

PRAIRIE FIRE

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PRAIRIE CALENDAR

SUN 10 AM
APRIL 4

"You Can Be Anything You Want Yourself to Be" This service is inspired by the remarkable poem composed communally at a Prairie service last year in which many individuals described themselves as animals. Of what would a Prairie totem pole consist? Program led by Annis Pratt, lay-minister. 231-2183. What are your ideas for a Prairie Easter ritual?

SUN 5:30 PM
APR. 4

BOARD MEETING at the home of Allan and Aileen Nettleton, 645 Sheldon. 238-6053.

SUN 7 PM
APR. 4

PARISH MEETING to be held at Portal Foster Center, 1806 West Lawn Ave. All are welcome to attend, but only members may vote. The agenda notice is attached to last week's Prairie Fire.

TUES 7:30 PM
APR. 6

PROGRAM COMMITTEE meeting at the home of Pat Johnson, 2218 West Lawn Ave. 256-5717.

SUN 10 AM
APR. 11

"Shaker Life and Rituals" Come take a bicentennial look at the American Shakers and participate in a Shaker worship service. Led by Ruth Calden, Barbara Carson, and the Prairie Shape-Note Singers. 233-5717.

THURS 7:30 PM
APR. 8

SPRING CAROLS. Spring Carol singing for everyone interested at the Nettletons', 645 Sheldon St. Bring an Oxford Book of Carols if you have one. Extra copies will be on hand.

FRI 7:30 PM
APR. 16

SLIDE PRESENTATION of the passion of Christ by Joe Hoffman... On Good Friday evening. At the home of Theron Caldwell, 1228 Sherman Ave. Bring your own refreshments. 255-9974.

SUN 10 AM
APR. 18

Family Easter Service led by Annis Pratt, Lay-minister.

SUN
APR. 24

A BUS TRIP TO THE CHICAGO ART INSTITUTE led by Joe Hoffman. The focus will be on Italian Renaissance paintings. Call Joe for details. 257-9595 (see below.)

April 24 Bus Trip

Owing to the tremendous success of the last Joe Hoffman trip to the Chicago Art Institute and the fact that many people who wanted to go couldn't because there was no room, Joe has agreed to lead another trip on April 24. This time we will look at Italian Renaissance painting. The trip will cost \$7.00. The bus will leave the Hilldale Shopping area (near A&P) at 8:00 am, and will return around 9:00 pm. A sign up sheet is available at Sunday services, but is filling up fast.

UUA Poll

The Denominational Affairs Committee has been asked to poll the parish to choose items to be placed on the final agenda for the 1976 General Assembly of the national Unitarian Universalist Association. Twenty resolutions are available; we must choose six. The full text of the twenty resolutions is in the UU World of April first. Please mark the six topics most important to you and return to Richard Perry, 1915 Keyes Ave. Madison, by Sunday, April 11.

- 1. Nuclear power.
- 2. Endorsement of Legislation for rights of Gay People.
- 3. Opposition to Anti-busing Amendment
- 4. Rejection of Senate Bill #1.
- 5. Omnibus Crime Bill, Senate Bill #1.
- 6. Adequate Nutrition and prenatal care
- 7. Support of Amnesty International
- 8. Opposition to B1 Bombers
- 9. Disarmament and Social Justice
- 10. Cancer-causing Substances in Air and Water
- 11. Support of Agricultural Development
- 12. Esperanto
- 13. Older Women
- 14. Handguns
- 15. Criminal Justice
- 16. Tax Reform
- 17. Economic Threat to Environmental Policy
- 18. Criminal Justice and Penal Reform (Youthful Offenders)
- 19. Conscientious Objection to War Taxes
- 20. Worldwide Peace Observance Day

Storage Space Needed

Ann Dorney is going to be needing space to store some furniture and miscellany for an indefinite length of time. Anyone with some room in a basement or attic should call 256-9446 and ask for Apartment 4, or talk to Rosemary. (238-4382) It will be greatly appreciated.

Bowling

Pat Watkins is organizing a Prairie bowling group to get started next Fall. She has to start it now, because it is necessary to get registered and set up this month in order to qualify for lanes. Anyone interested, of any sex, should call Pat at 233-5795.

New Members (but old friends)

Prairie is happy to welcome Julia Bonser, John Lewis, and Norma and Mike Briggs as official members. All four have been active in Prairie affairs for some time, and we are glad they decided to make it legal.

Milestones

Alicia Diehl has been accepted to the US Merchant Marine Academy for next year. This means that the first two women to be accepted from Wisconsin are both Prairie people. Martha Willard will be co-ordinating the bi-centennial event in which New York Harbor will be cleared and full rigged sailing ships from many nations will sail in, as part of her curriculum there....The Osteras's

have won a round in their battle with Iowa County over their choice of burial site for Jana. Judge Orton of the Iowa County Circuit Court granted an injunction against their being prosecuted during the pendency of the lawsuit. Letters from Prairie members have been much appreciated...Our sympathy goes to Pat Cautley, whose brother in law passed away recently....Joe Hoffman has confirmed that he intends to go to Thomas Starr King Seminary and study for the Unitarian Ministry....Mary Slabaugh is recovering rapidly from minor surgery over the spring break.

New Editor and Publisher

This is something of a transition issue of the Prairie Fire. Vivian Meyer, who has kept us so reliably and pungently informed, has discovered she cannot spare the time for the newsletter any more. The editing has devolved on me, while Sara Koehl has taken over the production and dissemination. If we are less than fully co-ordinated for an issue or two, please bear with us. It will be hard to maintain the standard that Viv has set, but we mean well.

Barbara Willard.

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