

PRAIRIE FIRE

Newsletter of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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PRAIRIE CALENDAR

- SAT
MAY 17 10 AM GARDEN MEETING at the Carson's, Vilas Road, Cottage Grove.
See below.
- SUN
MAY 18 11 AM PICNIC AT THERON CALDWELL'S, 1228 Sherman Ave. See below.
- FRI
MAY 23 PLAYREADING and fish fry at the Plum's, Keewatin Trail,
Rt. 1, Verona, at 8:00 pm. Some of the playreaders will
meet at 6:00 at the Plum's to go out for a fish fry
supper. If you plan to join them, please call the Pluims
not later than Thurs., May 22 (836-5547), so that they may
make reservations.
- SAT
MAY 24 TOTAL ECLIPSE of the moon tonight. Perhaps we could gather
at the Praire Site to witness the event and celebrate
with a beer or two. Speak to Barb Willard for more
information.
- SUN
MAY 25 150th ANNIVERSARY of the founding of the American Unitarian
Association. The Chicken Pluckers will be playing for the
Stevens Point and Marshfield fellowships in Stevens Point.
- TUES
MAY 27 8 PM MAY PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING at the Willard's,
2217 West Lawn Ave.
- THUR
MAY 29 8 PM LAY MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE meets at the Willard's,
2217 West Lawn Ave.
- MON
JUNE 2 8 PM PUBLIC RELATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE meets at Mary Slabaugh's,
2416 Gregory Street.
- THUR
JUNE 12 8 PM BOARD MEETING at Theron Caldwell's, 1228 Sherman Ave.
- SUN
JUNE 22 SOLSTICE PICNIC at the Carson's, Vilas Road, Cottage Grove.
More information later.
- TUES-SUN
JUNE 24-29 UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY meets in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Read
more about the issues to be raised at that meeting below.
- SUN
JULY 6 WATER FÊTE at the Davidson's, 2210 Waunona Way. More in
next month's Newsletter.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Pat Watkins has retired from the splendid job she did for us as editor of Prairie Fire. We are all very grateful to Pat for the incredible amounts of energy and love she gave
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us in spite of bouts of ill health. We are also grateful to Rosemary Dorney for filling in the interim, picking up the loose ends and coping with the Newsletter in the space between Pat's tenure and the new Board's appointing a new editor. We are the new editor, and we hope we can proceed as worthily. This is the first issue on the Summer schedule, which we will run by ear until we find out how often we need to run it. The next Newsletter deadline will be May 25th (Sunday) and we will proceed from there, attempting to mail it out on that Thursday. Wish us luck! We are always open to questions, suggestions, criticisms, et cetera. Lend us your thoughts.

The Editors

NOTE

Due to difficulties with the mails, we have lost some important letters (including money!). Please send mail directly to the person who should receive it. In the case of pledges, this means Charlie Davidson, 2210 Waunona Way.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1975-76

President - David Carson
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Religious Ed. Chairperson - Paula Elkins
Housing & Property - Roland Parrish
Social Action Chairpeople - Fred Seidl &
Melinda Roznoy
Long Range Planning Chairperson -
Mary Slabaugh

The new Board has met briefly and hired our nonpareil Religious Education Director, Theron Caldwell to continue for the coming year, and Vivian Meyer to do necessary clerical work for Prairie, including producing the Newsletter, and incidental material that needs to be mailed to the membership.

CALENDAR NOTES

Prairie Garden

Prairie Garden plotting and ground breaking (with prior help from a plow) Saturday, May 17th, at 10:00 am. Bring seeds, garden tools, good weather and picnic lunch. Alternate rain day on Sunday the 18th.

Party

10¢ beer is NOT DEAD! Y'all come with your kids, boats and bathing suits and picnic baskets. Theron Caldwell's house, 1228 Sherman Ave., 11:00 am on Sunday, May 18th.

COMMENTS & REQUESTS

Thank You Note

Tardy thank you (which lost its way) for your tender lovin' care when Roland was in the hospital. Also for our surprise "Hats Off to the Parrishes"!

--Avis

Wanted to Borrow

The Clarks' daughter, Katrina, is visiting them the week of June 12th with grandbaby. They need to borrow a crib and a high chair for the visit. Please call Rebecca Clark at 271-4882 if you can help them out.

Singles Camp

Adult Midwestern Unitarian Universalist Singles Enrichment (AMUSE) is holding four 1-week singles camps on the theme of Realize Your Potential in July. If you are interested, call Mary Lou Diehl at 233-4357. Be persistent. She is seldom but sometimes home.

Unistar

Camp Unistar, a Unitarian family camp, is taking registration applications now for week-long vacations in northern Minnesota. Situated on an island in Cass Lake, Unistar is well suited for those who enjoy gazing at birds, nature and other Unitarians. For further testimonials speak to Vivian Meyer, the Davidsons and the Loucks. Registration blanks may be found on the bulletin board in Portal Foster Center. Or speak to Viv Meyer.

R.E. Notes

Sunday, May 4th, the R.E. Committee asked those who were at the service to make a few notes on what they, as adults, would like to do for Prairie's children in 1975-76. Many helpful and varied responses came forth.

It's good to work in a community where childhood is not considered an ailment for which the only cure is growing up!

In the Fall we'll be asking the children what they would like to do for themselves and what they'd like to do for the Prairie community.

Interesting information from your notes - among other things Prairie adults obviously consider the following to be religious questions: who am I? What am I doing here? What are all those other people doing here? Or, at least, what do they think they're doing here?

--Paula Elkins, Chairperson
R.E. Committee

We Are Part of 150 Years of American Unitarianism

Sunday, May 25th of this year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the American Unitarian Association in Boston, Massachusetts. This event will be celebrated at the Unitarian-Universalist General Assembly meeting this year in Minneapolis, June 24-29th. Did you know Theron Caldwell will be a delegate from the Prairie Society, representing us in the wider fellowship?

Among the important resolutions at the General Assembly will be one on rights to abortion, another on funding of the Office of Gay Concerns and one urging the U.S. government to give aid and relief only to those countries which have demonstrated meaningful progress toward population stabilization. (See May 1st issue of UU World) If you feel strongly about these issues, let Theron know.

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