The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, August 21. Submit items for August 25—September 15, 1994.

Sunday, July 31
10:00 AM
"FROM ALL DIRECTIONS," a joint service at Sauk City Free Congregation, 307 Polk St., with Prairie, James Reeb, and First Society. To be followed by a Potluck Picnic. (See related story)

Sunday, August 7
10:00 AM
"FACING OUR NEW FRONTIERS: Report from the UUA General Assembly," presented by Cinda LaMar and Julie Bonser.

11:30 AM
Farewell for Elizabeth Alexander, Paul Adams, Simon and Oliver. (See related story)

Monday, August 8
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the Meetinghouse. Members are welcome to attend.

Sunday, August 14
10:00 AM
"A LOOK AT ISLAM," presented by Pat Cautley.

Tuesday, August 16
7:30 PM
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the Nettleton’s, 645 Sheldon St.

Sunday, August 21
10:00 AM
"TRAINING FOR PEACE CORPS SERVICE," presented by Marcia Johnson. (See related story)

Sunday, August 28
10:00 AM
"THE LAND ETHIC OF ALDO LEOPOLD," presented by Brent Haglund.

Sunday, September 4
12:00 AM
LABOR DAY PICNIC at the Thompson’s, 3418 Old Stage Road, Town of Rutledge, Stoughton. (See related story)

Today’s Quote
"Almost all reformers, however strict their social conscience, live in houses just as big as they can pay for."

-LOGAN PEARSALL SMITH

Prairie Patter

Since I last wrote the Prairie Patter I have been to many places. Most of the vacation time has been with UU’s. First I was in Fort Worth attending General Assembly. As usual there was too many activities packed into not enough time. Cinda LaMar and I will attempt to provide you with a flavor of what it is like to be at GA, Sunday, August 7. We attended many workshops, worship services, plenary sessions and wished for more time to talk to the many wonderful people from all over North America.

Next was the Northwoods U- UniCamp at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River. What a contrast! There were about 40 people in all attending. The schedule was minimal with a lot of free time. This was a very congenial group of UU’s from Houghton, Michigan to DeKalb, Illinois and points in between. Each morning several of us met with the keynote speaker and discussed his article in Progress about science and theology. One evening we took the camp bus to a Pow-Wow at the Lac du Flambeau Bowl. We were graciously introduced to the dance customs of the native peoples and several times invited to participate in an inter-tribal dance.

Last week Dick and I spent camping at a Folklore site in New York state. I met many UU’s there from New York, Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. Meeting and sharing with so many Unitarian Universalist is similar to belonging to the same tribe, only this is one we chose, not one that we were born into.

Many of us have been out visiting this summer—I hope we can share the richness of our experiences with one another this coming year.

Blessed be-
Julie Bonser
President

Joint Service at Sauk City

Prairie and the Sauk City Free Congregation have had an annual joint summer service tradition for many years. This year, all three Madison UUA societies will join to-
**Peace Corps Training**

Prairie member Marcia Johnson has returned from several months in Costa Rica as a trainer for “Integrated Child Development” Peace Corps Volunteers. Marcia and David previously served as Peace Corps Volunteers themselves in Paraguay. Marcia has unique insights into this aspect of U.S. cooperation with Third World countries.

**Walking Our Talk**

Walking Our Talk: Increasing diversity in Unitarian Universalist congregations. Keynote speaker: Dr. Sharon Welch, Director, Women’s Studies, University of Missouri Columbia, and Associate Professor, Women’s Studies and Religious Studies. Dr. Welch presents widely on celebrating diversity, dismantling racism and sexism, and empowerment.

Workshops: Diversity and religious education; Church based community organizing; Volunteer management; Growth and assimilation; Conflict Management; Young Adult Ministries; Long range planning for diversity; Establishing new congregations; Interweave/diversity in sexual orientation; Multicultural issues in running effective meetings.

Hinsdale Unitarian Church, Hinsdale, IL, October 8, 1994. SAVE THIS DATE!

**Women’s Opportunities**

Central Midwest District, Unitarian Universalist Women’s Federation Fall Retreat, October 27-30, 1994 at George Williams College, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. We Laugh, We Cry, We Live, We Die, We Dance, We Sing Our Song. Keynote Speaker: Shelley Jackson Denham. Please save this date!

**Chicago Baseball Retreat**

Second Unitarian Church of Chicago is hosting a baseball retreat on August 6 & 7, 1994. The overnight event includes home hospitality, tickets to the CUBS game against the San Diego Padres on Sunday, dinner on Saturday night, brunch on Sunday and a special Sunday service on the spirituality of baseball. Cost is $50 per person, $75 per couple, $100 per family. For more information see flyers in brochure rack or call Tomy Hartman 512-404-5320.

**UU SINGLZ**

Summer Events
First Friday of each month we meet at a restaurant for dinner. The schedule is as follows; August 5 — The Game Preserve 6 pm, at North Midvale (in the Hilldale Shopping Center) September 2 — Kabul, 6 pm, 541 State Street.

On all other Fridays, we gather at Linda’s Sunporch Cafe, 2701 University Avenue in the Lakepoint Center. This is for conversation, light snacks, and possibly making plans for later in the evening. We stick around until 7 pm for the sake of late comers.

All single adults, of every religious persuasion, are welcome to join the UU Singles Club. Want to talk to a live human being and get the lowdown on what really happens at our affairs? Call Barb Nodine 233-7708 or Joyce Petty 833-8050, and they’ll fill you in.

**Philosophest 1994**

Philosophest 1994: THE VISION AWAITS; A New Spirituality of Politics, October 15, 1994 9:00 - 4:00 presented by the North Shore Unitarian Church. Designated speakers are the renowned Dr. Forrester Church, minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in New York City and the award winning African-American journalist Rosemary Bray MacNatt. Respondents will be the Rev. Earl H. Holt III of the First Unitarian Church in St. Louis and the Rev. Teresa Cooley of the First Unitarian Church in Chicago.

**Building and Property News**

Summer Projects reaching the pinnacle of completion:
- A great big Thanks to Lee Bullen, Rosemary Dorney and Greg Nettleton for prepping and painting the Prairie kitchen.
- A great big Thanks to Al Nettleton for training and finishing the casing for our new windows and for trouble-shooting light switches for Exit signs.

Summer projects near to completion
- A great big thanks to Barbara Rames for reupholstering the sanctuary seats.

Projects not signed up for, that the building and property committee needs and wants to have completed are:
- The Drain Tile Slope Project
- Sanctuary Radiator Project

A male bonding challenge goes out to 3 or 4 people who will serve on a crew of the DRAIN TILE project.
Job Descriptions for Priority Projects:

Drain Tile Project:
Expose the drain tile from the point of exit from the Prairie Garden on the Whenona Street side from 6 to 10 feet back until the kink or knot is located. Reroute or straighten drain tile at said point, test for functionality and recover the drain tile.

Radiation Project:
We need a crew of interior space conscious artists who will paint the radiators to color complement the peaceful, still timbre of our sanctuary. We will help you to get the necessary materials for the project.

Sign the Summer Project Sign up Sheet and you will receive a phone call!

Building/Property Co-Chair
Facilitate a fabulous committee of volunteers working with the building and property. For more information call Julie Bonser at 274-3248 or Karen Gross at 259-0556.

Coordinator Needed
Channing-Murray, a university-age UU young adult group, is seeking applicants for involvement with Unitarian Universalism and you will receive a phone call!

RE Coordinator Needed
James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church is seeking a 1/4 time Religious Education Coordinator beginning this fall. For information on the position, please contact Joanne Riese at 257-1409.

SOCIAL ACTION

Back To School Garage Sale
Saturday, August 20, 8 AM to 12 N, and from 1 PM to 3 PM at 3050 Darbo Drive.
WANTED: DONATED ITEMS AND VOLUNTEERS
The Neighborhood Needs You
Garage sale proceeds will help The Salvation Army of Dane County buy the building on Darbo Drive and use it for daycare, recreation, and a community center. Help The Salvation Army help more people.

They are requesting donations. You may deliver small items to their building at 630 East Washington Ave. Larger items can be brought to the garage sale site at 3030 Darbo Drive beginning at 7 AM on the sale date, August 20. Please call early for possible pickup of large quantity donations 256-2321. They also need volunteers to help for Friday, August 19, and Saturday, August 20. Interested persons please call Carol Waugh at 256-2321 for volunteer scheduling.

Volunteers Needed...
For the Homeless Shelter. Prairie is responsible for staffing two shifts on the fourth Monday of each month at Grace Episcopal Homeless Shelter. The shifts are 7:15 PM to Midnight and 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM. The evening shift includes serving dinner and the second shift includes serving breakfast.

A big thank you to Judy Skog and Aileen Nettleton who worked the evening shift in June and Pat Caulk and Barbara Rames who worked the morning shift in June.

We're all extremely busy and these shifts are difficult to fill. Please call Cinda LaMar at 259-1114 if you can staff a shift.

Food Pantry
The Food Pantry of the Allied Drive area is open on the fourth Thursday of each month. Non-perishable foods are welcome every week at our meetinghouse entrance. If you add one gift item or more to your weekly food shopping, then bring it in on a Sunday morning, you will be helping ease the end-of-the-month blues for our needy neighbors...

A Quilt To Remember Babies
October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. In recognition of this, some Madison-area families are making a memorial quilt to remember their babies who have died. If you have lost a baby, or are close to someone who has, you are invited to make a quilt square sharing your special love for that baby.

Squares should be cut at least 9” by 9” to allow for 1/2” seam allowance on all sides. Your design should be no larger than 7” by 7”. You may use any washable fabric (not felt) and various decorative techniques e.g. sewing, cross stitch, quilting, embroidery markers, applique, or washable fabric paint. Include the baby’s name, special dates, messages, designs, etc.

Please send your completed square by July 1 or ASAP to:
Jean Coons
W7981 Wendlick Road
Pardeeville WI 53954
phone: 608/429-2701

Ministry to the Mentally Ill
Mendota Mental Health Institute, 301 Troy Drive, Madison, WI 53704 243-2504 is presenting a free seminar on Ministry with Institutionalized Parishioners with Mental Illness. Two identical sessions will be offered and address the following:

- Overview of Wisconsin’s mental health system
- Confidentiality laws and concerns
- Visitation of parishioners; how, when, where
- Mendota Mental Health Institute’s Treatment Programs and Mission
- Clinical Pastoral Education at Mendota Mental Health Institute

The seminar is free but advance registration is required. The sessions are Wednesday, August 3, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, or Monday, August 15 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM.
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 Pat Watkins at 233-5795 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.

Rates for the use of the building have been 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.

Study Tour to Berlin

There are still spaces left on Rosemarie Lester's study tour to Berlin, August 28-September 10. The group appears to be an interesting, congenial one but there is only one Unitarian so far! Call Rosemarie at 262-2075 (w) or 255-7039 (h) to sign up for this interesting tour.

Room Wanted...

...for Tenam, a Tibetan man, 35, non-smoker, non drinker, who seeks help becoming fluent in English, so would like to room with American roommates or family. Reasonable rent. Please call his Madison Literacy Council tutor - George Singer at 221-2855. Thank you.

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.

Lost and Found

Found: a book entitled The Collapse of Communism. Please pick it up from the back office desk if it is yours.

NUU’S LETTER...

...from the Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Minocqua. If you are in Northern Wisconsin visit this fellowship. They have programs twice a month. Services are held on the third floor of the Minocqua Community Building, 415 Menominee, beginning at 10 am. A coffee hour follows.

REMINISCENCES; THEN...AND NOW

Intergenerational Theatre under the direction of Penny Leavitt presents: REMINISCENCES; THEN...AND NOW OR "THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY REMAIN THE SAME" Alphonse Karr

When: Friday August 5, 7:00 P.M. and Saturday, August 6, 2:00 P.M.

Where: Westside Coalition for the Aging, Westside Senior Center, 602 Sawyer Terrace, Madison, WI

Admission is free, but please telephone 238-0196 to make a reservation. Refreshments will be served following the performance.