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# Prairie Fire



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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, June 5. Submit items for June 9-23, 1994.

## CALENDAR

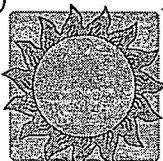
**Memorial Weekend, May 28-30**  
CANOE/CAMPING/BICYCLING TRIP on the Mewan River near Montello. (See related story and maps)

**Sunday, June 5**  
10:00 AM  
"A HISTORY OF UNIVERSALIST WOMEN" by lay minister Barb Park.

**Tuesday, June 7**  
7:30 PM  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE meeting at the Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon Street. Please come and join the Committee!

**Friday, June 10**  
6:00 PM  
PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS ANNUAL FISH DINNER at O'Malley's Farm Cafe in Waunakee.

**8:00 PM**  
PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Pat Watkins, 230 N. Meadow Lane. (See related story)



**Sunday, June 12**  
10:00 AM  
"SINGING AND SHOUTING: Celebrating the Second 100 Years of Universalism" presented by lay minister Barb Park.

**Sunday, June 19**  
10:00 AM  
To Be Announced

**Sunday, June 26**  
10:00 AM  
"PLANNING FOR THE LAND" presented by Caryl Terrell. (See related story)

**Sunday, July 3**  
10:00 AM  
NO SERVICE TODAY  
3:00 PM  
ANNUAL PICNIC/WATER PARTY at the Grindrods, 5235 Harbor Court. (See related story)

**Sunday, July 10**  
10:00 AM  
To Be Announced

**Today's Quote**  
"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."  
-WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN



## NEWS & VIEWS

### Prairie Patter

The Ages and Stages service Sunday May 22 was a special time for our Prairie Family. This annual tradition of honoring our eighth grade graduates has helped us look at the many graduations in our lives. This year Erin invited the high school and college youth to give advice to the graduates. This ranged from 'avoid the unpredictable swinging bathroom door at West' to 'your homework will get done, make sure to do other things, too'. The stages were celebrated in song with several people telling me they couldn't finish singing "Turn Around."

Prairie has an excellent RE program that needs more children. This summer let your friends and neighbors know about the many fascinating things they and their children can experience coming to Prairie.

Blessed be-  
-Julie Bonser  
President

### CANOE TRIP Notes

*Saturday, May 28*—put in at 10:00 AM at the Dixie Ave. crossing of Hwy. 22, 11 miles North of Montello.

*Sunday, May 29*—put in at 10:00 AM at the Germania Dam.

The canoe livery feels there will be canoes available, so come, even if it's at the last minute.

...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

## Graduation Open House

Emilie Dickson is graduating from East High School, and we are hosting an Open House party on Saturday, June 4th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM to honor her. Prairie members are invited to celebrate with us—come see what she looked like as a baby on up through the years, as well as hear about where she's going next fall, visit, and partake of refreshments. We started attending Prairie when Emilie was 11 years old, eight years ago this fall! Please call me at 246-4304 if you plan on attending.

-Jennifer Parker

## Prairie Playreaders

For our last meeting each spring, the Playreaders meet on a Friday evening for fish dinner at a nearby restaurant, then adjourn to a member's home to read a one act play and eat desert. This year's Fish dinner is at O'Malley's Farm Cafe, 403 W. Main Street, in Waunakee, where we will have a choice of two Fish Dinner Specials. The play and desert will follow at 8:00 PM at the home of Pat Watkins, 230 N. Meadow Lane. You may attend either part of the evening without attending the other, but you must phone 233-5795 by June 7th if you wish to reserve for the dinner. Everybody is welcome! You don't have to be a playreader to join us at dinner.

## What Would You Say?

Have you got something you'd like to say to Prairie? The Committee on Committees is looking for lay ministers for fall and winter of 1994-1995. Send your ideas, nominations and self nominations to the Committee on Committees, 2010 Whenona Dr. Madison, WI 53711.

## Planning For The Land

How do we apply an ethic of the land in an area of growing population? How do we exhibit our love for the land in our urban lives? Caryl Terrell, a Dane County activist, will share some of her insights and help us explore these issues.

## Prairie Women's Opportunities

The UUWF Allerton Conference, entitled "Expanding Our Horizons by Honoring The Stages of Women" will be held June 4-6, 1994 at the beautiful Allerton Park in Monticello, IL. The keynote speaker and program leader will be Pat Connelly, a consultant, educator and family therapist who is

also an RN. A variety of workshops will be offered.

The Summer Womanspirit Gathering will be held August 5-7, 1994 at Camp Ronora, near Watervliet, Michigan. This is the first gathering of its kind held in the summer. The program includes yoga, t'ai chi, workshops and teaching lodges, and a wide variety of recreational activities. The retreat is sponsored by the CMD Women and Religion Committee. Tent camping, bunkhouse, or shared cabins are available. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals are included. Children are welcome. Fees range from \$100 to \$120 for the weekend.

Registration forms and further information for both these events are posted on the bulletin board at Prairie.

## Volunteers Needed

This summer, the Building and Property Committee will not schedule a "work day" as such, instead we are extending a challenge to Prairie members and friends to plan, during this vast three months of sunshine and warmth, and carry out one of the following building & grounds projects (or some other one you know a need for):

- Stain & Finish windows - Al Nettleton (he could use help!)
- Paint Kitchen - Lee Bullen & Rosemary Dorney
- Reupholster Chairs - Barbara Rames (she needs help!)
- Paint Radiators - ??
- Clean Blinds - ??
- Wash Windows - ??
- Repair Tile in Basement - ??
- Drain Tile Slope - ??
- Stucco Repair - ??
- Sign Repair & Refinishing - ??
- Instructions for Stove Use - Shirley Grindrod
- Trim Out Meeting Hall - Karen Gross
- Replace Kitchen Sink Washers - ??
- Repair Closet Door Hinges in Auditorium - ??
- Your Special Project - YOU!

## New Building Rental Fees

Rates for the use of the building will be increased by \$5 for the use of the upstairs and downstairs. The new rates for Prairie member groups are: Upstairs only \$20.00. Downstairs only \$10.00. For non members the rates are Upstairs only \$30.00, Downstairs only \$15.00. There will also be a \$25. damage deposit charge to non member large groups.

## Picnic At Grindrod's

John and Shirley Grindrod are once again graciously inviting us for an afternoon of swimming at the nearby city beach (1/2 block away) and picnicking at their home on Lake Mendota at Spring Harbor. Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share (dinner will be about 5:00 PM). Come enjoy the Grindrod's new screened-in porch and the chance to socialize together on July 3rd.



## Thank You, Teachers!

Many many thanks to all our wonderful RE leaders this past year. They've led our children through explorations pertinent to our faith, and did so with love, creativity and concern. All of Prairie appreciates these efforts. So, thank you Lili Sandler, Nora Bosch, Emilie Dickson, Larry Murdock, Shirley Grindrod, Jan Howe, Rick Ruecking, Paula Pachciarz, Randy Converse, and Bob Purvis.

## Evaluations

Many parents and others took RE evaluation forms, but I have only received one back. Please bring them to Prairie or mail them to me ASAP at 4717 School Road, Madison, WI 53704.



# MISCELLANY

## Coffee Service Volunteers

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

May 29	<i>Canoe Weekend</i>
June 5	Barbara Rames
June 12	??
June 19	??
June 26	??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

May 29	<i>Canoe Weekend</i>
June 5	Cinda LaMar & Metje Butler
June 12	??
June 19	??
June 26	??

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

May 29	<i>Canoe Weekend</i>
June 5	Barbara Rames
June 12	??
June 19	??
June 26	??

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 Phoebe Rosebear know so she can locate a substitute.

## The Carein' O' The Green

The following individuals have signed up to mow/trim the lawn during the weeks indicated:

May 15-May 28	Gary Giorgi & Karen Gross
May 29-June 18	Karen Gross
June 19-July 30	??
July 31-Aug. 20	Converse Family
Aug. 21-Sept. 3	Briggs Family
Sept. 4-Sept. 24	??
Sept. 25-Oct. 8	??
Oct. 9-Oct. 29	??

Our thanks to all of them for their care and concern for Prairie!

## Building Use

Prairie members who are affiliated with groups who rent Prairie should take responsibility for payment to Prairie. If you're going to use the building, call Rachel Siegfried 271-2173 for rates and reservations. We

need advance notice, preferably two weeks, to schedule the use of the building. *Please note that Prairie members also must pay for private use of Prairie's facilities.* Building use rules are posted in the kitchen.

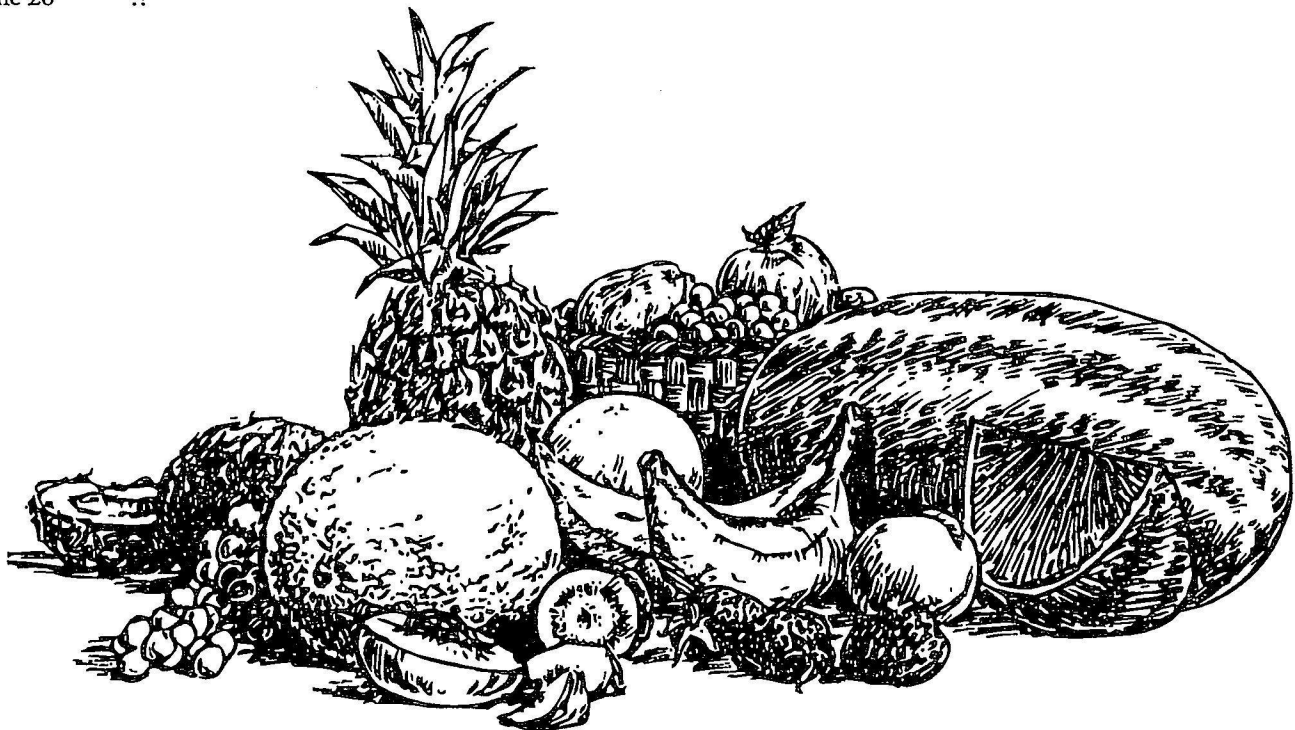
## Summer Sublet...

I'm looking for one or two non-smoking persons interested in subletting my Madison residence during the month of July while I'm away at a holistic center in upstate New York. It's a cute three room cottage with a big yard near the arboretum, Lake Wingra, and Monroe Street busses. The rent would be reasonable and is negotiable.

-Fran Zell  
233-0213

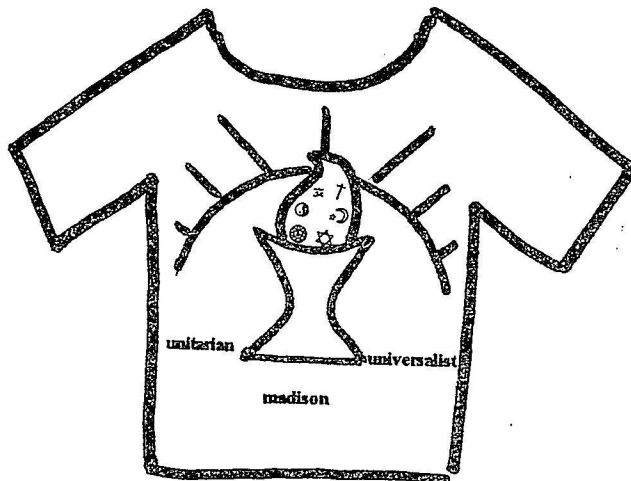
## Housemate Wanted

I am interested in finding a compatible person to share my home. There is a large, private room which is part of a nicely furnished older home with kitchen, living/dining room, laundry and semi-private bath. There is plenty of privacy when desired, storage space available in the basement and attic, and garage space. If interested, please call Jennifer Parker at 246-4304.



**DON'T BE THE ONLY ONE ON YOUR  
BLOCK WITHOUT A MADISON  
U-U T-SHIRT!**

Tracy Crim and the 1994 Coming of Age class have developed a t-shirt design unique to Unitarian-Universalists in Madison. T-shirts are grey with blue lettering. Proceeds from sale of the t-shirts will help with the expenses for the group's trip to Boston this summer. Subsequent printings of the t-shirt will be used to support other youth activities in the future.



Orders received by June 1 will be delivered to the church designated on the order form by the end of June. We request payment in advance by a check made out to First Unitarian Society.

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Tear off and return with your payment to:  
 First Unitarian Society  
 Coming of Age Program  
 900 University Bay Drive  
 Madison WI 53705

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Church:  Reeb  
 First  
 Prairie

Size:	Number ordered	Cost per shirt	Total
Adult XL		\$9	
Adult L		\$9	
Adult M		\$9	
Child L (14-16)		\$7	
Child M (10-12)		\$7	
Child S (6-8)		\$7	

GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_