

The Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society of Madison

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NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Programs:

December 19 - FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE. The morning will be devoted to seasonal carols. Richard's Recorders, The Prairie Chicken Pluckers, Clark's Strolling Minstréls and YOU will provide the music. Bring a pillow so we can sit on the floor, and wear comfortable clothes. Bring your favorite Christmas bread, Hogmanay cake or fruit cake, and fruit. The morning will end with amunch; Remember to bring something for the symbol tree. - Pat Meyer, coordinator.

December 26 - NO SERVICE

January 2 - "Chatty" Sunday. Informal and unstructured CONVERSATIONS with each other. Various small group games, and music, available. Bring instruments, pillows to sit on. Coffee and rolls provided during the hour.

Let's Initiate Some Religious Discussion

On occasion some members of Prairie indicate to me an interest in getting together a religious discussion group that could read and discuss various books together. Others have thought in terms of discussing current issues in social ethics or the environment. Most have indicated that whatever the manner, the intent should be religious---with emphasis on the religious implications and dimensions of the various topics and concerns they encounter daily. What this amounts to is entering the theological dialogue and either developing or further expanding one's theological habit of mind.

Some things we might want to talk about in such a group might be Milton's Paradise Lost, what do we mean by "church: and how might that relate to ecclesia? Is there a function to ministry? professional or lay? What might be included in that ministry? Dietrich Bonhoeffer's books, The Cost of Discipleship and Letters and Papers from Prison; Medieval Philosophy by F. C. Copleston, is God in nature or is he Nature? etc..... Anyone interested in such a group, please let me know in the next week or else in the week right after New Year's.

Dave Meyer

In keeping with the "No Shopping Days til Peace" theme, the Social Action Committee has some last minute shopping suggestions:

Send a contribution to American Friends Service Committee, 980 Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, Calif. 91103, for the children's prosthetics (artificial limbs) rehabilitation center in South Viet Nam.

Contribute to the Dane County Welfare Rights Alliance, 1127 University Ave., Madison, Wis. 53705.

Give a gift subscription to: Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Towers, San Francisco, Calif. 94104 or Wisconsin Trails, 6120 University Ave., Madison, Wis. 53705

Contribute to the Ellsberg Defense Fund, c/o Stanley K. Sheinbaum, 4510 Douglas Ave., Riverdale, N.Y. 10471.

Harrisburg Defense Committee (for the Berrigans, et al), Rm. 526, 156th Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010.

Rose and Gordon Klauber send Christmas greetings from 11 Westend Ave., Great Neck, N. Y. 11023.

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Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. at the Portal Foster Center, 1806 West Lawn Ave.

David Meyer, Minister.....221-1065

The deadline for the next Newsletter is Friday, December 31

DO YOU DRIVE to Prairie on Sunday mornings from the central city or the east side? If you have room for riders, call Mary Jane Woerpel, 271-9003. Buses leave the Square on Sunday mornings at 8:35 and 9:25. Bus company: 249-6454. ESOT

THANKS TO COOKIE MAKERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

For helping make the exciting evening with Ric Masten even more pleasurable, the Hospitality Committee sends thanks to the following people who made cookies and contributed money for the napkins and paper cups: Mona Birong, Ruth Calden, Theron Caldwell, Rebecca Clark, Dee Frank, Hope Lester, Bea Lindberg, Rosemary Dorney, Betty French, Rebecca French, Jane Hammatt, Betty Jallings, Norma Magnuson, Rou Lau, Aileen Nettleton, Sheila Swanson, Rosemarie Lester, Avis Parrish, Melinda Roznoy, Evelyn Werner, Elinor Elinor Loucks.

Mary Jane Woerpel and Pat Meyer

FEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

The new Prairie directories were distributed at the Nov. 21 service and copies mailed to members and friends not in attendance that Sunday. A special thanks goes to Hope Lester for directory layout and typing and to Rebecca Clark and Betsy Roberts for assemblage and distribution. Because of limited copies, directories were distributed only to members and friends and not to everyone on the mailing list. A few copies remain for new members and friends. If you have been overlooked, or want something corrected, call Ruth Calden, 233-5717. Current corrections for the directory are: Ellie Friedman, 1337 Jenifer St.; Lehmann, Lora and Lewis; French*, Rebecca and Rod; and Caldwell, 255-0608.

ENCOUNTER GROUP IS PLANNED beginning January 9 and continuing for 8 to 10 Sunday evenings. Rou Lau will conduct the group "to facilitate intimacy." Rou is a psychiatric nurse at University Hospitals and is working on her Ph.D. in mental health. The cost of \$10 covers all the sessions, each 2 hours long. The group is limited to 12--first come, first serve. Call Rou at 231-3030.

Terri Laurence's book We're Off to Catch a Dragon, a "fantasy for everyone" is available at the University Bookstore. The book was first published by Abingdon in 1969. Terri has a new book coming out in the fall, B-9 from Outerspace, to be published by Rand McNally.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION needs for after-Christmas programs: Xmas ribbons, wrapping paper, scrap fabrics, 35 mm film cans, to be used in construction projects. P.S.: Bring all this in a shoe box---we need them too.