

PRAIRIE FIRE

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CALENDAR

- July 2
Sunday.....ALL ARE INVITED to the party after the wedding!! Martha Willard and Tim Diehl are to be wed. The place of celebration is Diehl's, 5729 Elder Place, Madison.
- July 9
Sunday.....ALL ARE INVITED to another party, the traditional waterfront party at the Davidsons, 2210 Waunona Way, 222-4280. Bring your boats, swimsuits, and food. Beer and pop will be provided for a small fee. In case of rain, (knock on wood), the party would be held sometime in August, to be announced in the late July Prairie Fire. See you there!!!
- July 9, 11am SEE Prairie's (?) new home (announcement on page 3)
- Aug 1
Tuesday.....PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING to be held at Al Nettleton's place, 645 Sheldon Street, 238-6053 for more information from Al.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST PRAIRIE FIRE IS SUNDAY, JULY 30th, AT HIGH NOON. BE READY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATS

FALL LAYMINISTERS

Our fall layministers names are now ready to be announced. They are as follows: 1st Trimester, John & Laura Smail
2nd " , Metje Butler & Lois Hagstrom
3rd, Mary Low Munts

ATTENTION OFFICERS

Will the Officers from last year please send their job descriptions to Mary Sarko, 2811 Chamberlin, 53705. The people who have offices this year do not know what to do!!

CONGRATS

To Peg Stevenson, who just got her degree in psychology - a Phd at that!

NEEDS HOME

The kids and I are looking for a new place to live for Sept. 1. If you know of a three bedroom, reasonably priced, hopefully with garage or off street parking, anywhere in city, let me know. My number is 257-5499, and I am Terri Lawrence.

GREETINGS

From your new RE Director! The RE Program still needs several teachers for this fall. Consider the pleasure (for us and for you) of sharing your time and talents with us. I know a few phones who would be happy to ring off the wall so don't hesitate to call me, Holly Loring, 251-6221, Shirley Lake, 238-1647, or Joan Hall, 238-7490. I will continue recruiting in the coming weeks.

REJOICE

Terri also says: "Friends be happy for me, I got a job!"

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Is considering the following criteria as well as those previously mentioned:
1) Paying more rent: we used to pay \$120, might have to pay \$200 or more...
2) Aiming to be close to West side, but are considering a Fitchburg site.
3) A building that might be larger than Prairie
4) A 'nicer', more attractive, site.
Both #s 3 & 4 are possible means of attracting new members, and gathering more \$.

LRY'ers

The Continental Conference is coming! August 19-26 at Rimrock Ranch in Wimberly, Texas. The theme will be LRY: a Kaleidoscope. The cost: \$55 pre-reg., \$65 at the door. Contact Holly Loring, 251-6221 for more information.

WORKSHOPS

For people interested in RE, teaching or otherwise, you might like to be aware of some coming workshops. Edgewood College is sponsoring a series of evening sessions entitled "Teaching Toward a Faithful Vision", July 10-14. The U. Church of Evanston, Illinois, will be sponsoring an RE teacher workshop on Sat, Sept. 30, 9am-5pm. Gene Navias will be the featured speaker. Teachers are encouraged to attend. We will probably organize transportation & accommodations for those wishing to go. -Holly Loring.

PACT

PACT, a community based program that works with people with chronic mental illness, is seeking volunteers to work with clients on a one-to-one basis for 2-3 hours per week. PACT will train you and give you as much advice and support as necessary for you to have a successful helping and learning experience. We have a brochure with more information or call 266-6852. Renice Feltz-PACT Volunteer Coordinator with the Dept. of Health & Social Services.

Ron, Pat, Liesl, Christine, and Tim write to us.

NEW ADDRESS: 38 Beechmont, Worcester, MA 01609, as of August 25th. We move on July 1 and will rent a house until we can get into 38 Beechmont on the 25th. I have accepted a position with the University of Mass., Medical School in Worcester in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, We're excited about living in New England, one hour from Boston! We will have room for visitors, you all come!

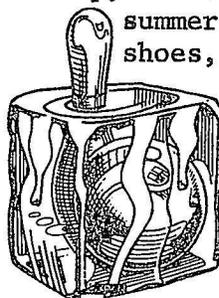
We have very much enjoyed receiving the Prairie Fire these 2 years in Little Rock. We've had a good experience here. Pat finished graduate school and received her MSW in May. She has applied to several agencies in Worcester and also hopes to do some private work. Kids all did well in school - which was not a good situation. Liesl and Christine bussed across town (approx. 40 min.) to a strict, forbidding school. (Tim walks.) All did well though. Also each had close neighborhood friends.

Unitarianism thrives in New England and we will be checking out the scene in Worcester. Please stop by if your coming through. We will be looking for excuses to go to Boston and other places! -Ron, Pat, Liesl, Christine, Tim, Slabaugh & Johnson.

YOUTH CAMPING

Looking for "one of the finest camping experiences available for junior-high age people"? Fun and friendship under UU auspices is offered at Marwood Dunes Junior High Camp in Bridgman, Michigan, July 30-August 5. The cost is \$70 plus a \$15 registration fee. For more info, contact Holly Loring or Rosann Baker, c/o Marwood Dunes. P.O. Box (?), Avon, IL, 61415, phone 1-309-465-3766. Registration deadline is July 15, 1978.

If any group of youth want to go bowling cheap, the Village Lanes are offering a summer special - \$2 for 3 games, free shoes, and a free Pepsi or Teem. Remember to say that you are members of the Prairie Youth Group. Your chaperones also get the discount. The offer expires on August 4th, so go bowling now! Call Carolyn Briggs, 233-4374, for more information.



A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The widespread torture, murder, and flagrant disregard for human rights which characterize General Pinochet's regime in Chile have been well documented by Amnesty International and many other organizations. Recent developments in the investigation of the Letelier assassination, indicating direct complicity of the Chilean secret police, pose a serious threat to the Junta. In this context, we would like to call your attention to some very recent events, and ask your help.

On May 22nd, sixty-six relatives of disappeared political prisoners began a hunger strike based on two demands: information as to the whereabouts of the prisoners, and amnesty (unconditional amnesty) for the strikers. Now, in its fifteenth day, the strike has grown to include two hundred participants in seventeen different cities, as well as countless supporters. The situation has reached a critical stage, with many strikers hospitalized, and growing concern for their cause, both domestic and international. A co-ordinating committee of major trade union confederations in Chile has been set up to defend the interests of workers and sixteen major Chilean trade union leaders have issued a statement in solidarity with the hunger strike, pledging more "active" support unless demands are met. Also, 30,000 people in sixty European cities have joined in fasts, while fasts have also next page-----

con't. - begun in thirteen US cities. Senator Ted Kennedy participated in such a demonstration for two days in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, an international committee has gone to Chile to monitor the situation. Faced with this growing opposition, the Junta has imposed a total media blackout, and issued a communique stating that strikers and their supporters will be punished.

Feeling that these protests may well evolve into a full-scale confrontation with the Junta, we are asking for your assistance. Please consider sending cables immediatly to:

1) Cardinal Raul Silva Henriquez
Archdiocese of Santiago
Santiago, Chile (he is negotiating for the strikers)

2) Secretary General Kurt Waldheim
U.N. Building
U.N. Plaza
New York, NY 10017

to voice your concern, and to ask that they do all they can to support the strikers. To send cables, call Western Union: 1-800-325-5300 (toll free).

3) President James E. Carter
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

LETTER DATED JUNE 3rd, 1978 FROM MADISON CAMPUS MINISTRY

FOR AN UPDATE TO THE ABOVE CALA AT 251-3241.

COME AND SEE AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Here's a chance to lookover a strong contender for Prairie's new home. The Search Committee has found a place to rent and a place to buy.
YOU CHOOSE.

Bring a potluck lunch to the Pocket Park at the corner of 1124 Colby Street and VANDUESEN, 11am, Sunday July 9th. We will have the keys so you can look over the old church for sale at that intersection before sharing our picnic lunch and discussing the options. COME.

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CONCERNING YOU ABOVE ON THIS PAGE

COME TO THE NEW (?) PRAIRIE HOME
AND DECIDE FOR YOURSELF - POTLUCK
ON JULY 9, AT 11am, PLEASE COME!!!

Jack Jallings
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