

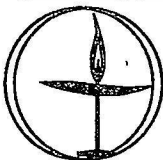
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# Prairie Fire



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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, October 25. Submit items for October 29-November 12, 1992.

# CALENDAR

### Thursday, October 15

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday, October 18

9:00 AM

Band Practice

10:00 AM

"THE CARDS ARE ON THE TABLE: THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT." presented by Jim Cobb, Chair of the American Disabilities Act Transportation Oversight Committee.

11:30 AM

PARENT TEACHER COFFEE for the pre-school group. All who are interested in finding out more about the "A Place of One's Own" curriculum are invited to attend.

### Monday, October 19

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the Meetinghouse.

### Saturday, October 24

10:00 AM

R.E. FALL FROLIC. Focus on pumpkins! Pumpkin decorating, pumpkin goodie baking, pumpkin goodie eating! We'll also end with pizza for all. All R.E. children from grades K-8 are invited. (See related story)

7:30 PM

25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY at the Meetinghouse. Music, dancing, games and potluck refreshments. Please bring a snack and beverage to share.

### Sunday, October 25

9:00 AM

Band Practice

10:00 AM

"GEE, IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT LONG... Prairie's 25th Anniversary Celebration" with music, reminiscences, guests, photographs, and more. (See related story)

11:30 AM

DECORATED PUMPKIN SALE

Purchase decorated pumpkins and pumpkin goodies from the RE children! Proceeds will go to Prairie and/or UNICEF. (See related story)

### Thursday, October 29

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday, November 1

9:00 AM

Band Practice

10:00 AM

"OUR HONORED DEAD" presented by

Jackie Ziegler, ministerial intern at First Society. This is an intergenerational service.

11:30 AM

POTLUCK LUNCH at the Meetinghouse. Please bring a dish to share.

### Monday, November 2

6:30 PM

HISPANIC POTLUCK at the Meetinghouse. Please note change of TIME. If you have questions or need a ride, call Orton at 273-4041 or Rosemary at 238-4382.

### Saturday November 7

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

### Sunday, November 22

12:30 PM

PRAIRIE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

### Today's Quote

"There was no respect for youth when I was young, and now that I am old, there is no respect for age. I missed it coming and going."

-J. B. PRIESTLEY



...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's 25th Anniversary

As part of our 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on October 25th, we will have a display of photographs and memorabilia. If you have something to display, contact a member of the 25th Anniversary Committee—George Calden, Pat Cautley, Warren Hagstrom, or Jack Jallings. The program itself will include a 10 or 15 minute slide show; if you have a slide or tow you want shown, submit it to Al Nettleton before October 25th.

## Decorated Pumpkin Sale!

On Sunday, October 25th, there will be wonderfully horrible decorated pumpkins for sale after the service. These will be made by the children the preceding day. Also for sale will be baked pumpkin goodies. Come prepared to share the wealth.

## Get On the Bandwagon!

YES, YOU TOO MAY JOIN THE BAND! The Prairie band, which includes anyone of any age who plays any kind of instrument, welcomes new members at any time. Come every Sunday at 9:00 AM for practice. If you are new, please let Mary Mullen know your name and phone number, just in case practice should be changed. Call 271-5192 to get on the BANDWAGON!

## Hymnbooks

The new UUA hymnbook, "Singing in the Living Tradition", will be published in 1993 at \$30.00 a copy.

You can buy one for yourself, or for Prairie, for \$25.00 if you put \$12.50 down by December 1, 1992. Balance of \$12.50 will be due by May 1, 1993. See Mike Briggs if you have any questions.

## Meeting House Spruce-Up Day

Spruce-up day is on **Saturday, October 17**. Sign up for small repair jobs, painting, varnishing and more. Please call Karen Gross at 259-0556 to RSVP and we will plan on putting you to work.

## 1992 Central Midwest District Conference

The election will be over by November 6, so...you'll either be happy or sad. You will have eaten all the leftover Halloween candy and it's too early to stuff the Thanksgiving turkey. So you may as well plan something for yourself that weekend. Plan to join with other UUs from the Central Midwest District for the annual district conference, to be hosted by Eliot Unitarian Chapel in Kirkwood, Missouri.

A great weekend is in store, including presentations by both UUA presidential candidates (THAT election won't be over), more than a dozen workshops, a bus tour of St. Louis, and special entertainment. Keynote speaker will be Harriett Woods, president of the National Women's Political Caucus in Washington, D.C.

More information about this great weekend is available from Prairie's president, Julie Bonser. Plan to attend!

## Lay Ministry, Anyone?

The Committee on Committees is still seeking a lay minister or ministers for January through May, 1993. The Committee has come up with an idea for what could be a very interesting series of services—"Rites of Passage" as related to major life events. These could be traditional life events—birth, adolescence, marriage, major anniversaries, retirement, death—or they could be less traditional rites of passage such as adoption, same sex marriages, divorce (parties, etc.), or entering a nursing home. You might think of other possibilities.

If you would be interested in coordinating a series on these topics, or even a single service, or if you would be willing to be on a panel or otherwise participate on any of these topics, please contact one of the committee members below.

Ann Urbanski	258-8269
Rosemary Dorney	238-4382
Judy Skog	273-4813
Barbara Rames	231-1871
Mike Briggs	238-1227

## New Address...

Prairie Member Rita Reffner has a new address and phone number:

5705 Dogwood St.  
Madison, WI 53711

phone: 233-6174

Please update your member directory to show this change.

## Finders of Lost Persons, Please Help!

We have lost touch with the following former members of Prairie. If you know their current address, please notify Warren Hagstrom, at 916 Shorewood Blvd., Madison, WI 53705.

Howard & Lynn Bryant  
Ginni Clay  
Walter & Eleanor Fitch  
George Feiler  
Rebecca French  
Doug Grosnick  
Charles D. Harris  
Elizabeth Harald  
Joseph Hoffman  
Carole & Charles Jung  
Mary Decker Kilgore  
David & Vicki Lisman  
Vivian Meyer  
Douglas McNeil  
Veda & David Nomura  
Ted & Karen Peters  
Beth Perry  
Jane Ruck  
Ron Slabaugh  
Mary Slabaugh  
Fred & Ann Seidl  
Helena Wilkening  
Percy Werner  
Evelyn Batchelor  
Al Yee  
Charles & Lois Young  
Mark Horn  
Vicki Lord  
John Miller  
Richard Roznoy

## Prairie Patter

This week we received the Voice of Women the CMD UUWF newsletter and registration form for their Fall Retreat, Nov. 13 to Nov. 15, at George Williams Conference Center, Lake Geneva, Williams Bay, WI. The Title of the Conference is WOMEN AND WISDOM: COMING OF AGE. Carol Graywing, Vice President of the UUWF Continental Board, Wordweaver, Dreamquestor and

Gaialogian is the Keynote Speaker. I will put copies of registration forms at the greeting table. The registration is \$35 plus food and lodging. Many UU women have spoken highly about the CMD women's activities.

The annual Women and Religion Committee "WOMAN SPIRIT '93" will be held at First Unitarian Society of Madison Jan 29 - 31 the theme is "BIRTHING THE ACTIVE SPIRIT: REFLECTION, REFORM... REVOLUTION." Flyers will be available in early November.

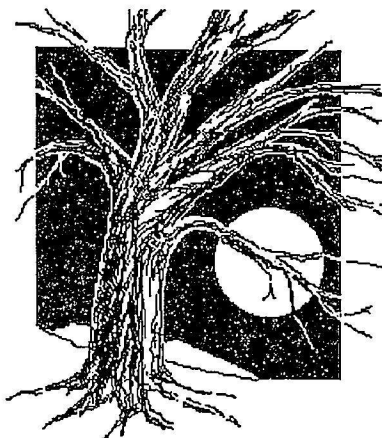
When we receive notice of the CMD activities we will include them in the Prairie Fire and have registration material available at the greeting table or the literature rack.

Many Prairie Members and Friends have been cleaning, painting and polishing the Meeting House—we thank you for all your hard work. The Committee on Committees has been active selecting lay ministers for 1993 for Prairie. Prairie has a marvelous organizational structure to help us function smoothly but the people who volunteer to set up chairs, greet visitors, make coffee, clean Prairie, teach R.E., prepare and mail the Prairie Fire are the spirit of Prairie.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday November 22 at 12:30. This is the meeting where the congregation authorizes the budget for 1993. If you have any items you want on the agenda please let me know by Nov. 1.

A late breaking news announcement the Prairie Service Auction will be Nov. 15 after the service. Please plan to volunteer your services early so we can advertise them in the Prairie Fire. Phone Judy Skog at 273-4813.

Julie Bonser  
President



## Proposed 1993 Budget

<b>PROGRAM</b>	
Lay Ministry	\$900
Publicity	775
Program Comm.	350
Long Rg. Plang.	200
Ministerial	200
Subtotal	\$2,425

<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	
Director Salary	6,200
Presch. Teach.	300
Presch. Aide	100
Soc. Sec.	480
Mat'ls. & Supp.	550
Conf. & Trng.	400
Subtotal	8,030

<b>DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS</b>	
UUA APF	3,596
CMD Dues	1,080
NCAC Dues	0
Pamphlets	100
Delegate Regis.	300
Subtotal	5,076

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
Pr. Fire	2,900
Directory	200
Finance Comm.	300
Other	90
Subtotal	3,490

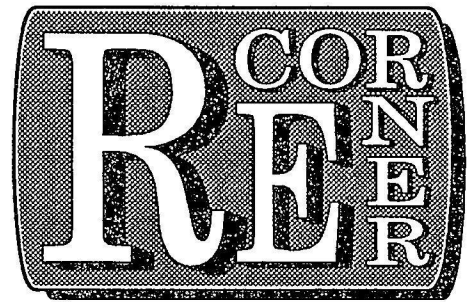
<b>HOUSING &amp; PROPERTY</b>	
M & I Mtge	7,735
Veatch Mtge	4,285
Insurance	650
Telephone	550
Utilities	1,800
Janitor	1,200
Maint. & Supp.	1,100
Gutters	1,300
Administr.	3,825
Soc. Sec.	300
Capital Resrv.	3,200
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>25,945</u>

**TOTAL BUDGET** \$44,966

## 1993 PROJECTED REVENUE

Pledges	\$39,216
Contribut'ns	3,000
Prairie Fire	100
Bldg. Rental	300
Auction	1,000
Interest	200
Fund Raising	900
Garage Sale	150
Coffee Sales	50
Proseeds	50

**TOTAL REVENUE** \$44,966



## Growing Times (Pre-school & Nursery)

This group got the treat of finger painting with puddings, an experience satisfying to lots of the senses. They also have been playing with puzzles and hearing stories read to them. Several of the children have begun to really interact and play with each other, a very nice development. Lots of sharing is going on, too.

There will be a parent-teacher coffee held for this group on Sunday, October 18, at 11:30 AM.

## A Place of One's Own (K-1-2)

Nature has been the focus for this group over the past few weeks, especially the different types of homes present there. The original plan of planting raspberry canes in the backyard had to be postponed due to heavy rains on the preceding Saturday. So, indoor seeds (Forget-Me-Nots) were planted instead. The following week the group went on a nature walk led by Mary Mullen; first to her home to see caterpillars and freshly hatch monarchs, and then to the park. There they collected lots of different types of seeds. They'll use these to create seed pictures the following week. This group is led by Carol Wilson and Barbara Rames.

## Holidays and Holy Days (3-4-5)

Norma Briggs led this group in exploring the beginnings of UUism. Focusing on Michael Servetus, they looked at the value of tolerating other beliefs. Then they divided into the reds and the blues, acting out the development of a feud.

The following week Bob Lawrence led the group in a celebration of Sukkot, the Hebrew harvest holiday. Bob and his own children erected a tent in the backyard, which they decorated with harvest items like corn stalks. They ate berries and discussed why harvest outcomes

were so important to our ancestors and continue to be in many places.

### Church Across the Street (6-7-8)

This group led by Erin Bosch and Warren Hagstrom, attended a Catholic mass at Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards, they had a discussion with a parish priest who answered their questions about creed, life after death, and other beliefs and practices.

The following week had them back at Prairie discussing their visit to the Catholic church and preparing for their next week's visit to a Lutheran Church.

### Fall Frolic

On Saturday, October 24, from 10 AM to 1 PM at Prairie, we'll be having our second annual fall celebration for all R.E. kids from grades K-8. Beginning at 10 AM we'll start baking various pumpkin goodies and decorating pumpkins to sell the next day at Prairie. Then, after we clean up, we'll end with a pizza party. Come join the fun! Please bring \$1.50 to help with the expenses for pumpkins and other materials.

*(Sorry, kids, no haunted house this year, but we didn't want it to conflict with the 25th Anniversary celebration on Sunday. We'll do it again next year though!)*



### Hurricane, Then Help

In an effort to insure an adequate blood supply, Red Cross Regions in Miami, Florida and Mobile, Alabama were provided with blood components before Hurricane Andrew hit. Because of the large number of retired people in Florida needing medical treatment and the inability of the Miami area to meet its blood needs, the Badger Region regularly shares with our sister region in Miami. If you gave, you helped! Rick Ruecking gave in September—how about you? Be sure to sign the One-A-Week book on the Unitarian Universalist page... and thanks!

### Food Pantry

We continue to welcome grocery donations which can be put in a box near the men's restroom.

### Drop-In Shelter Needs

Fran Remeika and Sherry Scratish noticed that the men's drop-in shelter is sorely in need of several items. If you can donate any of these items, please put them in the food pantry box with a note attached telling what it is for. Thanks!

Shampoo (the small sample size would be great)  
Toothpaste  
Soaps & detergents  
Blankets  
Bath towels

### Wisconsin Harvest

There's an exciting new project beginning in Madison which has always seemed like an obvious solution, but has never been done. The project is the delivering of unused foods from restaurants, etc. to food pantries and other similar outlets. Wisconsin Harvest began deliveries at the beginning of October. This would be a great project for Prairie to get involved in because it requires no money donations—only time (½ hour to one hour per week) and a car if you volunteer to make deliveries. Volunteers are also needed to help organize schedules, etc.

I have signed up for a once a week food delivery from Meriter Hospital to the South Madison Neighborhood Center and I am hoping to involve other Prairie people. Orange Schroeder and I will do a short presentation at Prairie next Sunday, October 18th, and we'll have applications available.

-Sharon Scratish  
Social Action Comm.

### UNICEF Time Again!

UNICEF boxes will be available for RE children who would like to take them around on Halloween for donations. Parents should talk with their children about this activity so they understand that this is something the parents support and agree with and in which the children can play a responsible role. The boxes will be available on October 25 from Alice Bullen. Judy Skog will be picking the boxes up after Halloween.



### Wedding Reception Set

Casey Steinau, daughter of Barbara Park, was married to Brad Fautch on August 29, 1992. They will be having a reception in Waukegan, IL on November 7, 1992. All her Prairie friends are invited to attend. If you would like to come, call Barb Park at 635-7519 for details.

### Just a Reminder

If you're going to use the building, check with Fredericka Schilling at 277-9218 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.

### Coffee Service Volunteers

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

Oct. 18 Mike Briggs  
Oct. 25 Barb Park  
Nov. 1 ??  
Nov. 8 Carl Wacker  
Nov. 15 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

Oct. 18 Mary Mullen & Metje Butler  
Oct. 25 Alice & Lee Bullen  
Nov. 1 Randy Converse  
Nov. 8 Carl Wacker & Paula Pachciarz  
Nov. 15 Aileen Nettleton & ??

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

Oct. 18 Mike Briggs  
Oct. 25 ??  
Nov. 1 Kathy, Tara & Mei-Lien Converse  
Nov. 8 ??  
Nov. 15 ??

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