

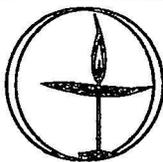
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, January 17. Submit items for January 21-February 4, 1993.

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, January 7

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets tonight at the Meetinghouse.

### Saturday, January 9

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Rachel Siegfried, 5209 Tolman Terrace. Mona Birong is co-hosting the evening. We will read "The Search For Signs Of Intelligent Life In The Universe." For further information, call Rachel at 271-2173 or Mona at 233-5995.

### Sunday, January 10

10:00

"SOMALIA: A WITHERED BEAUTIFUL FLOWER" presented by Dave Zakem. (See related story)

### Friday, January 15

7:30 PM

McDUFF'S CEILIDH BAND plays for contra-dancing at the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday, January 17

10:00

"THE MESSAGE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING" presented by Cheryl and Isadora Knox.

### Monday, January 18

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the Meetinghouse.

### Wednesday, January 20

6:30 PM

"SPANISH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK" at the Meetinghouse. Please call Orton at 273-4041 or Rosemary at 238-4382 for information or a ride.

### Thursday, January 21

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets tonight at the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday, January 24

10:00

TO BE ANNOUNCED

### Sunday, January 31

10:00 AM

"THE FUTURE OF UNIONISM" presented by David Newby, Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO.

### Today's Quote

"People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading."

-LOGAN PEARSALL SMITH



### SOMALIA...

See the amazing people, culture and country that I found when I lived with the Somali nomads in 1968-69. The Somali people were the foundation for my better understanding of the rest of the world. I'll share some of their wisdom with you and give you a glimpse of a remarkable people. Join me in a slide show and presentation of many Somali arts and crafts. You'll see a totally different view than what is now seen on television and in the newspapers. You'll see a proud people living around Baidoa and able to live with success in a semi-arid country—people who didn't want any assistance, people who said that they had "enough" and were satisfied with their lives.

### Prairie Patter

January is named after Janus, the Roman God at the doorway with two faces, one to look forward and one to look back. This seems an auspicious time to reflect on Prairie events the past year and anticipate 1993 accomplishments. Praise to the generosity of spirit at Prairie in 1992. Your giving is reflected in the new sign, the stucco repairs finished, the trim painted, the building cleaned and fixed up for the 25th Anniversary Party, and the refurbished chairs. We changed a long standing tradition and held our

...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

retreat at Bethel Horizons. The pledge drive this fall drew the highest dollar amount of pledges ever. We have welcomed visitors to Prairie every Sunday; many have returned time and again to add their gifts to Prairie and sign the membership book.

There was a small amount of money carried over after expenses from 1992. This money according to policy is to be added to the Capitol appreciation fund. The Housing and Property Committee will be obtaining bids for replacement windows at Prairie. The members at the Fall Parish Meeting elected to hold special fundraisers to pay for the windows. The lay ministers are selected for the next 18 months. The Program Committee is meeting regularly the first Monday of the month. The Long Range Planning Committee is finding a time to meet. The R.E. Committee continues to be strong and productive. The Social Action Committee was contacted by a similar committee of the Madison Jewish Reconstructionist (Shaarei Shamayim) who rents space from Prairie, to merge the groups to have more people working on Social Action. I have dreams that we will plan and develop more adult programs outside the Sunday morning services. We will get new, beautiful and paid for windows. We will find the perfect time and place for our fall retreat. We will minister to each other in joy and sorrow. We will have stimulating, provocative, spirited services on Sunday morning. We will play, eat, make music, dance, talk, canoe, camp, cry, argue, and grow the Prairie spirit in 1993. Please share your dreams of Prairie. Blessed Be.-

-Julie Bonser  
President

## Absent Friends...

News was received from Barbara and David Carson, who were active in Prairie from about 1970 until they moved back to Austin Texas around 1980. Barbara has just retired for the second time as a ballet teacher and director of an academy of ballet. They are both very active in the Audubon Society and David is on the Board of the National Audubon Society. At Christmas time, Barbara wrote of their Prairie experience... "This is going to be too late to be part of Prairie's 25th Anniversary celebration but I feel the urge to send, even belatedly, our best

wishes. David and I count our years with Prairie as our most rewarding church experience. We felt a greater attachment, a greater sense of community responsibility, and affection for those who made up Prairie than we have experienced for any other church congregation."

"My memories of Prairie go back to Portal Foster, where the lively Unitarian children sometimes played on the roof, terrifying the adults. Prairie services were never predictable and rarely boring. I remember the wonderful services about the great composers by Warren Hagstrom and Lois Hagstrom's services about the Hudson River artists. There were the musical treats by the Caldens and the Chicken Pluckers and the endless board meetings. George Calden sent us a tape of his "A Prairie Stir Fry" program, and oh, what memories it evoked!"

## 50 Years!

Lee and Alice Bullen want to thank their many Prairie friends who were able to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 19, at Prairie. Fifty-five people signed the guest book and with the help of the music by the Ethnic Connection and Shirley Grindrod's generous donation of delicious fruit drink, a good time was had by all.

We received a number of donations of cash and checks which we are converting to a gift of \$60 to the UUSC. We also received cards telling us that gifts were made to UNICEF, one to the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, and one directly to the UUSC all in honor of our 50th anniversary! We really appreciate all such remembrances as well as the many beautiful cards we received. It was a memorable celebration for us.  
THANK YOU, PRAIRIE.  
-Lee and Alice Bullen

## Convo-93

Growing in a community of Love.  
February 12 - 14, Columbus, Ohio. Highlights of **Convo-93** include a keynote address by Mark Bellentini, services by Reverend Meg Riley and Frank Rivas: a special AIDS/Loss Service conducted by Kay Greenleaf; workshops, discussion and sharing opportunities. Prairie received a

brochure about this UULGC sponsored event. Copies will be in the display rack at Prairie.

## CMD Leadership Conference

The Central Midwest District Leadership Conference will be held on February 27, 1993 at the Second Unitarian Church in Chicago. It will feature one day workshops about Long-Range Planning, Dealing With Difficult People, Religious Education, How To Be An Effective Board Member, and Racial/Cultural Inclusivity: The Role Of The Liberal Church. The theme is "Renewing Our Vision." This is our chance to get hands-on training. Plan to attend with some other Prairie members.

## Parliament of the World's Religions

The centenary will be celebrated in Chicago August 28 - September 5, 1993. Plenary speakers will include Mother Theresa, the Dalai Lama, and the next elected President of the UUA. Central Midwest District is a co-sponsor of the Parliament. Call the district office if you want tickets. We will hear soon how our congregation can get involved with workshops, presentations and volunteer opportunities.

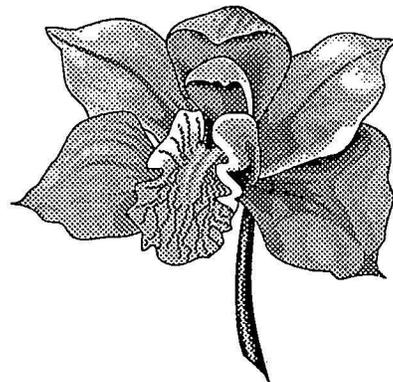
## CMD Calendar: 1993

### January

- 22-24 CMD YRUU Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- 29-31 WomanSpirit '93, Madison, WI

### February

- 8-11 Meadville/Lombard Midwinter Institute, Madison, WI.
- 13-15 UULGC Convocation, Columbus, OH.
- 21 SEWUUS Choralfest, Mukwonago, WI.
- 27 Leadership Conference, Chicago, IL.





## THE KING COALITION

We are invited to participate in the events planned to commemorate the life of Dr. King.

**Friday, January 15, 5:30 p.m.**  
Sixth Annual Free Community Dinner at the Lakefront Cafeteria, Memorial Union 800 Langdon St. The program will include a speaker on "New Immigrants, New Ways" and musical groups.

**Saturday, January 16, 4:00 p.m.**  
Hand-in-hand celebration at First Congregational UCC Church, 1609 University Ave. Multi-ethnic art and food fair, performances starting at 6:00, concluding at 8:00.

**Sunday, January 17, 8:00 a.m.**  
There will be a Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Breakfast at Edgewood High School Cafeteria, 2219 Monroe St. There will be a program that includes the presentation of Outstanding Young Person. Cost \$5 for adults \$2.50 per child under 12. Advance reservations requested, phone Urban League at 251-8550.

**Monday, January 18, Noon**  
State Commemorative Celebration at the Capitol Rotunda. There will be a guest speaker, readings, music, 132 Army Band and Jonathan Overby.

**Monday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.**  
MLK Jr. Birthday Celebration. Oscar Mayer Theater, Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. Keynote speaker Dr. John Odom. Free admission.

## Guest at Your Table

Please invite a Guest to eat with you at your table this month. The money goes to support the projects of the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Please return the boxes to Prairie or to Judy Skog on **Sunday, January 10**. There is a collection box in the lobby at Prairie.



## Coffee Service Volunteers

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

Jan. 10 Carl Wacker  
Jan. 17 Nancy Graham  
Jan. 24 Richard Austin  
Jan. 31 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

Jan. 10 Paula Pachciarz  
& Carl Wacker  
Jan. 17 Metje Butler & ??  
Jan. 24 Kerry & Rachel Bauer  
Jan. 31 ??

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

Jan. 10 Jennifer Parker  
Jan. 17 Aileen Nettleton  
Jan. 24 Rachel Siegfried  
Jan. 31 ??

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

## 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.