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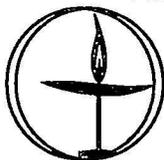
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, September 13. Submit items for September 17-October 1, 1992.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 30

9:00 AM

Band Practice at the Meetinghouse

10:00 AM

"MAKING A POEM" a shared experience. Led by Mike Briggs.

Thursday, September 3

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

Friday, September 4

5:30 PM

BETHEL HORIZONS RETREAT begins

Sunday, September 6

NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE—Fall

Retreat Weekend at Bethel Horizons.

(See related story)

Saturday, September 12

7:30 AM

PRAIRIE GARAGE SALE at the meetinghouse. (See related story)

9:00 AM

WORK PARTY & POTLUCK painting the eaves and soffit. (See related story)

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the Hagstrom's home. (See related article)

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM

Band Practice at the Meetinghouse

10:00AM

To be announced

REGULAR R.E. SESSIONS BEGIN.

Any child who was not in R.E. last year will need a registration form. Contact Anne Pryor at 244-7099. If your children were in R.E. last year, registration forms will be mailed to you.

Thursday, September 17

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

Friday, September 18

5:30 PM

The Ethnic Dinner Circle meets at the Vientiane Palace, 1124 Park St. Call Pat Watkins at 233-5795 by Wednesday evening, Sept. 16, for a reservation.

Saturday, September 19

9:00 AM

WORK PARTY & POTLUCK painting the eaves and soffit. (See related story)

Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM

Band Practice at the Meetinghouse

10:00 AM

To be announced

Monday, September 21

7:30 PM

Prairie Board meets at the Meetinghouse.

Saturday, September 26

9:00 AM

WORK PARTY & POTLUCK painting the eaves and soffit. (See related story)

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM

Band Practice at the Meetinghouse

10:00 AM

"THE STATE OF THE UNIONS: What they have fought for and given to today's modern world economy." Presented by Jim Cavanaugh, president of the South Central Federation of Labor.

Thursday, October 1

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

Saturday November 7

"THE ANCIENT AMERICAS: Art From Sacred Landscapes." A fundraising bus trip to the Chicago Art Institute. (See related story)

Today's Quote:

"Democracy is a process by which the people are free to choose the man who will get the blame."

—LAURENCE J. PETER

...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

— The Oldest and Largest Lay-Led Society in the UUA —



Prairie Playreaders

The Prairie Playreaders is one of the several social groups available to Prairie friends and members. Participation requires no commitment and neither expertise nor experience in theater. We meet once a month at the home of a volunteer Prairie host, who chooses the play, assigns the parts, and provides refreshments. We read and discuss the play (and have a lovely social evening). We sometimes also have theater parties.

The 1992-93 Playreaders' schedule is as follows:

- September 12 Host: Hagstroms
- October 10 Host: Pat Watkins
- November 21 Host: Karen Gross
- December 12 Host: Bonsers
- January 9 Host: Siegfried/Birong
- February 13 Host: Pat Cautley
- March 13 Host: Donna Murdoch
- April 17 Host: Dorney/Fast
- May 15 Host: Nettletons
(Annual Fish Dinner)

August 9 Service Report

Jill Terwilliger gave a very interesting service on "The Trials and Triumphs of Unitarian and Universalist Women Ministers" at Prairie on August 9. If you would like a copy of her manuscript, complete with references, contact Jill or Warren Hagstrom.

Unsung Heroine

Betty Jallings was nominated as an unsung hero(ine) in the native guide poll for the ISTHMUS Annual Manual for 50 years of dedicated work as a peace activist!

Painting and Potluck!

Mark your calendar now for one SATURDAY MORNING in September—the 12th, 19th, or the 26th—to volunteer your good energy to beautify our building by joining Prairie members to paint the soffit. We will be working on each of the three Saturdays, but give me a jingle so I will know which

Saturday morning to count you in on this worth while endeavor. We need ladders, paint brushes and rollers for this project, but most of all WE NEED YOU!

-Karen Gross—259-0556
Chair, Building & Property Comm.

Garage Sale Date Set

The Garage Sale will be held on September 12 from 7:45 AM to 1:30 PM. Bring your goods to sell at 7:30 AM on September 12 or call 234-4970 between 8:30 and 10:00 PM to arrange storage before the 12th. Anything saleable will be accepted. A plant sale is also being organized to accompany this event. Help is needed—if you can help, please come at 7:30 the morning of the sale to help price and organize, and again at 1:30 to pack the leftovers to take to Goodwill, or anytime in between to help sell things.

-Susan Hagstrom

Prairie Fundraising Trips

The first of Prairie's fundraising trips to the Chicago Art Institute will take place on Saturday, November 7th, for the major international exhibit entitled "The Ancient Americas" which explores three thousand years of the artistic achievement of ancient Amerindian cultures. The exhibit will present three hundred works of art—including ceramic vessels, brilliantly colored textiles, spectacular goldwork and monumental stone sculptures—many of which are masterpieces never before exhibited in the United States.

Complementing this major exhibit will be several other smaller related exhibits of interest: a new gallery space in the Education Center of the Institute will be showing "Art Inside Out"—twelve Amerindian art works (among other art) in an interactive environment using computers, videos, games and music which will enable visitors to understand and appreciate the art of other cultures. Also available will be an exhibit of pre-Columbian books, and an exhibit of woven, embroidered, painted and printed textiles from these areas and time periods.

You art lovers won't want to miss this one! Watch for further information in the Prairie Fire and mark this date on your calendar NOW. We hope to have several such fundraising trips this year, including the major exhibits of the Art

Institute (Chagall's Moscow Jewish Theater Murals, the Reneé Magritte retrospective) and a visit to the Rose Show at Milwaukee's Boerner Gardens. Organizers Pat Watkins and Pat Cautley would welcome your comments and suggestions for other future trips.

25th Anniversary!

We have begun planning for our 25th anniversary celebration on October 25, 1992. We wish to involve as many as possible of those who belonged to Prairie in the past. We hope some of them will be able to visit. If others cannot, we hope they will write us, giving memories of Prairie and telling us what they are doing now. We will also, of course, accept financial contributions. The committee planning the anniversary will even be contacting many members to get addresses of those who have moved. If you think some of those who have moved might contribute to the program, by way of poems, pictures, in person, or what have you, please let a member of the planning committee know.

- Pat Cautley
- George Calden
- Jack Jallings
- Warren Hagstrom

Ride Needed!

Prairie member Judy Perlman has a ride out to the annual retreat on Labor Day weekend but needs a ride back from Bethel Horizons on Monday, September 7. The person who provides the ride must also have room for her oxygen tank, which weighs about 100 pounds. If you can help please call her at 258-8213 after 5:00 PM.

-Judy Perlman
2485 Perry St. #8
Madison, WI 53713

Prairie Patter

This year is Prairie's 25th Anniversary as a UU Society. We will be having a big Anniversary Celebration the Weekend of October 25. The Celebration Committee will let us know more about events in September. Meanwhile if you are a former Prairie Member and/or friend schedule that weekend for Prairie activities and reunion. If you are in contact with former members and friends who do not receive the newsletter let them know about the Anniversary. Housing and Property is organiz-

ing work days to get Prairie spruced up for us and the Celebration. You can spend 1, 2, or 3 Saturdays in September helping maintain Prairie and making it more attractive. We are going to have a sign, the Housing & Property Committee are working with wood artist Eric Hagstrom on a design. We saw a preview last week. It will be on display at Prairie for the next few weeks give your comments to Karen Gross.

We need Committee Members! Prairie functions best when we have active committees involved in decisions and work. Several Committees have 4 or 5 members however some have 2 or 3. We would like you to contribute 3 hours of your time a month to serve on a committee, greet people, make coffee, mow the lawn, do dishes, fund raise, paint and fix things. Please let me know where you will serve Prairie.

The Finance Committee is putting the budget together this month. The major agenda item for September's meeting will be the budget for 1993. Get ready for the Pledge drive in October. We have a few one time items we would like to buy for Prairie. One special opportunity for this year will be the new UUA Hymnbook **Singing the Living Tradition**. The pre publication price is \$25 until Dec. 15, 1992 after that it will be \$30. We would like to buy as many songbooks as we can for Prairie use, to buy 50 would cost \$1250. If you want one for your self at the prepublication price consider buying one for Prairie as a gift, we will put a bookplate in the copy you donate letting singer know of your donation. We will be sending in an order by Dec. 15 this year. Let Julie Bonser know if you want to order one. We need to make a 50% down payment with the order.

Bethel Horizons Weekend Retreat REGISTER NOW!

Come have a great and relaxing weekend with all your Prairie friends. But...you have to register TODAY (or better yet, yesterday)...especially if you want tickets to "A Midsummer Night's Dream." I ordered most of the tickets this week, but should be able to get a few extra. The three-day indoor space is

nearly full, but there is still plenty of room in two-day indoor or two or three-day camping areas.

People staying indoors must provide their own (single bed) sheets and towels. The Retreat Center provides top sheets only (not bottom sheets).

How to get there? (See Maps below)
Take Hwy. 18/151 west to Dodgeville. From Dodgeville, go North on Hwy. 23 about 1 1/2 to 2 miles past the entrance to Governor Dodge State Park and turn right on Co. Hwy. Z Z. The Bethel Horizons driveway is about 1 1/2 miles East on the right. The parking lot is about one mile down the driveway. Look for the **Registration** sign either at the Caretaker's home or at the Retreat Center.

Questions? Need a ride? Need APT tickets? Call Judy Skog at 273-4813.

Here is the tentative program:

Friday	6:45 PM	Guided tour of Bethel
	7:30 PM	Potluck Supper
	8:45 PM	Campfire
	10:00 PM	Sing around the piano
Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Guided tour of Bethel
	9:30 AM	Long Range Planning Workshop
		Children's Workshop (all ages)
	11:00 AM	Band Practice Volleyball
	12:00 PM	Lunch
	1:30 PM	Swim/Canoe Hike in Gov. Dodge Park
	3:00 PM	Explore a cave hike (2 1/2 hours)
	6:00 PM	Supper
	7:30 PM	Talent Show
	8:45 PM	Community dance
Sunday	8:00 AM	Juice/Coffee/Apples/Newspapers
	9:00 AM	Sunday Service

10:15 AM	Brunch
11:30 AM	Bookmaking with Jean Matos
3:00 PM	Cookout
4:15 PM	Ushers leave for APT
6:00 PM	"A Midsummer Night's Dream" Go home after the play is over OR

Alternatives

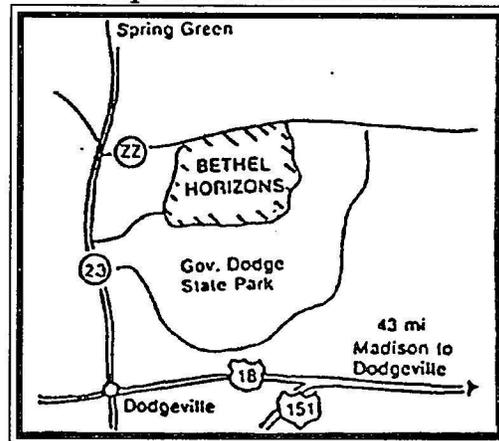
Monday	8:00 AM	Breakfast Return home when you like.
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Activities available all weekend: The Nature Center, Birdwatching, Hiking, Volleyball, Exploring Governor Dodge Park, Coffee/Tea & conversation, Table Tennis & Billiards, Canoeing (Saturday only), OR (in case of rain) Videos & Movies.

The extra day available because the retreat is scheduled on a 3-day weekend (Labor Day) this year gives you a choice. If you choose to stay over Sunday night at Bethel, you are welcome. We may use all the facilities except the Retreat Center and it's 26 beds (which another group has reserved) Sunday night.

Bring with you: Swimsuits, Towels, Sunscreen, Bug repellent, Flashlights, Water bottles, Snacks (if you or your children want them). A good book or two.

Map to Bethel Horizons





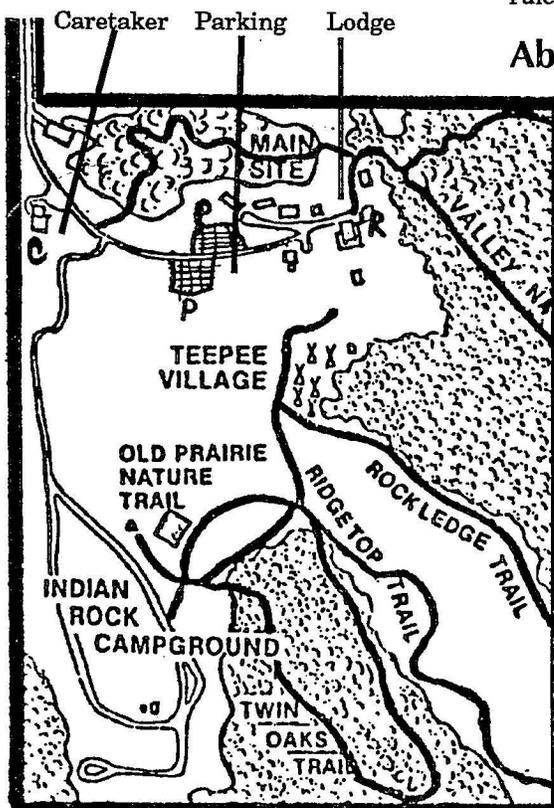
Where the Elite Meet

When you go to the Red Cross Blood Donor Center, you'll be among just the kind of people you admire. Even without money, they are giving a priceless gift to unknown friends who need it badly. Join them—and be sure to sign the One-A-Week donor list as a Unitarian-Universalist. Warren Hagstrom and Dick Bonser gave in August. How about you?

Food Pantry

Many thanks for the food contributions. *The center also needs snack foods, such as graham crackers, juices, and similar items for their after school child care program.* 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.

Bethel Horizons Center



REGISTRATION FORM PRAIRIE UU RETREAT Bethel Horizons Center, Sept. 4-7, 1992

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

All prices include scheduled meals.

Number: _____ Three Day Weekend (indoor beds) at \$54/person \$ _____

Number: _____ Three Day Weekend (camping) at \$36/person \$ _____

Number: _____ Two Day Weekend (indoor beds) at \$42/person \$ _____

Number: _____ Two Day Weekend (camping) at \$30/person \$ _____

Number: _____ Tickets to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at \$8/person \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

RETURN THIS FORM IMMEDIATELY TO: Judy Skog
626 Orchard Drive
Madison, WI 53711

Just a Reminder

If you're going to use the building, check with Fredericka Schilling to be sure the building is available. We need advance notice, preferably two weeks, to schedule the use of the building. Building use rules are posted in the kitchen.

someone to prepare meals for her and help in other ways. She is looking forward to being close to family. Her new address is 211A Ludington, Columbus, WI 53925. Her phone number is 414/623-4418.

Absent Friends

Avis Parrish has moved from the Oakwood Retirement Center to an apartment in Columbus, WI to be near her grand-daughter and her husband, and her great grand-daughter. They have arranged for

Betsy Roberts is currently at the Appalachian Regional Health Center in Hazard, KY, but soon will be moving to live at her son's home in the Buffalo, NY area. Caton Roberts' address is 4254 Circle Court, Williamsville, NY 14221, and his phone number is 716/633-6206. Caton and Linda have two children, so Betsy will be able to see a lot of her grandchildren.

Circle Suppers—1992-93

Leave this form at Prairie or mail it to:
Mike Briggs, 2404 Fox Ave., Madison WI 53711

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Preferred size of group: (<8) _____ (8-12) _____ (>12) _____ (No Preference) _____

Children: (OK) _____ (Not OK) _____ Special Dietary Needs (Be specific): _____