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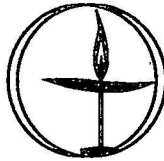
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# Prairie Fire



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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, November 3. Submit items for November 7—November 21, 1991.

# CALENDAR

### Thursday, October 24 7:30 PM

Prairie Talespinners meet at the Meetinghouse. The suggested theme for the evening is **UNITES OF PASSAGE**

### 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 meeting-house.

### 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.

### Friday, November 1 6:30 PM

GRINDRODS 44<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DINNER at the meeting-house.

### Saturday, November 2

BUS TRIP TO THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO (see accompanying article)

### Sunday, November 3 10:00 AM

"THE BOARD'S AWAY, THE MICE WILL PLAY," a service led by Mary Mullen. (See accompanying article.)

### Wednesday, November 6 7:00 PM

FRENCH SPEAKERS POTLUCK at the Sheehy's, 629 Piper Dr., 273-3895

### Sunday, November 10 10:00 AM

"IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF W. A. MOZART," with music by members of the congregation, coordinated by Warren Hagstrom.

### Friday, November 15 7:00 PM

FRIDAY NIGHT VIDEOS at the meetinghouse.

### Today's Quote:

"So far as I can remember, there is not one word in the Gospels in praise of intelligence"

—BERTRAND RUSSELL



## The Board's Away, The Mice Will Play

The answers ranged from "an occasional mystical experience"(SURPRISE) to "starting on time," from "ways to get to know people better" to "more people to share the responsibilities and joys." The question, which was posed to the people assembled at Prairie as part of Scott Savage's spirituality lay ministry, was "One thing about Prairie I would change to make it better fit my spiritual needs is..."

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Prairie Board is away on a retreat and we remaining mice have the chance to "play" at our Sunday service. Whether you're new or old to Prairie, come on Sunday to get to know each other better and perhaps to have a mystical experience or at least to tell of any you care to describe. We will be starting on time and we invite you to bring a guest to share the responsibility of making this a satisfying and, as usual, different Prairie service.

## Friday Night Videos To Return To Prairie Again

Once again on a monthly basis Prairie will be turned into a movie house. Starting on **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** there will be a video and discussion offered for everyone including adults and older children. Please feel free to bring your non-Prairie friends to share

...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

in a fun night of movie viewing, lively discussion and munchies.

The videos this year will focus on lesbian/gay/bisexual issues in hopes of opening dialogue between people of all sexual orientations. This film series is one of the steps Prairie is taking to become a Welcoming Congregation. There will be no charge for the movies but if you wish to bring munchies they would of course be welcome.

The videos will include documentaries, educational videos as well as first run dramas. Call Fredricka Schilling 271-5192 to find out the title of the video.

## Grindrods 44th Anniversary Dinner

Help the Grindrods celebrate their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and raise money for Prairie in one swell foop! Come to dinner at Prairie at **6:30 PM Friday, November 1**. Cabbage borscht and Russian Black bread. The cost for adults is \$3.50 and \$1.00 for children.

## UNICEF Cards Available

A display of UNICEF cards, calendars, etc. will be in the lobby for the next two weeks, on **October 27** and **November 3**.

We are willing to order any item in the catalog for you if we don't have it. The sale of UNICEF cards helps support the Children's Emergency Fund worldwide. It supplies immunization, materials and instruction to help mothers cope with diarrhea and dehydration in their young children, information and help to secure pure water supplies, and many, many other worthwhile services.

Come to the Children's Hallowe'en Fair at Hilldale Shopping Center on **Sunday, October 27** from 4:00 to 6:00 to enjoy the games etc. with your child(ren).

## In Hospital

Long time Prairie member Rachel Siegfried has been hospitalized with a mysterious illness. She has limited ability to accept visitors at this writing. She will certainly be glad to get cards, letters and flowers, however. She is at UW Hospital unit D6, room 444. Check with the unit nurse by phone before visiting.

## Memorial Service For Infants

Meriter Hospital (South Park Street) will hold a memorial service on **Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 PM**, for all the babies that died at the hospital between January and June 1991. Our daughter, Sharon Lee Urbanski, will be one of the babies remembered. If any of our friends is interested in joining Lee and me at the memorial service, please call me at 258-8269 by Sunday, Oct. 27. The service will be held in the hospital's Manfred Swarsenky Chapel.

—Anne Urbanski

## 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.

## Another Fabulous Bus Trip

On Saturday, **November 2**, Prairie is sponsoring another fund raising bus trip to Chicago. We will make stops at two shopping areas (Michigan Avenue at Water Tower Place and the Loop at the main Marshall Fields) and two museums. The Museum of Contemporary Art is showing the Romare Beardon exhibit (you may have seen this featured on Charles Kuralt's Sunday Morning.) The Art Institute does not have a special exhibit, which enables us to see some of the regular collection which is difficult to do when they have a special art show. The cost is \$30.00 and checks should be made out to Prairie Society and sent to Pat Cautley, 4805 Regent St. Madison, WI 53705. Because this trip is structured to enable you to choose among four different activities, entrance fees to the museums will be paid individually (both museums ask for \$4-6 contribution, with senior citizens paying less. We must have your paid reservation by October 25, or the trip must be canceled.

## White Elephant News

Watch this space for juicy rumors about sale items! (*Is it really true that someone is going to donate a self contained portable printer to the auction?* 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. Be sure to check it out!) Enrich Prairie and amuse your friends and neighbors. 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! 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 or perhaps calligraphy or genealogy) to the auction as well. Prairie's Annual White Elephant Sale will be held **Saturday, November 9**, starting with supper in the meeting-house at **6:00 PM**.

\* This year we would like to print ahead of time in the **Prairie Fire** the services being offered so that if you cannot be at Prairie on November 9, you will be able to bid on an Absentee Ballot that will be printed in **Prairie Fire** the week of Nov. 5.

Please call **Judy Skog** with your service or mail her a post card with the service that you will offer, as soon as possible. Her address is: Judy Skog, 626 Orchard Drive, Madison, WI 53711, and her phone no. is 273-4813.

## 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.

## Coming Events

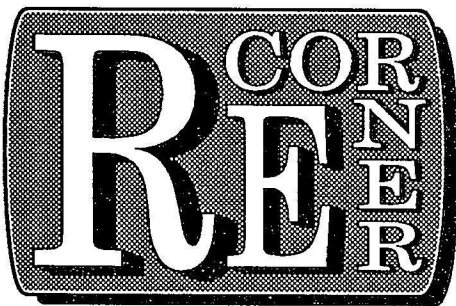
**Nov. 9-10:** CMD Annual Meeting at Champaign/Urbana, IL.  
**Jan. 24-26:** W & R Womanspirit Conference, Evanston, IL.  
**Jan. 31-Feb. 2:** Chicago Area UU Council Winter Retreat, Lake Geneva, WI.



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 at the International Food Court, on University Ave. next to Kinko's 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.



### Parent-Teacher Coffee Rescheduled

The parent-teacher coffee for the Nursery-Preschool has been rescheduled to **Sunday, November 3** due to conflicts of scheduling. Apologies are extended for any inconveniences created

by this change of date. Anyone interested in finding out more about this part of Prairie's R.E. program is invited to attend this meeting, which will be held after the morning service.

### Haunted House Scary Fun

The Fall Frolic, held October 20, was great and scary fun. The children who participated showed great imagination and, with the help of several ambitious adults, were able to create a unique and thrilling haunted house, fun games and a delicious bake sale. Many thanks to all those supportive adults who helped by creating, baking, cleaning, and attending! As a fundraiser the event was also successful. \$73.85 was raised, half of which will be donated to Prairie, with the other half going to UNICEF, as per the majority decision of the children.

### Growing Times

This group of infants and preschoolers varies each week in number and ages attending, and so presents a unique situation for the care givers Emilie Dickson, Lili Sandler and Nora Bosch. Some favorite activities for the older children have proved to be playing with puzzles, playdough and the marble racetrack.

### Caring Hands

Continuing with the theme of personal aspects of peace and justice, this group focused on listening skills. A story, sharings and creation of a mobile were part of the session, look for it hanging in their room. Heidi Oliveresen led with the assistance from Orange Schroeder.

### Time Travels

Led by Aileen Nettleton, this group continues its focus on ancient Egyptian religion. They buried the mummies they had created the week before in a pyramid they had also made. Then they began acting out the play "Judgement of the Dead," incorporating principles, practices and personages they had been learning about. The event was made very special by the wonderful headgear Kathy Converse made especially for the play. Ask to see it next time you're downstairs.

### In Our Hands

This lively session led by Jim Harvey and Bob Nelson, focused on categorizing

people and how that can lead to discrimination, especially relating these ideas to groupings that exist in the schools these youths attend.

### Nifty Gifty Coming Up Soon

We're looking ahead to Nifty Gifty and are soliciting craft and project ideas. Ideally, the materials used are easily and cheaply obtainable, or are trash waiting to be recycled into a great holiday gift. If you have any ideas for such, please pass them along to Anne Pryor or Linda Nelson.



### Surveys

Many completed "Social Action Concerns Surveys" have now come in and the responses have been interesting and useful. Please bring your completed form to Prairie within the next week or two so that we can start tallying the results. Blank questionnaires will be on the table in Prairie's foyer for about two more weeks. Please phone Sharon Scratfish at 233-1118 if you would like one mailed to you.

### Food Pantry

Please continue bringing canned goods and other nonperishable 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.

### Madison/Arcatao Sister City Project Work-a-Thon

This year, the Madison/Arcatao Sister City Project, which has been sponsoring Walk-a-Thons to raise money for the people of El Salvador, is holding a Work-a-Thon instead. The project will take place in Madison's Broadway-Simpson street neighborhood. Work projects will include: a neighborhood

cleanup, painting, raking, possibly rebuilding one or two wheelchair ramps, and more.

Volunteers for the Work-a-Thon, which will be held **Saturday, October 26**, are welcome. Wear old clothes which you will not mind getting painted or dirty. Dress for the weather. Volunteers should try to get sponsors who will pledge an amount of money per hour of work. An amount suggested is \$5.00 per hour. The work day will probably be about four hours.

Money raised will be divided between aid for Arcatao and the Broadway-Simpson neighborhood. I will be volunteering for the work project. If you would like to be a sponsor for me, call me at 838-8055.

—Leland Bullen

## MISCELLANY

### Coffee Service Volunteers

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

Oct. 27 ??  
Nov. 3 Barbara Rames  
Nov. 10 ??  
Nov. 17 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

Oct. 27 Mary Mullen & Pat Watkins  
Nov. 3 Pat O'Loughlin &  
Barbara Benson  
Nov. 10 Alice & Lee Bullen  
Nov. 17 ??

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

Oct. 27 Scott Savage  
Nov. 3 Donna Murdoch  
Nov. 10 ??  
Nov. 17 ??

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

### Cat Companion Wanted

Bill Martinez and Jean Tucker would like to find a responsible person or couple to stay in their apartment while they are absent from December 2nd to January 17th. The only obligation would be to care for two happy cats and pay for your own long-distance telephone calls. If you or someone you know might be interested, call Jean or Bill at 249-2639.

### 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.

### 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.

### HMONG TAPESTRY: Voices from the Cloth

A Play Produced by the Hmong American Partnership of St. Paul, Minnesota. This play was created by more than 60 members of the Hmong American Partnership's Youth Program, under the mentorship of director Michael Lenzen and playwright Jaime Meyer. In it they weave the past and present of the Hmong people into a dramatic and entertaining tapestry of personal stories, history, music and traditional folktales. The play was seen by over 5,000 people in the Twin Cities last spring and summer, and received rave reviews. The play will be performed at **7:30 PM, Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9** in the Memorial High School Auditorium, 201 South Gammon Road. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the Bayview Community Center and at Orange Tree Imports. Don't miss this limited Madison engagement! For more information, call 256-7808.

# November 1991

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17 10:00 To be announced.	18 7:30 Prairie Board meeting at the meetinhouse.	19	20	21	22	23 7:30 Playreaders meets at Dick and Julie Bonser's
24 10:00 To be announced.	25	26	27	28 7:00 Men's Group meets at the meetinghouse.	29	30

## Prairie U-U Society Activity Calendar