The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, June 6. Submit items for June 10–July 8, 1993. REMINDER: Prairie Fire comes out only once per month during the summer!

Thursday, June 10
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets tonight at the Meetinghouse.

Sunday, June 13
10:00 AM
"BOSNIA: A MORAL DILEMMA" led by Bob Reuschlein. (See related story.)

Monday, June 14
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS tonight at the Meetinghouse.

Saturday, June 19
6:30 PM
CHAPRU-HAGSTROM WEDDING PARTY at the Meetinghouse, featuring a Potluck Dinner. Children and adults are invited to share the fun. (See related story)

Sunday, June 20
10:00 AM
"PLAYAS LIGHT WORK," led by Terry Krause.

Thursday, June 24
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets tonight at the Meetinghouse.

Sunday, June 27
10:00 AM
"DEVELOPING' NATIONS: A PERSONAL, SKEPTICAL VIEW," presentation and discussion led by David Johnson. (See related story.)

Sunday, July 4
2:30 P.M.
PICNIC AND SWIMMING AT THE GRINDROD'S (Details in next newsletter.)
“Developing” Nations...

...A Personal, Skeptical View. After four years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay, Dave Johnson has had many experiences which certainly qualify him to have some different perspectives on development in “third world” countries. He will challenge some of our conventional thinking about the role of foreign aid and resources to these nations in his presentation and discussion on June 27.

Prairie Patter

WHO ARE YOU?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

Imagine being faced by a huge raven demanding to know the answers to these questions. I would feel intimidated. Our eighth graders were confronted with Raven Sunday as we celebrated a rite of passage from Middle School. They were enjoined to “GO AND FIND OUT.”

When I was a child usually people asked “who are you” wanted to know my name. Now it seems a more metaphysical question. Many of us are still searching for “Who am I?” I hope Robin, Louie, Mischa, and Stephan enjoy the journey of discovery and find good companions on the way.

This summer we will be more creative in our music. We will not be using the piano for accompaniment. The Board has appointed an ad hoc committee to investigate and make recommendations about a piano at Prairie. Susan Hagstrom is the Chair of the Committee. If you want to serve and/or have suggestions please talk to Susan. We do know that we will need money help us have piano music at Prairie. Your contributions will be appreciated.

The next Prairie Board meeting will be June 14. This is a shift to the 2nd Monday of the month. Any member or friend is welcome to attend the meetings.

Blessed be...
-Julie Bonser
President

CMD Calendar: 1993

June 8-10: UUWF Spring Conference, Allerton Park, Monticello, IL.
June 22-24: UUWP Biennial Convention ’93
June 24-29: UUA General Assembly, Charlotte, NC.
October 2: Philosfest 1993 at North Shore Unitarian Church, Deerfield, IL. “Reclaiming the old ways of knowing: Responding to the Pagans in our Churches.”
November 12-14: “Growing into the 21st Century” the CMD annual meeting and U-U Convention, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church West, Brookfield, WI.

YRUU NEWS

Calendar: Meet Sundays 6:16—8:37 PM in the Lower Meeting House of First Society. Many try to be on time.


Summer Campout!
August 14-21: ConCon, Camp Osceola, San Bernadino, California.

Can’t Go To GA?

Try the Super Summer Weekend. The First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau is sponsoring a UU Bed and Breakfast in conjunction with a super summer weekend in Wausau from June 25th to 27th. Events range from world class kayaking to an air show, a Log Jam, a major dog show, and a Big Bull Run. Wausau UU hosts will be opening their homes to UUs who plan to attend. Advance registration is required, by June 15, 1993. Brochures describing the events and the B & B arrangements are available at Prairie.

R.E. Invites You...

...to be an R.E. class co-leader next year. It’s an opportunity to get to know our kids, help them discover our common beliefs...and have some fun together. For more information, call Anne Pryor at 244-7099 or Dean Schroeder at 256-8813.

Summer Sunday Child Care

Beginning June 6, preschool and kindergarten child care will be provided every Sunday. As we did last summer, the parents will cooperatively share supervision of activities for children of other ages as necessary.

Wedding Party Set!

Doleta Chapru and Warren Hagstrom invite you to celebrate their marriage with a potluck supper beginning at 6:30 PM on June 19th. This will be followed by music, dancing, and games for all ages. NO gifts, please.

New Church News...

The James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church will hold its first service on June 6th, 1993, at 11:30 AM. A newly organized church, it is intended to serve Madison’s growing East side. The service will be held at 3565 Tulane Ave. which is next to Schenk School. The church is named for a U-U minister who was murdered in 1965 in Selma, Alabama, while participating in a civil rights march.

The Rev. Dave MacPherson of the Unitarian Church-West in Brookfield will be the guest minister at the service. His sermon will be entitled "The Time is Now" and will focus on the need for the denomination to provide caring communities to reach the baby boom generation.

James Reeb U-U is to be a welcoming church, attracting as diverse a membership as possible, according to Arthur Thexton, who has chaired the group which has been planning the start-up of the new church. Children are especially welcome, and will be invited to participate in the first service. Religious education opportunities will also be available.

Five informal services will be held over the summer at locations to be announced. A permanent minister will begin holding weekly Sunday morning services in the fall.

A Place of One’s Own (K-1-2)

This group, led by Barbara Rames and Carol Wilson, celebrated their year’s focus on homes by planting raspberries and some seeds in Prairie’s garden. This continued their recent emphasis on the earth as home and made our religious home a more beautiful and delicious place!

Holidays and Holy Days (3-4-5)

This group, led by Bob Lawrence, had a concluding discussion about their year-long theme of celebrations focusing on how so many of the holidays and holy days worldwide are connected at their core to seasonal changes. They had their own celebration: a party and a trip to the park to play and smell the lilacs.

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

Both regular leaders were unavailable, to Anne Pryor took the opportunity to survey the group on their thoughts on the year’s curriculum, the Church Across The Street. Opinions were definitely favorable, with the main advice...
Arts in Action

Principles in Action

Was your first interest in Prairie U-U Society sparked by the way its members put their religious beliefs into action via the food pantry, the homeless shelter, blood donations or letter writing? Let be like them. "Put your effort where your mouth is." A good place to start, at your own convenience, is at the Red Cross blood donor center, which is open Saturdays from 9 AM to Noon, Mondays & Wednesdays from 1 PM, and Tuesdays & Thursdays from Noon to 6 PM.

Art Therapy

...for people living with HIV and AIDS. You don't need to have art experience or even know how to draw! Group meetings are open, free and meet each Monday at 6:30 PM. Meetings are facilitated by Laurie Ellen Neustadt, a registered art therapist. The summer session begins on June 7th. Call Madison AIDS Support Network at 238-6276 or 1-800-486-6276 for more information.

Coffee Service Volunteers

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

May 30 No Service—Canoe Trip
June 6 Kerry Bauer
June 13 Barbara Rames
June 20 Anne Urbanski

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

May 30 No Service—Canoe Trip
June 6 Marian Thompson & Kerry Bauer
June 13 Alice & Lee Bullen
June 20 Jack & Betty Jallings

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

May 30 No Service—Canoe Trip
June 6 Richard Bonser
June 13 Pat Cautley
June 20 ??

Descriptions for each of these volunteer jobs are on the bulletin board over the microwave oven in the kitchen. Any volunteers who cannot work on the day they've signed up, please let Heidi Oliversen know so she can locate a substitute.

Crash Space Needed!

Help! I've rented my home from June 4th through August 31st. To accommodate the renters, I've agreed to leave 4 days before I must go north to UniStar—that's June 4, 5, 6, and 7. I need a spare room or bedroll space where I can stay for those 4 days. If you can help, please call me at 259-0556.

-Karen Gross

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.

Chants for the Queen of Heaven

There will be a LIVE CONCERT of the newly released cassette by that name presented by Nancy Vedder-Shults and Friends on Sunday, June 13 at 7:30 PM at First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive. There is no admission, but a donation of $5 is requested. The chants and sacred songs have been gathered from around the world.

House for Sale

Own for less than rent. A snug and comfortable one bedroom home with nearly finished study in a quiet North side neighborhood. A new furnace, large garage and a fenceable back yard are additional advantages of this starter home. Available after the middle of June from the owner, Terry Krause. Phone: 249-5144 (until June 6), 244-8707 (after June 6).
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CAMPOUT — CANOE TRIPS

Prairie members and friends are invited to visit the Ruecking Family farm for camping and canoe day trips during the weekend of May 28 - May 31, 1993. Bring friends and friendly pets. Come when you can, leave when you wish. Please call Rick Ruecking to confirm date at 266-9611 days or 238-2924 evenings (dread machine). If you cannot stay to camp, join us for canoeing and potlucks on Saturday or Sunday. There is lots to do if you do not canoe - Wyalusing and Nelson Dewey State Parks, Stonefield Village, or Villa Louis in Wisconsin and Pike's Peak State Park, Effigy Mounds National Monument, and MacGregor in Iowa.

DIRECTIONS: 85 miles — under 2 hours…… Follow Verona Road (Route 18/151) west from Madison toward Prairie du Chien. Stay with Route 18 (west) to the right when the road divides near Dodgeville and continue west. The "city" of Fennimore is the only place anyone is likely to get lost. It requires negotiating a right turn (North onto Rt 61) at the stop sign and a left turn (west again on Rt 18) in about ½ mile (just before exiting town).

Leaving Fennimore, note "Prairie du Chien" mileage sign and drive 16 miles to an Historical Marker (Military Ridge). Turn right (North) stay on ridge top for 3 miles to a large, gray brick farm house -- Stone Apple Farm. Welcome.

Bring: Camping and canoeing gear. Additional grills/portable tables. Your current book or amusements. Allergy or other medications — dust/pollen, etc it's a farm! Kites. Cost will be only the shared porta-potty expense.

A few beds are available by reservation for people wishing to stay in the house.

DAY TRIPPERS:

Saturday’s canoeing starts at 10:00 AM on the Wisconsin River at the Boscobel boat landing on Highway 61. Follow directions to Fennimore but stay on Hwy 61. Leave Madison by 8:00 AM. Sunday’s canoe trip probably starts in Steuben on the Kickapoo River at 10 AM.

EMERGENCY PHONE (608-988-4473 R.Redman) EMERGENCY ONLY!

The Ruecking family welcomes guests, but for liability reasons people must acknowledge and accept personal responsibility for themselves and their children. This is a working farm with many possible hazards.