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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, January 9. Submit items for January 20–February 3, 1994.

Thursday, January 6
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN’S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse. All men are invited to attend.
7:30 PM
HOUSING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE meets at the Meetinghouse.

Saturday, January 8
7:30 PM
PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Rachel Siegfried, 5209 Tolman Terrace. Call Rachel at 271-2173 for more information or to let her know you are coming. (See related story)

Sunday, January 9
9:00 AM
Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM
RE SESSIONS BEGIN again.
“EVOLVING RELIGIONS: Reconstructionist Jews and UU” presented by members of Shaarei Shamayim and Prairie. (See related story)

Monday, January 10
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the Meetinghouse. All members are welcome to attend.

Sunday, January 16
10:00 AM
“HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING,” led by Bob Reuschlein.

Tuesday, January 18
7:30 PM
U-U ORIENTATION for new members and other interested persons. (See related story)

Thursday, January 20
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN’S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse. All men are invited to attend.

Sunday, January 23
10:00 AM

Monday, January 24
6:30 PM
SPANISH SPEAKERS’ POTLUCK meets at the Meetinghouse. Call Rosemary at 238-4382 if you have questions.

Tuesday, January 25
7:30 PM
U-U ORIENTATION for new members and other interested persons.

Sunday, January 30
10:00 AM

Tuesday, February 1
7:30 PM
U-U ORIENTATION for new members and other interested persons.

Today’s Quote
“I invent nothing. I rediscover.”
- AUGUSTE RODIN

Evolving Religions

On Sunday, January 9, we will have an opportunity to learn about the Reconstruction Jewish movement and comparisons with the UU movement. We are delighted that two members of the Shaarei Shamayim congregation, which rents our building for ser-

...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
UU Orientation

Three orientation sessions about Unitarian-Universalism and Prairie Society are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evenings January 18th and 25th, and February 1st. We will meet at Prairie at 7:30 to 9:00 PM on these consecutive Tuesdays. Prior notice of your interest is necessary so that the presenters can make scheduling adjustments if necessary to accommodate all those who wish to attend. Call Rick Ruecking at 238-2924 by Sunday, January 16, to sign up.

Prairie Patter

The next time you attend Prairie Society look at our window in the foyer. The Betsy Roberts Memorial gift is a stained glass hanging. This beautiful work of art is a joy to behold. The dedication was held in December during after George Calden’s service on Precious Memories.

If you are unable to share your Joys and Sorrows with the congregation during Sunday mornings you may share them via the Prairie Fire. Sharing what is important to us helps to know one another. It was a joy to see college students attending Prairie services during the holiday break. Having a community to share our lives with adds to the meaning. It is a pleasure to talk to young people I have taught in RE classes, played volleyball with at Upham Woods, had dinner with at Circle suppers. It supports me to have Prairie members ask about how our daughter and grandson are doing. The support and care we give each other sustains many of us during stressful times.

Blessed be...
-Julie Bonser
-President

Sidewalk Saviour

Thanks to Barbara Rames for being a TOP NOTCH sleuth! She found a gem by the name of Roman T. Vanden Heuvel, a Prairie neighbor who has agreed to snowblow our sidewalk this winter! Thanks, Roman! We really appreciate your kindness!

-Karen Gross
-Chair, Hsg. & Property Comm.

Back From Cuba

Carolyn Dejoie has returned from Cuba with some interesting experiences to relate. She would be happy to share them with friends and Prairie folk who call her at 274-2152.

Schumann/Brahms

Our Sunday service January 23, 1994, will be devoted to the lives and music of Robert and Clara Schumann and their friend Johannes Brahms. Robert Schumann was a manic-depressive, and his story can tell us something about how it is to live with occasional madness in the family. The Schumanns and Brahms wrote a great deal of beautiful music for the piano, strings, chamber groups, songs for solo voice, and choral music.

WHALECOAST 94

Three UU churches invite you to explore California’s spectacular “Whalecoast” from the Channel Islands National Park at Ventura to Carmel’s Pt. Lobos sealife preserve and the aquarium at Monterey.

Travel by train and tour bus, parties and accommodations with local UU’s. March 19-26. Also Whale Watch Weekend, March 19-21.

Write “Whalecoast” UU church, 4949 Foothill Rd, Ventura, CA 93003; or call (805) 485-7695 or (805) 644-3898 for a brochure.

Parents’ Group

First Unitarian Society is organizing a group for parents with young kids. They hope to start meeting on a biweekly basis, alternating Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 with Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. They’re still developing their focus and invite interested parents to come and be a part of the evolving process. Children are welcome at the meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, January 20, from 3:30 to 5:30 in the infant room at First Unitarian Society.

-Elizabeth Alexander

The Goose Story

This story was sent to Prairie by Betsy Roberts’ son, Clark, and was read at the dedication of her stained glass memorial panel on Sunday, December 12. At that time, many people asked for copies of the story, hence it is repeated here. Clark wrote that Betsy would have heartily agreed with the ideas expressed here.

“Next fall, when you see geese heading South for the winter... fly along in V formation... you might consider what science has discovered...”

Dr. Harry Clark Noyes
ARCS NEWS, January 1992
Unlearning Oppression

A workshop with this title is being sponsored by James Reeb Unitarian–Universalist Church on January 8, 1984 at the Tenney Lapham Nursery Center, 1321 Mifflin Street, Madison. The Workshop will be facilitated by Dr. Mary Smith Arnold, Asst. Professor, and Dr. Beth Blue Swadener, Assoc. Professor, both of Kent State University. For more information, contact either Jonalu Johnstone (242-8887) or Elizabeth Green (255-5816). The suggested donation for the workshop is $10 to $15 per person.

Hand-In-Hand

The Madison Urban Ministry is once again holding its annual “Hand-In-Hand Celebration” in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King’s dream for our world. The celebration is scheduled for January 15th. It will include a cultural art and food fair from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at 1st Congregational Church followed by an artistic performance from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. This year the celebration will emphasize the role of children as we dream into our future and children of different cultural traditions will sing and dance.

Coffee Service Volunteers

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

Jan. 9  Pat Cautley
Jan. 16  Paula Pachciarz
         & Carl Wacker
Jan. 23  ??
Jan. 30  ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

Jan. 9  Al Nettleton
       & Marian Thompson
Jan. 16  Kay Frazier
       & José Rodriguez
Jan. 23  ??
Jan. 30  ??

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

Jan. 9  Pat Cautley
Jan. 16  ??
Jan. 23  ??
Jan. 30  ??

Just a Reminder

If you’re going to use the building, check with Rachel Siegfried at 271–2173 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. See the attached sheet for building rental rates—please note that Prairie members also must pay for private use of Prairie’s facilities.

Film Party?

Susan Hagstrom would like to organize a group trip to see Shindler’s List when it comes to town. If anyone is interested, please call her at 238-4970 and leave a message about when you’re free to go.

Room for Rent

Furnished room to rent to a female non-smoker. Huge walk-in closet, share bath and kitchen with one other woman. This room is in a sunny, quiet new home close to a woods with a walking/ski trail. All utilities, phone and laundry facilities are included. The rent is $300 per month (negotiable).

Interested? Call Rebecca Jallings at 267-1619 days, 233-7854 after 5 PM.

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.