

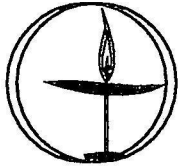
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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, September 11. Submit items for September 15-29, 1994.

CALENDAR

Saturday, August 27

12:00 N

PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS Organizational Potluck Luncheon at the home of Pat Watkins, 230 North Meadow Lane. (See related story)

Sunday, August 28

10:00 AM

"THE LAND ETHIC OF ALDO LEOPOLD," presented by Brent Haglund.

12:00 N

"GAY RIGHTS-SPECIAL RIGHTS" a special Radical Right propaganda video, will be shown by Laura Riggs followed by a discussion.

Friday, September 2

6:00 PM

U.U. Singles will meet at the Kabul Restaurant at 541 State Street for dinner.

Sunday, September 4

10:00 PM

NO SERVICE THIS MORNING!

12:00 N

LABOR DAY PICNIC at the Thompson's, 3418 Old Stage Road, Town of Rutledge, Stoughton. (See related story)

Monday, September 5, 5 PM through Tuesday, September 6, 1 PM

"ROSH HASHANAH" Shaarei Shamayim will be conducting holiday services from 5 PM Monday until 1 PM on Tuesday. DO NOT SCHEDULE PRAIRIE ACTIVITIES NOR PLAN TO USE THE BUILDING DURING THIS PERIOD.

Sunday September 11

9:00 AM

Choir Practice (See related story)

10:00 AM

"EVERYDAY MORALITY: Misrepresentation" led by Lay Minister Warren Hagstrom.

Monday September 12

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BOARD meets at the meeting-house.

Tuesday, September 13

7:30 PM

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the Nettletons, 645 Sheldon Street.

Wednesday September 14, 6-PM through Thursday, Sept 15, 10 PM

"YOM KIPPUR"-Shaarei Shamayim will be conducting holiday services from 6 PM Wednesday until 10 PM on Thursday. DO NOT SCHEDULE PRAIRIE ACTIVITIES NOR PLAN TO USE THE BUILDING DURING THIS PERIOD.

Friday September 16

6:00 PM

ETHNIC DINNER CIRCLE meets at the Russian House, 320 W. Johnson. Leave a message on the Prairie phone BEFORE 1 PM on Thursday September 15, if you wish to reserve a place.

Sunday September 18

9:00 AM

Choir Practice

10:00 AM

"EVERYDAY MORALITY: Embarrassment and Tact" led by Lay Minister Warren Hagstrom.

11:30 - 1:30 PM

Prairie Women's Group (See related story)

Sunday September 25

9:00 AM

Choir Practice

10:00 AM

"TERRORS OF DIRECT EXPERIENCE" led by Lay Minister Doleta Chapru.

Sunday, October 2

9:00 AM

Choir Practice

10:00 AM

To Be Announced

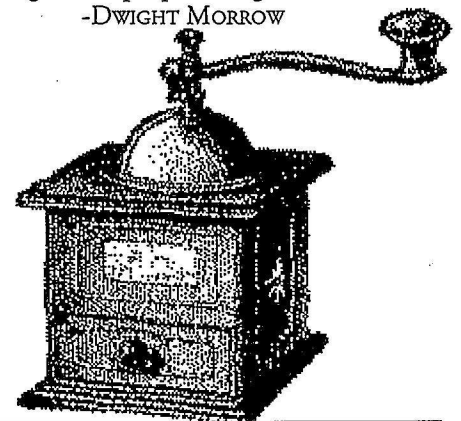
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UPHAM WOODS RETREAT.

Today's Quote

"The world is divided into people who do things—and people who get the credit."

-DWIGHT MORROW



...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



Prairie Patter

Prairie is very fortunate to have Pat Watkins volunteer as Administrator this fall. We are using this time to determine if we would benefit from a part time paid administrator to help schedule the building, keep records, return phone messages, contact newspapers and the myriad details that help keep our Society functioning. A Macintosh II computer and monitor was donated to Prairie, we could use a compatible printer. To have a useful office, we need some office chairs, a computer table/desk, another file cabinet, supplies and perhaps a photo copier. Pat and I are checking on the prices of these items.

The bulletin board items will be changed regularly. Please date any items you post. News about members and items of interest will usually be up for a month.

Last week Dick and I visited Minneapolis and Chicago to stay in touch with our offspring. When we planned to go out to dinner we took two hours to make the decision about where to go. First we checked with everyone, what do they want to eat tonight, do they have any recommendations, how much can we spend. Where will we be in the City at meal time. After research and discussion we selected a site, trying to please all concerned. I was reminded of the process of developing plans for services at Prairie. The process worked well but took some time to work out details.

We attempt to listen to recommendations, provide variety of styles and topics, include music and singing, a chance to share and wrap it into 1 hour and 15 minutes on Sunday morning. The programs for the next year promise to be stimulating, informative and thought provoking. Ask your friends to join you in coming to Prairie UU Society.

Blessed be-
-Julie Bousser
President

Correction...

The last PRAIRIE FIRE (for August 27th), listed Pat Watkins home phone for information about building rental and costs. That is incorrect. Reservations and other inquiries should be made by leaving a note in Pat's box in the downstairs office, by phoning

ing Prairie and leaving a message on the machine, or by speaking to Pat at the Prairie office between 9:30 and 2:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pat does not do Prairie business out of her home.

The Land Ethic

Brent Haglund, friend and former member of Prairie and currently President of the Sand County Foundation, will help us examine the ethical underpinnings of Leopold's land ethic on August 28. The Sand County Foundation works to educate land owners about what this means and what they can do. Brent will share slides as part of his presentation. We look forward to welcoming him back to Prairie! This is the third in our summer series about our commitment to the land.

Labor Day Picnic

Marian and Carl Thompson have graciously invited us to their farm for a picnic on Labor Day weekend, September 4. Plan to come at 12:00 N to socialize and play games and bring a dish to pass, your own dishes, and blankets or lawn chairs for the potluck picnic at 1:00 PM. Bring badminton rackets or a croquet set for lawn games.

THESE ARE NEW, CORRECTED DIRECTIONS!

- Go South on Park Street to Highway 14.
- Go South on Highway 14 past State Hwy. 138 and past County Trunk A.
- Turn left onto Old Stage Road from Hwy. 14 (pink house at corner, "T" intersection).
- Go 4.7 miles on Old Stage Road.
- Go past Franklin Road and turn into the second driveway. Watch for the ribbons tied to the Thompson's mailbox. The driveway is a long gravel drive and you cannot see the house from the road.

Lay Ministries

Lay ministers for the upcoming year have been finalized. Warren Hagstrom and Doleta Chapru will jointly lead a series of services around the topics of "Everyday Morality and Music." Cinda LaMar will focus on "UU Principles Through The Visual Arts." In the spring, Jack Jallings will coordinate a series on "Alternatives For Creating a Just Society." As a lay led congregation, our lay ministers are vital in helping direct our thinking and personal growth. We invite you to join us in what promised to be a stimulating year of services.

Choir Rehearsal Starting

The first rehearsal of the Prairie Choir will be at 9:00 on Sept. 11. New members are welcome. No previous choral experience is necessary. We will be working on something by Bach and several other pieces.

Prairie Women's Group

We meet at Prairie after the service. Bring finger food for a light potluck lunch. We plan to meet the third Sunday of each month. For information please call: Kathy Converse 238-1856 or Jennifer Parker 246-4304.

Walking Our Talk

Walking Our Talk: Increasing diversity in Unitarian Universalist congregations. Key-note 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!

UU SINGLZ

Summer Events

First Friday of each month we meet at a restaurant for dinner. The schedule is 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.

Philosofest 1994

Philosofest 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 K. Holt III of the First Unitarian Church in St. Louis and the Rev. Teresa Cooley of the First Unitarian Church in Chicago.

Attention Prairie Musicians

We plan to have a service on November 6 in honor of Johann Sebastian Bach, with the music provided by members of the congregation. If you can perform (remember, Bach wrote for inexperienced as well as experienced musicians) contact Doleta Chapru or Warren Hagstrom at 238-4970. If necessary, Doleta and Warren can suggest pieces for you to perform and even provide musical scores.

Program Taping

Prairie needs a volunteer to assume responsibility for recording the Sunday programs in the coming year. If providing this important service is of interest to you, or one which you would be willing to share, please call Rick Ruecking at 238-2524.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found articles soon *to be given away if not claimed*: white woolly shawl, red knit scarf, purple-black nylon zip jacket, red sweatshirt, leopard front with glitter eyes. These items are in the first under the counter cabinet in the kitchen.

Missing Items

Prairie is missing the following items which must be returned: microphone, telephone, and several song books. If you are the borrower, return them to Prairie ASAP.

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 Julie Devine and Paula Pachciarz who worked the evening shift and Rachel Siegfried and Jack Jallings who worked the morning shift in July.

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

Building and Property News

For the next four weeks—until Sept. 23—you can still sign up for a summer work project!

- 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 to the point of exit from the Prairie Garden on the Whenona Street side from 6 - 10 feet back, dig a new trench for the drain tile which slopes the earth downward away from the building, test for functionality and recover.

Radiator 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 to do their thing with the building and property. For more information call Julie Bonser at 274-3248 or Karen Gross at 259-0556.

Foster Parents Needed

The Dane County Department of Human Services is seeking foster parents for 16-18 year old teens for a new program entitled "Fostering Independence," whose purpose is to prepare and enable teens who are leaving foster care to live as independent adults. This program grew from the realization that 50% of all teens going out on their own after leaving foster care were ending up homeless, in jail, or on welfare. If you are interested in helping a teen in a program such as this, contact Layli Stanger at 273-6657. In addition

to the need for "Fostering Independence" volunteers, the department is also seeking foster parents (preferably people of color) for minority children, under the age of eight. If interested, phone 273-6611 for additional information.

Hemlock Society

Did you know that Lori Pederson of First Society, and a former member of the Prairie Playreaders, is the current director of the Wisconsin chapter of the Hemlock Society? For information about the Society, you may phone Lori at 833-3139. A copy of their most recent newsletter is on the table at the rear of the meeting house.

Lectureship Award

Congratulations to Cindy Haq, who was recently awarded the MARK HANSEN LECTURESHIP AWARD. The award is given to the Junior Faculty member in the UW Medical School's Department of Family Medicine and Practice who has substantially contributed to the education of students and residents or has made an important scholarly contribution to the academic discipline of family medicine. See the clipping and picture on the meeting room bulletin board.

Playreaders

THE PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS is one of several social groups at Prairie in which members and friends can get better acquainted and share a common interest. The group meets once a month at the homes of the various participants. Each month's host/hostess chooses her/his play, assigns the parts (which are read without prior practice), and provides refreshments during the "intermission." At the last meeting of the year, we meet on a Friday evening at a local restaurant for the "Annual Fish Dinner," then adjourn to a member's home for desert and the reading of a short (one-act) play. We also try to get together at least once during the year to attend a theater production. There is no obligation to attend all meetings. We begin the season at our August potluck lunch, where we sign up to host a playreading, choose our dates for the year, and try to choose our plays. This information will be published in Prairie Fire, so that Prairie members can avoid conflict with other events, such as circle dinners and other Prairie and non-Prairie affairs. For this reason we ask that you bring your calendar of other events and commitments to the luncheon with you, along with any ideas of plays you might like to read. Please call Pat Watkins at 233-5795

to indicate your attendance and your contribution to the potluck lunch.

Sudden And Violent Death

Seminar on *Sudden And Violent Death And Helping Responses*—Mothers Against Drunk Driving is sponsoring this free 5 hour seminar at the Appleton Holiday Inn on September 22nd to aid clergy and funeral directors to understand the unique grief response to sudden death and to suggest methods of appropriate intervention. This would perhaps be an appropriate and beneficial program for Prairie to attend. Please see Julie Bonser if you would be interested in representing Prairie.



A Pint for a Half-Pint

That's a roadside billboard urging adults to give blood, so that little children's illness or injury can be helped. Do carry out your good intentions!

Latest donors from Prairie Society at Red Cross are Paula Pachciarz, Heidi Oliverzen, and Linda Sheehy.

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...



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 Prairie 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 \$.50 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.

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.

