The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, October 23. Submit items for October 27—November 10, 1994.

Saturday, October 15
7:30 pm
PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS meet at the home of Karen Gross, 849 Williamson St., Phone: 259-0556

Sunday October 16
9:00 AM
Choir Practice
9:40 AM
Children’s Choir Practice
10:00 AM
“WHAT’S FAIR IN WELFARE REFORM?” led by State Representative Rebecca Young. (See related story)
11:30
Parent–Teacher Coffee for Preschool/Nursery Group Childcare provided.

Time to be announced
Prairie Women’s Group meeting

Friday, October 21
6:00 PM
FISH DINNER CIRCLE will meet at Quivey’s Grove (the stone house, not the stable/barn) on Nesbitt Road. Call Pat Watkins by Wed. Oct 19th at 233-5795 for a reservation.

Friday, October 21
NOTE: Shaarei Shamayim will be conducting services in the meeting house on Friday evening 10/21, Saturday morning 10/22, and Sunday 10/23 from 12:45–4:45.
Do not schedule use during this time.

Saturday, October 22
R.E. Fall Frolic (See related story in the RE Corner)

Sunday October 23
9:00 AM
Choir Practice
9:40 AM
Children’s Choir Practice
10:00 AM
“THE MILITARY ECONOMY AND US: The society shaped by the military economy,” led by Bob Reuschlein.
11:30
Parent–Teacher Coffee for Caring Hands (Gr. K-1-2) Childcare provided.

October 27-30
CMD U.U. WOMEN’S FEDERATION FALL RETREAT. George Williams’ College, Lake Geneva (See related story)

November 4, 5, 6
UPHUM WOODS RETREAT

Monday, November 7
7:30 PM
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at Nettleton’s, 645 Sheldon St.

Sunday, November 13
9:00 AM
Choir Practice
9:40 AM
Children’s Choir Practice
10:00 AM
“ARTISTIC BEAUTY” led by lay minister Cinda LaMar with Jean Matos.
11:30 AM
POTLUCK LUNCH
1:00 PM
PRAIRIE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING (See related story)

Sunday, November 20
9:00 AM
Choir Practice
10:00 AM
“MUSIC IN THE FAMILY: Johann Sebastian Bach” led by Doleta Chapru and Warren Hagstrom, with Prairie musicians.

Today’s Quote
“Nothing so fortifies a friendship as a belief on the part of one friend that he is superior to the other.”
-Honoré De Balzac

...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
Calling All Pancake Lovers!

There will be a pancake breakfast at Prairie before service in the near future. Plan to donate time or food (sausage, vegetarian bacon, syrup, oil, pancake mix, milk, margarine, or orange juice), and bring a big appetite (preferably early). Plan to bring your friends, too. What a great introduction to Prairie!

To volunteer your time or donate food or just ask questions, call Judy Skog at 273-4813.

1995 Pledge Drive

...or...we need your money! We are proposing to add a part-time Administrator to handle the day-to-day details that drive the rest of us nuts. This will cost about $5000. The Finance Committee figures that each pledging unit will need to increase their yearly pledge by $10 per month per unit to accomplish this.

Members of the Finance Committee will be calling you in the next week or so, to determine your 1995 pledge. Please consider these facts carefully, and be as generous as possible.

Jack Jallings, Richard Rueckheim, Judy Skog, Pat Caudle, Susan Hagstrom, Jim Harvey

Prairie Patter

Last Sunday afternoon, Dick and I attended a Memorial Service at James Reeb UU Church. We were saying farewell to someone we had met the first year we lived in Madison, our connection to Glenn Iles was through motorcycling, not UU, however he and his wife Barbara were our introduction to Unitarian-Universalists, I never thought! We were saying farewell to Glenn Iles and his wife Barbara were our introduction to Madison. Our connection to Glenn Iles was to Unitarian-Universalists, some­...
You're less likely to reach her at home, but plants to you!* give Fran a call at 845-7292 during the day.

Thank You Card

Thank you cards sent by Rosemary Dorney for the beautiful flowers you sent her when she returned from her hospital stay after her knee replacement. Rosemary is doing well, and would welcome hearing from you.

Circle Dinners are Back

Do you want to spend more time with other members and friends of Prairie than you can on Sunday mornings? Sign up for Circle Dinners. Each year we organize small groups of people who agree to meet once a month for a potluck meal and good times. The groups are generally 8 to 10 in size. This year we thought we would like to start the Circle dinners off with one big potluck at Prairie. You may sign up by phoning Prairie at 271-8218 or filling out the request at the welcome table and returning it to Pat Watkins at the meeting house office.

Prairie UU Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is set for Sunday November 13 at 12:45 p.m. This is traditionally the meeting at which we vote on the budget for the next year. The Agenda will be printed in the next newsletter. If you have any items for the agenda please let Julie Bonser know by October 23.

Proposed 1995 Budget

Prairie UU Society

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Denominational Affairs

| UUA APF             | 3,552 |
| CMD                 | 600   |
| NCAC                | 111   |
| Pamphlets           | 100   |
| Delegate Registration| 500  |
| Total Den. Affairs  | 4,863 |

Housing & Property

| Mortgage M & I       | 7,735 |

Total Hsg. & Prop. 17,581

Total Membership 2,540

Total Admin. & Office 5,193

Total Operating Expenses 42,099

Operating Revenues

| Pledges       | 34,699 |
| Contributions | 3,200  |
| Prairie Fire  | 100    |
| Building Rent | 1,000  |
| Auction       | 1,650  |
| Interest      | 100    |
| Fundraisers   | 600    |
| Coffee Sales  | 100    |
| Proceeds      | 75     |

Total Revenues 42,099

Capital Expenditures

| Outdoor Lighting | 1,000 |
| Window Darkners | 200   |

Total Cap. Expenditures 1,200

DEFCON I:

Defending Your Faith: Fall CMWD Youth Conference. A Program for 9th graders through age 20.

Where: UUCW; 13001 W. North Ave, Brookfield, WI.

When: November 11-13, 1994

The program: Explore and define your faith so that you will be able to explain it to yourself and others. Meet and get to know other people who think and feel like you do. Find out traditions that give your faith historical significance. HAVE FUN WITH OTHER UU's.

What you need to bring: Sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, any writings you wish to share, cold-weather clothing (for outdoor worship), music.

New things: Overnight will be Friday night, home hospitality Saturday night; Sunrise service Saturday morning at 6 AM; An atmosphere more spiritual than previous conferences.

Registration fee: $25.00

To obtain a registration form and map, call Anne Pryor: 244-7099.

Mail the completed form by NOVEMBER 1.

For more information about the content of the conference call Dylan (414) 422-1896 or Lee (414) 282-5765.

Green Thumb, Anyone?

Do you enjoy nurturing plants, watering them regularly, spraying and repotting them occasionally? Fran Remaika would like to pass on the joys of caring for the Prairie plants to you! If this challenge interests you, give Fran a call at 845-7292 during the day. You’re less likely to reach her at home, but that phone is 845-7299.

Thank You Card

Please take a minute to read the lovely thank you card sent by Rosemary Dorney for the beautiful flowers you sent her when she returned from her hospital stay after her...
They discussed the notion of utopia, talked about what things they would want in a utopia, and the harder issue of how to make them happen. They made a collage of things they would want in an ideal society, even if they didn’t know how that could come about. Some things they included were comfort, love, health, music, flowers, clean water and happy sleeping bears.

People of Note:
Special thanks to Peg Barratt for leading a training session for the preschool leaders.
Cindy Haq will be coordinating Nifty Gifty this year, so if anyone has any ideas for projects or suggestions about the event should contact her (845-8065).

Parent-Teacher Coffees:
There was a lively and interesting discussion at the Timeless Themes (grades 3-4-5) parent-teacher coffee, with the topics such as evolution, creationism, portrayals of women in the Bible, and religious cultural literacy being discussed. Thanks to all who attended and took part.

Upcoming coffees are on Oct. 16 for the nursery/preschool and on Oct. 23 for Caring Hands (grades K-1-2).

Service Project Sundays
On October 2 we held our first RE Service Project Sunday. It opened with a spirit circle complete with joys and sorrows, a song, and an envisioning of what we each hope for. After that, with all the kids working in pairs of younger with older children, we began the process of deciding what service projects to do during the coming year. From a wonderful list that showed the range of these children’s concerns and knowledge of issues, we decided to focus on helping the homeless, helping animals (both endangered and not), and helping the rain forest. Some good ideas about how to help were also generated. We’ll be following up on these next month.

Fall Frolic Saturday, October 22
Optional Sleepover! All Prairie kids of all ages (parents welcome too) are invited to the annual RE Fall Frolic on Saturday evening, October 22 at Prairie. Come at 6:00 PM and we’ll make Nefarious Noodles and Surprise Soup, using your favorite ingredients.

Come in costume, or bring costume materials. We’ll do face painting and produce some skits for each other. If the weather allows, we’ll play outside. At 9:00 PM we’ll bid farewell to the non-overnighters. Activities will turn toward reading aloud and music, so bring your favorites.

Sunday morning, we’ll have breakfast and be ready for RE. Here’s what to bring:
• Favorite food ingredient
• Costume or materials
• Flashlight
• Favorite book, music, or game
• Sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush
• Change of clothes
Parents: Interested in helping? Please call Dean Schroeder at 256-8813.

Shelter Homes Needed
Briarpatch is seeking short term shelter for teens experiencing personal and family problems. Training will be provided, and either individuals or couples are sought. Call Sandy at 251-6211.

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.

Magazines!
Prairie members with magazine subscriptions needing renewing over the next few months or who want gift/new subscriptions are reminded that the Girl Scouts in our congregation will be selling subscriptions in October. Erik Schroeder will also be selling them for the Velma Hamilton Middle School band that month.

Senior Center Drop In
THE WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER, 602 Sawyer Terrace, INVITES FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO DROP IN on Sundays between 10am and 1pm for unlimited coffee and bagels and sweet rolls from Stella’s, Ovens, Bagels Forever, and Cinnabons, and to chat and read the newspapers (New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Milwaukee Journal, and Wisconsin State Journal). Cost is $2.00. Why don’t we try
it after Prairie some Sunday? The price is right, and it gives us an opportunity to become acquainted with one of our Senior Centers. The invitation has been extended to everyone, and is not limited to senior citizens.

**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 on Tuesday or Thursday 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.

**UU Singlz**

**Summer Events**

First Friday of each month we meet at a restaurant for dinner. The November 4th location will be at Sa Bai Thong, 2840 University Ave., 238-3100, at 6:00 PM.

On all other Fridays, we gather at 6:00 PM 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 Rick Ruecking at 238-2924, and let him fill you in.

Upcoming special events include a Singles Potluck at Kathy Luker’s, 3435 Edgehill Parkway (233-9047) on October 30th and hiking at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells on Sunday, November 6th. Call Rick Ruecking for information at 238-2924.

**Spare Time Activities:**

Check our bulletin board for some of the things going on in the community, which may be of interest to you: 1) the post show discussion and the lecture being given on the topic of violence in conjunction with the UW theater production of Stephen Sondheim’s THE ASSASSINS. 2) the November 5th Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra (our own Anna Nettleton used to perform with them) featuring Shari Lewis and Lamb Chop as guests. 3) the American Boychoir and Madison Boychoir Concert on November 2nd at Luther Memorial Church. 4) the Father Robert Koopman classical piano concert on October 24 at the St. Benedict Center.

**Football Fans:**

The Neighborhood U.U. Church in Pasadena, Calif. is hosting a Rose Bowl get-away. See Pat Watkins, if interested. The single rate of $160-280 includes a U.U. home stay with breakfast for 1-4 nights, reserved grandstand seats for the Rose Bowl parade, New Year’s buffet and champagne party. Couple rate is $320-450. Game tickets are not included.

**Research Study**

Single male retirees who have retired within the past five years, live alone, are heterosexual, and willing to talk about and describe their feelings about the separation from work are being sought for a research study. Contact David Rachlis at (708) 386-3438 if interested. This notice is a reprint from the CMD Messenger.