Thursday, September 30
6:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the Meetinghouse. All persons of the male persuasion are invited to attend.

Friday, October 1
6:00 PM
THE ETHNIC DINNER CIRCLE MEETS at the newly remodeled Imperial Garden Chinese Restaurant, 2039 Allen Blvd (corner of University and Allen Blvd). Everyone is welcome, but must phone Pat Watkins for a reservation (See related story).

Saturday, October 2
7:30 PM
PLAYREADERS MEET at Susan Hagstrom's, 916 Shorewood Blvd. The play will be either "My Sister Eileen" or "The Tavern" by George Cohen.

Sunday, October 3
9:00 AM
CHOIR PRACTICE AT PRAIRIE
10:00 AM
"THE GOD AS ARCHETYPE- PART II: The Dying God" presented by Anne Urbanski.

The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, October 10. Submit items for October 14-28, 1993.

Thursday, October 7
6:00 PM
SPANISH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK meets at the home of Amy Schulz, 2304 S. Syene Road, in Fitchburg. PLEASE NOTE: the Date, Time, and place are all changed from what was announced at the September meeting. For a ride or further information, call Amy at 273-2639, Orton at 273-4041 or Rosemary at 238-4382.

Sunday, October 10
9:00 AM
CHOIR PRACTICE AT PRAIRIE
10:00 AM
"THE HERO'S JOURNEY" presented by Anne Urbanski.

Monday, October 11
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the Meetinghouse. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Thursday, October 14
6:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the Meetinghouse. All persons of the male persuasion are invited to attend.

The following Sunday, October 10, we'll focus on "The Hero's Journey." Cultures

The World of Myth

The service on October 3 will deal with the theme "THE GOD AS ARCHETYPE: The Dying God." Those of us who were raised in Christian Churches were taught that Jesus was the only god who died and rose again. But...surprise! This theme occurs in mythologies around the world. We'll discuss the similarities among these dying gods and what the metaphor of the dying god can mean for us.

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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
around the world have myths of heroes (sometimes even heroines) who must face specific types of challenges. We'll talk about phases in the hero's life and journey and discuss how the hero's journey is an important metaphor for 20th century individuals.

See you "in church!"

-Anne Urbanski

Prairie Patter

We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community... Our Bond of Union speaks of the many reasons we have chosen to affiliate together. We speak of needing one another and of our futures being inescapably bound together. I wonder if we have a sufficient number of ways of expressing what we need to each other so we can help meet our needs.

Our key log ceremony is a deep and personal ritual that enables us to share with one another meaningful people, events and rites of passage in our lives. Each week we have an opportunity to speak about our joys and sorrows. Many people feel embarrassed or shy about speaking up in public, however this does not mean that they do not want to share with others.

The many activities and groups that are affiliated with Prairie also offer an opportunity for us to know one another, to be a part of each other's lives, to share joys and concerns and to be helpful during times of need. Many of these groups have been a part of Prairie for many years, such as Playreaders and Circle Suppers. Some groups have a shorter life span; they all contribute to the vitality of Prairie.

I believe we could benefit from at least two to four planned 10 to 12 week groups during the year at Prairie. Please suggest one or two that you would want to be a part of or would be willing to facilitate. I know several members have expressed interest in a Cakes for the Queen of Heaven group. We need two people to facilitate this group. Please let me know if you are interested.

Blessed be-
-Julie Bonser
President

PLAYREADING SCHEDULE

There is a correction to the Playreading Schedule. A collection of typographical errors sabotaged the entry for April 9. The correct entry is as follows:

April 9: Hosts—Rosemary Dorney and Tim Fast, 4205 Odana Rd. Phone 238-4382

Walk for Diabetes

Anne Pryor, Erin and Alana will be walking in the American Diabetes Association on Sunday October 3. If anyone would like to sponsor one of us, please give us a call at 244-7099. (Ed. Note: I plan to be there myself as well. If you want to sponsor me, give me a call at 274-3248.)

CMD Calendar: 1993

October 2: PHILOSOFEST 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.

Address Correction

Rosemarie Lester’s address in incorrect in the current directory. Please change it to:

904 Spaight Street
Madison, WI 53703

Welcome Back to the RE Program!

Sept. 12 was our first day of RE sessions for the fall. Emilee Dickson, Nena Bosch and Lilli Sanderlare back again to take loving care of the children in the nursery and preschool. They will be initiating a chalice lighting this year for the children in this group and have some other special events planned for them too.

Shirley Grindrod and a recovered Larry Murdock are co-leaders for the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades group. The curriculum they're following is a new one for us, Treasure Hunting. Their first day together they each created their own treasure chests and store important materials they gather and create throughout the year. They also looked at how special and unique each of their thumbprints are.

The 3rd, 4th and 5th grades have three leaders: Paula Pachciarz, Jan Howe and Rick Ruecking. The curriculum they're following is A Stepping Stone Year. One their first day together Paula led them in several activities geared towards getting to know each other. They each made "Me Charts" and talked about the things they used to think and how they've changed, and about questions they have about life.

Randy Converse has been joined by Bob Purvis as leaders for the 6th, 7th and 8th grades group. Following the curriculum We Believe, the group played a game exploring what makes people feel important in different parts of their life.

Children's Spirit Circles

These are chances for children-centered ritual for all of the children in RE. Our first for the year will be this Sunday, Oct. 3. Instead of attending the first few minutes of the adult service, the children will meet downstairs for their own special service.

These circles will be monthly, generally the first Sunday of each month.

Nifty Gifty

Please save wonderful natural fall objects that we might be able to use in our gift making in December! If you're short of space at home, you can bring them into Anne's office downstairs at Prairie. Thanks!

"About Your Sexuality" Training

About Your Sexuality is a course on sexuality for teenagers. We offer it at Prairie every three years (next year will be the next time we offer it). Training for AYS leaders is being offered on Oct. 29-31 in Palatine, IL. The training stresses methodology, not content. This training will include the AIDS update materials from the UUA. If anyone has had previous training without the AIDS update, you should be retrained. If anyone is interested in taking this training, please contact Anne Pryor, 244-7099.

YRUU Notes

YRUU will meet regularly from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at First Unitarian Society and at James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Society. Prairie youth are welcome to attend either group, but are requested to choose one and stick with it thereafter.

The Fall conference (PumpKoni) will be hosted by the Evanston IL church over Halloween weekend. Attendees will be back in Madison in plenty of time to participate in trick-or-treating.