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# Prairie Fire



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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, February 2. Submit items for February 6-20, 1992.

# CALENDAR

### Thursday, January 23

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse. All men are invited to this friendly discussion group. Call Dick Bonser at 274-3248 for more information.

### Sunday, January 26

10:00 AM

"ABORTION: Is It a Life or a Potential Life?" led by Judy Skog.

### Tuesday, January 28

4:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the Meetinghouse. (see related story)

### Wednesday, January 29

7:00 PM

FRENCH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK at the home of Nancy Schraufnagel, 501 N. Whitney Way #7. Call 273-3195 for more information.

### Thursday, January 30

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE TALESPIINNERS MEET at the Meetinghouse. (See related story)

### Sunday, February 2

10:00 AM

"THE BILL OF RIGHTS" will be the subject of guest speaker John Patrick Hunter.

### Monday, February 3

6:30 PM

SPANISH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK at the Meetinghouse. (see related story)

### Tuesday, February 4

4:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the Meetinghouse.

### Thursday, February 6

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday, February 9

10:00 AM

"IT'S LOVE THAT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND" Valentine's Day intergenerational service led by Pat Watkins.

11:30 AM

POTLUCK LUNCH after the service. Please bring a dish to share.

### Tuesday, February 11

4:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday, February 16

10:00AM

"THE ROLE OF SOCIAL SUPPORT IN OUR LIVES," featuring Prof. Dave Riley from the UW Dept. of Child and Family Studies. This is the first of Peg Barratt's lay ministry series on the theme of "...let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another."

### Tuesday, February 18

4:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the Meetinghouse.

7:30 PM

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the Meetinghouse. All are welcome.

### Thursday, February 20

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday February 23

10:00 AM

TO BE ANNOUNCED

### Tuesday, February 25

4:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the Meetinghouse.

7:30 PM

UU ORIENTATION MEETINGS begin for new members and the merely curious. (See related story)

### Today's Quote:

"The chief obstacle to the progress of the human race is the human race."

-DON MARQUIS

...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

# NEWS & VIEWS

## Band Practice Resumes

The Prairie Band is in great demand but the time of practice has changed. Join us at **4:30 PM on Tuesdays** at Prairie for an hour of practice. We're now practicing for the Valentine's Day intergenerational program and Peg Barratt's spring lay ministry. Anyone of any age is welcome. We presently have these instruments: guitar, accordion, recorder, clarinet, flute, trumpet, violin, and drum.

## Prairie TaleSpinners Meet

Prairie TaleSpinners, the storytelling group, will start up again on Thursday, **January 30th**. We plan to have monthly sessions where folks will come with a story to tell on a particular theme and focusing on the use of a particular technique. January's theme is winter and the technique is use of dialogue, so please come prepared with a five minute or longer winter's tale that utilizes conversation. The evening begins at **7:30 PM** at the Meetinghouse. This month's coordinator is Mary Mullen—please contact her with questions or comments at 271-5192.

## Orientation Series Begins

The membership and Denominational Affairs Committees will co-sponsor a series of orientation meetings on three consecutive Tuesdays—**Feb. 25th, March 3rd and March 10th**. The meetings will be held at Prairie in the middle school R.E. classroom or, if there's a large group, in the main meeting room and will start at **7:30 PM**. New members, prospective members, frequent visitors, and anyone else interested are welcome to attend. Meeting topics will be:

- Feb. 25 Our personal religious journeys toward UU.
- Mar. 3 Brief history and philosophy of Unitarian Universalism.
- Mar. 10 History and structure of Prairie Society.

If you are interested, please call Anne Urbanski at 258-8269 by Feb. 22nd.

## World Premier!

A First Unitarian Society Choir friend tells us that Prairie member Elizabeth Alexander has written a beautiful piece of music, "The Exhortation of the Dawn," dedicated to First Society choir director, Ellsworth Snyder, and to the Choir. Its world premier will be at the **February 2nd** services at First Society at **9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**.

## Spanish Speakers' Potluck

...y un próspero Año Nuevo! OK, everybody—Christmas is over and we're going to try to get our monthly potlucks back on schedule (just which schedule remains to be determined, so come and help us decide). This is a loosely-organized group which gathers once monthly to share a meal and keep their Spanish from getting rusty. All speaking levels are welcome—when we don't know how to say it we wing it! Bring something to share. It doesn't need to be fancy (or Latino). One of our regulars is just back from Portugal and should have some interesting experiences to share. For further information, call Orton at 273-4041 or Rosemary at 238-4382.

## How About... A Pancake Breakfast?

Prairie member Bob Nelson is interested in organizing a Pancake Breakfast at Prairie one Sunday this winter as a fundraiser. The meal would include pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee between 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Anyone who has suggestions or who wants to volunteer to help, please call Bob Nelson at 255-8630.

## The Search Is On...

The Committee on Committees wishes to hear from persons interested in being lay ministers next church year. If you are interested, or if you have a suggestion about who else might be interested, contact Andrea Lawrence or other members of the Committee—Dick Bonser, Rosemary Dorney, Warren Hagstrom, or Pat Watkins.

## Art Show Scheduled

Eric Hagstrom will be having a show of his art work entitled "A New World Order" at the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, at 1922 University Avenue, from **February 3rd**

to the 27th. The opening will be held on Friday, February 7th from 5 to 7 PM at the Wisconsin Academy. Parking for the event will be at lot 41, 1/2 block East of the Academy. There will be plenty of new art for all to see!

## Coming Events

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



## Food Pantry

Doris Brown, who is in charge of the Allied Community food pantry, tells us that the following items are especially needed:

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Corn
- Canned Peas
- Canned Green Beans
- Cereal
- Soap
- Washing Powder
- Sugar

Money, too, is always welcome. We'll buy food that is needed, such as ground beef, chicken, pork chops and fresh vegetables. Whatever you donate, though, will be appreciated. If you see special buys at your favorite food store, please consider buying an extra amount for the food pantry. Place your donations in the box just outside the men's bathroom. The food pantry is located in the Allied Community Center and serves those living in the Dunns Marsh/Allied Drive neighborhoods.

## Join the One-A-Week Club!

During the Christmas Red Cross Blood Drive at the Forum on Christmas Eve, Barbara Rames' blood donation was her 112th—that's 14 gallons! Barbara and other members of the "Unitarian Universalist One-A-Week (blood donors) Club" try to donate every eight weeks

unless illness, medication, or foreign travel postpone donating. If you can donate, even once, during 1992, please join the club: all you need to do is credit your donation under "Unitarian Universalist" in the One-A-Week book at the place you donate. If you have any questions about donating, please call either Barbara Rames at 231-1871 or Gordon Cunningham at 271-1246.

## MISCELLANY

### Coffee Service Volunteers

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

Jan. 26 Jaen Andrews  
 Feb. 2 Frank Iltis  
 Feb. 9 Barbara Rames  
 Feb. 16 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

Jan. 26 Metje Butler & ??  
 Feb. 2 Kathy Converse  
 & Rosemary Dorney  
 Feb. 9 ??  
 Feb. 16 Cinda LaMar  
 & Jennifer Parker

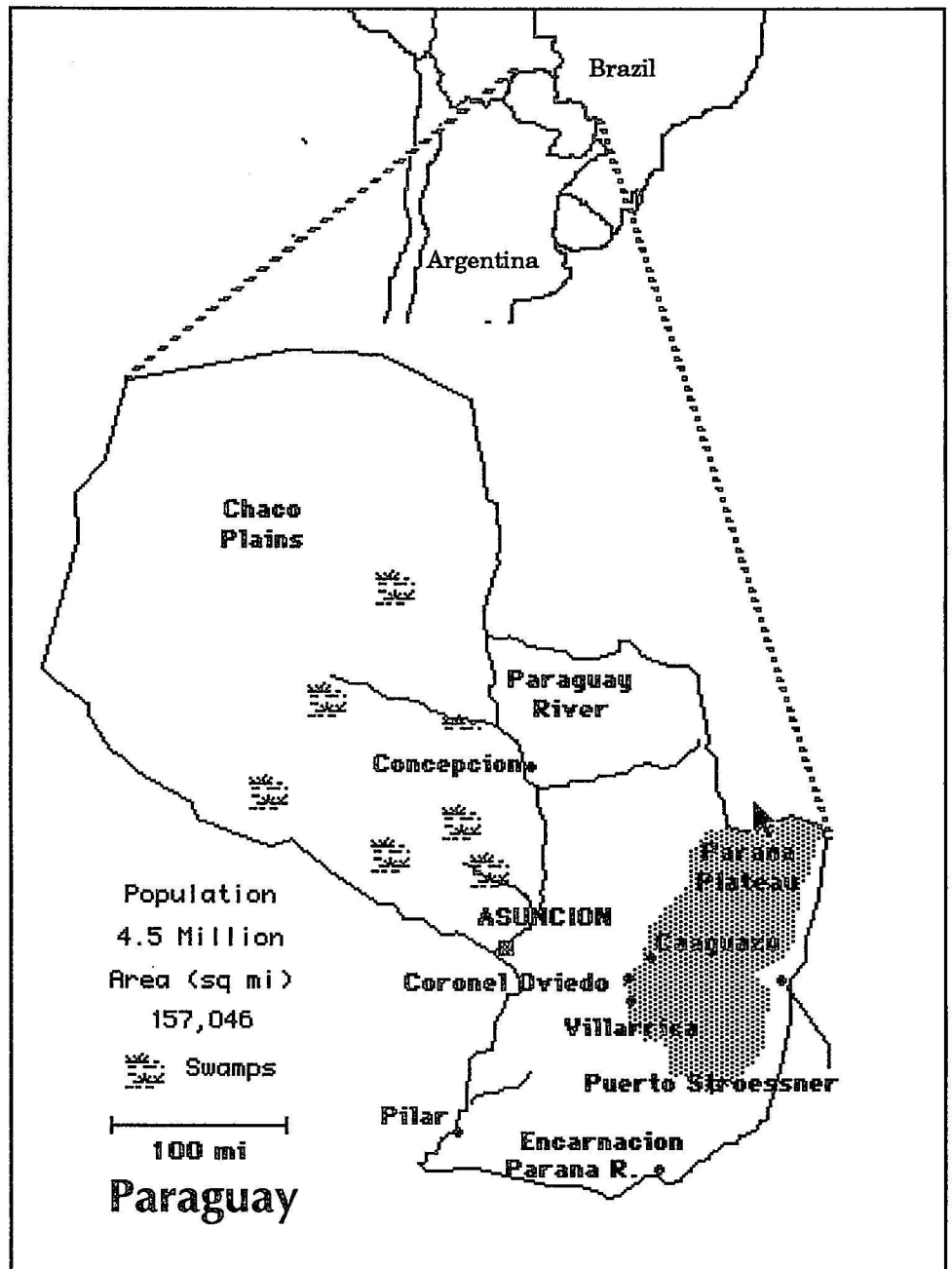
The following have signed up to greet visitors on Sunday mornings.

Jan. 26 Mike Sheehy  
 Feb. 2 ??  
 Feb. 9 Barbara Rames  
 Feb. 16 ??

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

### ContraDance!

On Saturday, Feb. 1st, McDuff's Ceilidh Band (Mike Briggs, Barbara James, Joe Lawrence) plays for New England contradancing at Bethel Lutheran Church, beginning at 7:30 PM. Norma Briggs will call the dances.



For those of you who have wondered just where David and Marcia Johnson are working in the Peace Corps, here it is.

