making name tags and painting individual flowers on the vine that's sprouted around their doorway. During craft activities, discussion took place about what peace and justice are, with lots of insightful ideas offered by the children.

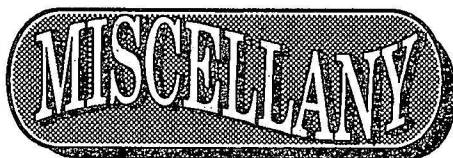
The theme continued the following Sunday with a focus on "belonging"—how it feels when we do or don't belong and where the children feel they are a part of a group. Circles were used as a symbolic image for the concept, with the group making a circle-based "Caring Hands" banner. Judy Skog assisted with this project.

"Time Travels" led by Mike Sheehy and Aileen Nettleton.

These third, fourth and fifth graders will be traveling through time and space to visit various societies this year. While there they will discover the religious ideas and practices of the people. The first two sessions were spent creating an amazing machine that will serve as their transporter. Enthusiasm was high for the construction of the machine from a terrific collection of odds and ends, and for the taping of the sound effects that accompany the travel. The first journey took place this past Sunday. Destination: Egypt. The group learned the story of Osiris, traveled the twisted path to the underworld, and began to construct a collage of pictures about ancient Egypt.

"In Our Hands" led by Jim Harvey, with assistance from Bob Nelson, Rosemary Dorney, and Kate Tucker.

This middle school group will also be following the theme of peace and social justice this year. They began by getting to know each other and playing some games. They have begun to examine the qualities of an utopian society—What does everyone in a society need to live a satisfying life and how can those needs be equitably filled? Interest and participation are strong.



Mark Your Calendars Now!

Prairie's Annual White Elephant Sale will be held **Saturday, November 9**, starting with supper in the meeting-house at **6:00 PM**. Save all those "too good to throw away" items such as Aunt Ellen's punch bowl or those gold washed oriental plates for the sale! Enrich Prairie and amuse your friends and neighbors. Don't forget that this is a **SERVICE AUCTION** as well as a White Elephant sale. Donate your unique and valuable services (such as an ethnic dinner for 8 or removing a dead tree) to the auction as well. (*Is it really true that someone is going to donate a Belly Dance performance to the auction?* Be sure to check it out!) Watch this space for further juicy rumors about sale items! Don't miss this sale—we always have a lot of fun and manage to exchange a lot of good stuff while making some money for Prairie.

Coffee Service Volunteers

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

- Sept. 29 Scott Savage
- Oct. 6 No service at Prairie (Upham Woods)
- Oct. 13 ??
- Oct. 20 ??

- Oct. 27 ??
- Nov. 3 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

- Sept. 29 Kathy Converse & Al Nettleton
- Oct. 6 No service at Prairie (Upham Woods)
- Oct. 13 Betty Jallings & ??
- Oct. 20 Beth Lovern & Ron Kuka
- Oct. 27 Mary Mullen & Pat Watkins
- Nov. 3 Pat O'Laughlin & Barbara Benson

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

- Sept. 29 Jennifer Parker
- Oct. 6 No service at Prairie (Upham Woods)
- Oct. 13 ??
- Oct. 20 ??
- Oct. 27 Scott Savage
- Nov. 3 Donna Murdoch

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

Housemate Sought

Jennifer Parker is looking for someone to share her house, including a private room, laundry, kitchen facilities, utilities and garage space. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would be interested in living with a family, please give Jennifer a call at 246-4304.

CIRCLE SUPPERS 1991-1992 (LEAVE THIS FORM AT PRAIRIE OR MAIL IT TO MIKE BRIGGS AT 2404 FOX AVE, MADISON 53711)

(Names) _____

(Address) _____ (Phone #) _____

Preferred size of group: (<8) ___ (8-12) ___ (> 13) ___ (No pref.) _____

Children: (OK) ___ (Not OK) ___ Dietary concerns (be specific): _____

Who was in your group last year? (Sorry to ask this, but Ann's hard disk crashed) _____

October 1991

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Prairie U-U Society Activity Calendar		1	2	3 7:00 Prairie Men's Group meets at the Meetinghouse.	4 Upham Woods Weekend	5 Upham Woods Weekend
		6 Upham Woods Weekend No Service at Prairie	7	8	9	10
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13 10:00 The Stigma of Mental Illness— led by Julie Bonser. 11:30 Parent Coffee for grades 6, 7, & 8. 4:30 Hispanic Potluck at the Meetinghouse.	14	15	16	17 7:00 Prairie Men's Group meets at the Meetinghouse.	18	19 7:30 Prairie Playreaders meet at Donna Murdoch's home.
20 10:00 Personality Type and Spirituality— led by lay minister Scott Savage. 11:30 Parent Coffee for the nursery & preschool group.	21 7:30 Prairie Board meets at the Meetinghouse.	22	23	24	25	26
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27 10:00 You're Unitarian and You Believe <u>What?</u> — led by the Channing-Murray student group. 11:00 Potluck Lunch at the Meetinghouse.	28	29 7:30 Program Committee meets at the Meetinghouse.	30	31 7:00 Prairie Men's Group meets at the Meetinghouse.		

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