Thursday, January 4
7:00 PM
Program Committee Meeting - the past year's programs

Sunday, January 7
10:00 AM
"Emerson" Third in the series on UU history and thought.
R.E. Classes resume after winter break.
9:00 am - Choir rehearsal (every week through January)

Sunday, January 14
10:00 AM
Gregory Jones - Million Man March panel in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.
No R.E. Classes

Sunday, January 21
10:00 AM
Third in UU History and Thought Series:
Arliegh Birchler - Barbara Rames
12:00 noon - Women's Group: potluck lunch and discussion
Friday, January 26
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Puzzle Party! (see inside for details)

Sunday, January 28
"What it means to be a Religious Liberal" - Anne Urbanski

President's Column

Happy New Year

...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
UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 24
Christmas Carols (Bob Park and Mike Briggs)
Come sing and have a good time!

December 31
Reminiscences of the Year (Bob Ruscshlin)
Bring your personal thoughts of the year past and resolutions for the future.
We will sit in a circle and discuss the year past; public, private and personal, and make plans or resolutions for the new year.

January 4
Program Committee meeting will be discussing the year to date programs that will be ranked by attendance.

January 7
EMERSON (Barbara Ranes)
Third in the series on UU History and Thought
"If there is a single moment at which a conventional Christian parish ministry - even a liberal Unitarian one - could no longer contain and give to Emerson's life, it would be when he recognized that his proper response to the world must be astonishment; his proper expression, celebration." - Robert Richardson (from Emerson, The Mind on Fire)

SOCIAL ACTION

A UNIQUE GIFT: DEC. 23
Your blood can give the gift of life to a needy friend in crisis! If you can't get to the Sheboygan Avenue donor center, come to the Dane County Expo Center on Dec. 23, Saturday, between 7 am and 2 pm. Child care will be provided.

Heidi Olverson gave last week; Bob Steinhoefer gave in November.

World Wide Web
Prairie UU Society now as a Home Page on the World Wide Web. After 3 months of development, the Prairie Home Page can now be viewed by anyone who has internet access and a graphical browser (e.g. Netscape, Mosaic, or others).

To reach Prairie's Home Page you need to dial up your Internet Service Provider on your modem and get into your browser. Prairie's Internet address (URL) is:
http://www.execep.com/~prairieuu/

We have included a link to First Unitarian Society of Madison and expect that FUS will include a link to Prairie on their home page. Prairie will also be listed on the "UU Hotlist" which lists UU churches and fellowships and individual UUs who have home pages. We hope you enjoy visiting the Prairie Home Page.

----- Anne & Lee Urbanski, Prairie Home Page Developers

New Year's Eve's a comin' soon!
I know this is late - but if anyone would like to go out to dinner and toast the New Year at my place afterwards (with music and a little champagne), please call me ASAP! ---
Rosemarie Lester 255-7039 (h) 262-2075 (w)

Give the Bucky Book coupon savings book
For Xmas, New Years, for yourself.
Proceeds go to the Dunns Marsh Neighborhood Center ($35). Call Bob Steinhoefer, 221-9417

Many Thanks!...to those who volunteered recently at the Men's Homeless Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church. In October, they were: Helen Pesche, Fran Romeo, and George and Ruth Calden. November volunteers braved a terrible blizzard to get to the shelter. They included Kate Tucker, Tom Taylor, Kathy Converse and Pat Cautley. Additional thanks to Kathy Converse for arranging with Bagels Forever and Ovens of Britany to provide bagels and bread for our monthly breakfast shift. If you volunteer for a breakfast shift in the coming months talk to Kathy about arrangements for bagel pick up. We continue to need volunteers to work at the shelter during the coming months.

Contact Fran Zell, 233-0213, if you can help.

WINTER YOUTH CONFERENCE
January 19-21 @ First St. Louis UU Church. If your high-school age youth needs registration info, transportation, and/or designated adult chaperone (must be 1 adult 25 or older to each 5 youth attending), please call KK Anderson 255-3596 for further information.

PUZZLE PARTY
Friday, January 26, 7-10pm at Prairie. There will be jigsaw puzzles set out ready for completion. At 8-8:30pm, Doleta Chapru will start a charades sessions. Bring yourself, snacks, any games or puzzles for a challenging and relaxing evening. For questions, details, etc., call Susan Hagstrom 238-4970.

SKI TRIP
Join us for a fun weekend of cross country skiing, food and UU fellowship. Members of Prairie and the Eau Claire UU's join First Society for skiing at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River on either January 26-28 or February 9-11, 1996.
Need to register by January 1st with a check for the costs. For more information: Judy Skog 273-4813 or Dave Welo 273-2638. If you want to go, but can't get the application in by the 1st, CALL DAVE. Come, Come, Come...It's Lot's of Fun!

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Prairie UU Society needs a part-time administrator. This person would work 10 hours a week at Prairie Meeting House. They would need to keep scheduled hours. They would be responsible for handling Prairie communications, mail, telephone occasional letters, schedule building use and rentals, publish and mail the newsletter, maintain the mailing list and prepare the order of service for Sunday. Skills necessary to do these tasks would include good written and oral communication ability, computer skills with word processing, desktop publishing and mailing labels. Please phone Julie Bonser at 274-3248, if you are interested or would like to recommend someone. You may also mail an application or resume by January 15, 1996, to:
Prairie UU Society, Attn: Julie Bonser 2010 Wheronia Drive Madison, WI 53711