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Calendar

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

10:00 a.m.--Prairie's Future

12:10 p.m.--Meeting to plan Prairie's response
to registration for draft. Social Action Com-
mittee

MONDAY, FEB. 11

7:30 p.m.-- Board meeting, at Prairie

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

7:30 p.m.--Playreaders, home of Warren &
Lois Hagstrom.

SUNDAY, FEB. 17

10:00 a.m.--Death & Dying--Part I

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

10:00 a.m.--Death & Dying--Part II

President's Memo

by Aileen Nettleton

PRAIRIE TO HOST CONFERENCE APRIL 11-12

The Spring Conference of the Unitarian-
Universalist Church North Central Area Con-
ference will be held at Prairie on Friday and
Saturday, April 11 and 12. The board was
pleased to be asked by the council to host
the conference in our new building. The an-
nouncement just sent to all churches in the
area includes: "our congratulations to them
on taking that big step and thanks for their
willingness to welcome us."

As hosts, we are responsible for arranging
for housing in homes and for several meals.

Pat Cautley has agreed to coordinate arrange-
ments and will be needing our cooperation &
assistance. We offered to provide some music
and dance for an evening program, as well, to
share our talent and fun.

Mark the dates on your calendar and plan
to take advantage of the conference being
here to share in discussion and fellowship
with other Unitarians.

COME TO PLAN BUILDING NEEDS AND BUDGET

All interested members are urged to attend
the next regular board meeting, Monday, Feb.
11, 8:30, at Prairie. We need your ideas to
help make good decisions about areas such as:
How can we best insulate the building and re-
duce fuel expenditures? How shall we handle
regular maintenance? What about rental of the
building? What are priorities for additional
furnishings, etc.? What does the operation
budget look like? The board will be making
decisions in these areas. If you have sugges-
tions and are not able to attend, please con-
vey your ideas through a board member.

MOVING DAY WAS A SUCCESS

Thanks to all the movers, big and small,
who carried all our "worldly goods" from
Colby St. to Whenona Drive, we are moved in
and getting quickly settled. A big day! It
was culminated by our celebration together
as families Sunday morning. An historic day
for Prairie!

If you need a ride to Whenona Dr. for Sunday
services, or if you know of others who need a
ride, speak to or call Lois or Warren Hagstrom
(238-4970), who will try to match up those
needing rides with those able to give them.

R. E. Corner Holly Loring, Director

• Three cheers for the new building's R.E. space! I can hardly believe we don't have to pack everything back in the closet after Sunday's program. We seem to have acquired enough furniture to function temporarily--Thank you to all who have donated or loaned--and will gradually acquire permanent pieces. Supplies are located in the kitchen, to the right of the stove and behind the sink, but we hope to find or build more accessible storage space in the near future. We're underway!

• Interim projects continue this Sunday, Feb. 10. Regular classes resume February 17.

• Some interesting programs coming up on the TV for you younger folks, especially middle schoolers and thereabouts. They're the ABC After School specials and they begin February 9 with "The Gold Bug." Check the local listings and I'll post the notice on our bulletin board (Yes, we will soon have our own board) as soon as I can.

• Note to middle schoolers: Don't miss it. Lola Gregg will be taking Middle School on a tour of the TV station where she works, on Sunday, Feb. 17. See you then.

Susan Hagstrom (238-4970) would like to have a Prairie film society organized. For about \$1 per film, we could get to see our favorite old films. She is especially interested in talking to persons who have been active in film societies in the past. Anyone interested in a Prairie film society should call Susan or speak to her at Sunday services.

This is the liberal church.

A place to go where you know you belong--

Where the mind is free to soar beyond the coercions and crudities that inevitably beset all orthodoxies;

Where the heart is free to extend that larger love to all, unencumbered by notions of dogma, tradition, race, religion, country or class.

Where the hands are free to work and to create for the cause of humaneness and the hope of peace;

Where the soul is free to open, stretch, discover, develop, deepen, change and grow, always and continuously and progressively;

Where the rights of individual conscience and action are guarded with vigilance, out of belief in the fitness of diversity, the liber-

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ONE-TIME AND ON-GOING JOBS; FURNACE CHANGE UNDER WAY

Building and Grounds committee chairman Roland Sarko is asking for volunteers to raise the curtain rods in the main meeting room of the new building and to caulk and weatherstrip the windows and doors. He estimates one or two people could do each of the jobs. Volunteers are asked to call Roland at residence: 233-2162 or office: 256-6167.

Also, we will need weekly volunteers to clean the building after each service on Sundays. Presumably, this could be done by one or two couples. A clipboard will be provided for volunteers to indicate the dates they will be willing to work.

Roland reports that the furnace should be converted from oil to gas in about two weeks, cutting our heating costs by about 45%. The conversion cost is estimated to be about \$650.

ty to be different, out of "eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind;"

Where the glory resident and potential on our planet earth is enjoyed and celebrated, not denied or blasphemed in the name of sin or spurious escapes to another world;

Where the promise of humanity is nurture supported and blessed, and never cursed, degraded, or despaired of;

Where the faiths by which we live are regarded as important enough to be examined and related and checked against the tests of experience, the canons of logic, the methods of science;

Where the church is committed to speak and act in relevant ways on the great moral issues of the day, not denying or hiding or ignoring its prophetic role as an agent for the transformation of society into a kingdom of righteousness and social justice;

Where the whole person can enter fully into the religious mood without insult to his reason or irrelevance to his daily life;

Where the whole person can utilize, without reservation or cant, the rich resources of his or her own best tradition;

Where people are invited to be themselves --in joy, in sorrow, in the struggle of the deeper self to be born, in the resolution of some great issue, in the witnessing to high ideals, in living and dying, seeking and finding and serving--

Rev. Clarke Dewey Wells, Portland, Ore.

(Edited and shortened)