...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
Thursday, April 30  
7:00 PM  
PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, May 3  
9:00 AM  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT PRAIRIE—a fundraiser coordinated by Bob Nelson. Please call Bob at 255-8630 to volunteer your help!

Today's Quote:  
"I respect faith, but doubt is what gives you an education."  
—WILSON MizNER

Put a Page in His Book...  
Would you like to add a page to the dedication book of Simon Alexander-Adams? On March 22, bring an 8 1/2 x 11 page with a picture, poem, song or other contribution—something you'd like to be part of his new life!  
—Elizabeth & Paul

German Speakers  
Please Note  
Several people have approached Rosemarie Lester about forming another language-based potluck group—this one to focus on German. If you are interested in a regular social event where you can practice your skills, please contact Rosemarie after a Sunday service or at her home, phone no. 255-7039.

Story Listeners & Talespinners Alert  
If you're like me, you love to hear a good story. What better opportunity than at the regular monthly meeting of the Prairie Talespinners?

This month's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 PM at the meetinghouse. The theme is "Unexpected Blessings." The storytelling technique we're concentrating on is voice modulation, that is—giving our story characters different voices and using a variety of voice qualities to enhance the narrative part of the story. Are you welcome if you don't have a story to tell? Well... is there any one of us who has never experienced an unexpected blessing and can't tell how it happened that they needed one? Call Mary Mullen, 271-5192, if you have any questions.

They're Catering to Us  
The middle school is now selling donuts after each service (except when there is a potluck) to fund their adoption project. They are really good ones, too. Get yours from Mischa Park, Louis Scratthi, or Robin Zinthefer on any Sunday after the service. How many did you have, Julius? Et tu, Bruté.

Please...Somebody Call!  
The Committee on Committees is looking for lay ministers for the next church year, and they're getting desperate! If you are interested, or if you have someone to suggest, contact Andrea Lawrence or other members of the Committee—Dick Bonser, Rosemary Dorney, Warren Hagstrom, or Pat Watkins.

Plan Ahead for Memorial Weekend  
Prairie has a group camp site reserved at Wildcat Mountain State Park. Consider joining us for a weekend of canoeing on the Kickapoo river, hiking on the Elroy-Sparta State Trail and camping. The Kickapoo flows past sandstone cliffs and is one of Wisconsin's best canoe streams. The Elroy-Sparta State Trail follows an old railroad bed through tunnels including one that is over 1/2 mile long. The state park has hiking trails and trails for horseback riding are nearby. Reservations will not be necessary, but mark your own calendar now. For further information, contact Peg Barratt at 233-5449.

Spring Parish Meeting!  
Prairie's annual spring parish meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26, at 12:30 PM. The meeting follows the morning service and a POTLUCK LUNCH at 11:30. All members are invited to submit any items of business desired. Give your suggestions to president Jack Jallings or to any executive board member as soon as possible and not later than March 29.

Nominations Report  
The following is a list of nominations for each office on the Prairie Board as proposed by the Committee on Committees. This slate will be voted on by the Parish as a whole at the coming Spring Parish Meeting.

- President: Julie Bonser  
- Vice President: Al Nettleton  
- Secretary: Jennifer Parker  
- Treasurer: Susan Hagstrom  
- Finance Chair: Jim Harvey  
- R.E. Chair: Dean Schroeder  
- Program Chair: Mike Briggs  
- Soc. Act. Chair: Sharon Scratthi  
- Hsg & Prop. Chair: Karen Gross  
- Long Rg. Plan. Chair: Mary Mullen  
- Denom. Aff. Chair: Beth Lovery  
- Mbrshp. Chair: Heidi Oliversen

Get Involved!  
Get involved with LOCAL ISSUES! Project Democracy Watch, begun by Madison's Labor-Farm Party, has become a group of independent progressives working to increase grassroots participation in local government. We attend meetings of city and county commissions, committees, and boards that do the initial discussions and plans regarding environmental, economic and social justice issues. This is "ground floor" stuff on things such as highway expansions, convention centers, swim pools, and other plans that may even now be forming—plans that have great impact on our lives and our community and in which we citizens want a say. THIS SATURDAY (March 21st) is the next Democracy Watch meeting. It will be held at 11:00 AM at 425 W. Mifflin St. (the downstairs of an old house in the block behind Mifflin Street CoOp). Hear what's happening with developments in high-speed interstate rail and how it relates to a light rail system in Madison, pedestrian/bike path network through the city, and alternatives to the Convention Center monster. Nancy Graham and Sharon Scratthi will be there. Call Nancy at 244-6595 for further information.

Welcoming Congregation Workshop  
There will be a continental training session for teens and adults for The Welcoming Congregation: Resources for
affirming Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Unitarian-Universalists on May 29-31 in Weston, MA. This will be for approximately sixty UUs (six of whom will be youths) who will learn about issues related to homophobia in our churches and society and then take back the information to their own communities to lead workshops. One must have a strong commitment to being an ally to bisexual/lesbian/gay people, but not necessarily be bisexual/lesbian/gay in order to attend. If interested in applying contact Anne Pryor for the application form.

Welcome Home!
Rachel Siegfried is home at last after an extended illness! She would be delighted to get phone calls and visits from friends and acquaintances to share her joy in homecoming. Her phone no. is 608/271-2173 and her address is 5209 Tolman Terrace, Madison, WI 53711.

R.E. Spring Fling
In the fall, it was a haunted house; in the winter, a taffy pull. For our celebration of spring, the RE program is planning a party, the R.E Spring Fling. It will be on Saturday, April 4, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Indoor and outdoor activities are planned, with the kids making final choices from such possibilities as flashlight tag in the park, a flashlight hike in the arboretum, games, food and stories. All kids from Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited.

Secret Friends
The letter exchange continues! If any secret friend can’t bring their letter to Prairie on a Sunday they should send it with someone else or mail it to me (Anne Pryor, 4717 School Road, Madison, 53704) in advance.

Secret Friends will end on March 29th. All should bring letters on that day too. After the service and RE sessions, we will conclude with a potluck and party. Please bring a dish to share. After eating, there will be games and activities for the friends—who won’t be secret anymore—to do together!

Food Pantry
Many thanks for the food contributions to the food pantry at Allied Drive. The center could also use snack foods, such as graham crackers, juices, and similar items for their after school child care program. You don’t need to contribute special items, however, and many people are donating “special buys” they happen to see at the store. The donation box is located in Prairie’s foyer, 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.

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

Mar. 22 ??
Mar. 29 ??
Apr. 5 ??
Apr. 12 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

Mar. 22 Linda Sheehy & Bob & Cindy Haq-Lawrence
Mar. 29 Randy & Kathy Converse
Apr. 5 ??
Apr. 12 ??

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

Mar. 22 ??
Mar. 29 ??
Apr. 5 ??
Apr. 12 ??

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

Our Sunday evening program at First Unitarian Society on March 29th will include a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM. Channing-Murray member Jill Terwilliger, a student at Edgewood College, will present a program entitled “Women in Medieval Religious History.” Everyone is welcome!