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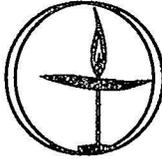
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, December 15. Submit items for December 19-January 2, 1992.

# CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 8 10:00 AM

"HEALTH FOR ALL: Reflections On A Year In Pakistan" presented by Cindy Haq.

"WILD WINTERING" The RE children will choose a special activity today.

### 11:30 AM

**POTLUCK DINNER** following the meeting.

### 12:45 PM

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** to consider the budget and related matters. (See related story)

### Thursday, December 12 7:00 PM

**PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP** meets at the meetinghouse. Call Dick Bonser at 274-3248 for more information.

### Sunday, December 15 10:00 AM

"PRAIRIE PHOTOGRAPHERS" led by Marty Drapkin. (See related story)  
"NIFTY GIFTY" a time for all RE children to make gifts.

### Wednesday, December 18 7:30 PM

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS** at the Bonsers' home, 5213 Milward Drive.

### Sunday, December 22 10:00 AM

"HOLIDAY INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE" coordinated by the RE Committee and Anne Pryor. Please bring your own personal symbol for our annual Symbol Tree!

### Sunday, December 29 10:00 AM

TO BE ANNOUNCED.

### Today's Quote:

"Joyous distrust is a sign of health. Everything absolute belongs to pathology."

-FRIEDRICH WILHELM NIETZSCHE

(Ed. note: The above is an absolute statement...)

# NEWS & VIEWS

## Bring Your Favorite Photo(s)...

On Sunday, December 15th, the program will focus on Prairie photographers and their work. If you have a favorite slide (or two or three), bring them in and be prepared to talk about them. Any and all subjects will be OK. We'll have a slide projector set up—no

need to bring your own. You may also bring in prints to show, if they are big enough for everyone to see. Finally, if you wish to bring along a picture or two done by a favorite photographer and talk about why you like that photograph and photographer, please do that, too.

## Budget News...

After reviewing the preliminary budget, the Executive Board has concluded that members will need to increase their pledges by at least 25%. We need to catch up with previous repair and maintenance needs that have been left languishing. We also have program and denominational obligations (our fair share) that must be met.

## Annual Fall Meeting Set

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on **December 8 at 12:45 PM** after the Sunday service and **POTLUCK DINNER**. The major agenda items will be the proposed 1992 budget, any necessary reports from officers and committee chairs, and the two items listed below.

## A Third UU Society?

The First Unitarian Society of Madison voted on Nov. 4th to establish an ad hoc committee to explore the possibility of founding a third UU congregation in Madison. They ask for input from us and voted to invite us to appoint one of our members to serve as a voting member of the committee. This will be on our agenda for the Dec. 8th Parish Meeting.

*...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

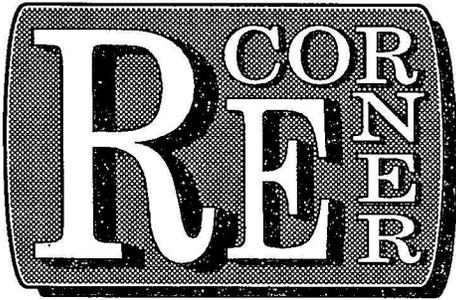
## No More Upham Woods?!

A proposal will be presented at the Dec. 8th Parish Meeting to change the location of our annual fall retreat from Camp Upham Woods to a different location. Norma Briggs has the details of the proposal.

## Coming Events

Jan. 24-26: W & R Womanspirit Conference, Evanston, IL.

Jan. 31-Feb. 2: Chicago Area UU Council Winter Retreat, Lake Geneva, WI.



## Wild Wintering!

Next Sunday, December 1, will be the first Wild Wintering at Prairie. At a meeting two Sundays ago, a majority of the children present decided that on the agenda for the day from several possible options. With Metje Butler's help, we will be making taffy. IF THERE IS SNOW, we will also go sledding/tubing/skiing/whatevering at the park with Dean Schroeder's help. Please bring whatever equipment you'd like to use for snow fun and proper clothing for snow warmth, BUT only if the snow is here! If there is none, the entire morning will be devoted to TAFFY!

That same day, there is a potluck followed by the annual business meeting for members. During the meeting, those children who want to be a part of the Winter Intergenerational Service on Dec. 22nd will gather to begin rehearsing songs and readings. Other rehearsals will take place on Saturday Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 21 from 9:00 to 9:45 AM. Please attend all or as many rehearsals as possible if you want to play a special part in the Winter Celebration.

## Nifty Gifty

Nifty Gifty is Prairie's annual gift-making event for children. Any and all children are invited to partake on

Sunday, Dec. 15th. It will begin at 9:30 AM, a half hour earlier than typical RE sessions. There are lots of things to make, so we'll need the extra time. Children should bring 50¢ each to help cover the cost of supplies. We need the help of Society members and friends through donations of materials. Please bring to Prairie any of the following items:

- plastic bags with handles
- empty cereal boxes
- brown paper bags (large size)
- quart-size plastic bottles (like soda bottles)
- Baby food jar lids
- metal ends from frozen juice containers
- margarine tub lids
- plastic containers such as you would get cupcakes in, that are typically rectangular and have a lid that seals tightly. The lid is important!

These items can be given to Anne Pryor or left in the RE office downstairs.

If folks would like to help in additional ways, teenagers and adults can volunteer to person a station during Nifty Gifty. This would involve showing the children how the item is made and helping as needed. All items are fairly simple to make, so no great amount of artistic skill is needed. Mary Savage, the gift coordinator for this year's Nifty Gifty, will have taught you how to make the item and will have completed examples ready. It's a lot of fun and a good way to get to know the children better. If you'd like to help out, please contact Linda Sheehy, 273-3895.

Another way to help is to make cookies for a special snack that day. Again, please contact Linda Sheehy if you'd be willing and able to bake.



## 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.



## Coffee Service Volunteers

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

- Dec. 8 Dick & Julie Bonser
- Dec. 15 ??
- Dec. 22 ??
- Dec. 29 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

- Dec. 8 Aileen Nettleton & Jennifer Parker
- Dec. 15 ??
- Dec. 22 ??
- Dec. 29 ??

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

- Dec. 8 Dick & Julie Bonser
- Dec. 15 ??
- Dec. 22 ??
- Dec. 29 ??

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

## Help the Homeless

Max, the stray cat rescued at Camp Upham Woods, needs a new home. He is a black American Shorthair, has excellent manners and is litterbox trained. If you can help, call Heidi at 238-2265, evenings only.

## Just a Reminder

If you're going to use the building, check with Julie or Dick Bonser to be sure the building is available. They need advance notice, preferably two weeks, to schedule the use of the building. Building use rules are posted in the kitchen.

11/22/91

PRAIRE U-U PROPOSED 1992 BUDGET

PROGRAM		
Lay ministers	\$600	
Publicity	775	
Program expenses	350	
		\$1725
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
Director's salary	\$5850	
Preschool	290	
Preschool aide salary	100	
Social security	460	
Materials and supplies	500	
Conferences and travel	350	
		\$7550
DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS		
UUA program	\$3160	
CMD dues	935	
NCAC dues	25	
UUA pamphlets and books	100	
		\$4220
MEMBERSHIP		
Praire Fire	\$2900	
Directory	200	
Finance committee	75	
Other	90	
		\$3265
HOUSING AND PROPERTY		
M&I mortgage	\$7735	
Veach mortgage	4285	
Insurance	650	
Telephone	550	
Utilities	1800	
Janitor	1200	
Social security	80	
Maintenance and supplies	1100	
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Stocco repairs	3160	
Gutters	1500	
Bullding manager	900	
		\$22960
CONTIGENCY	\$200	\$200
TOTAL		\$39920