

Prairie Fire

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

10:00 a.m.--"Some Medical History" John Grindrod, lay minister.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30 p.m.--Discussion group at Pat Cautley's. "Economic Alternatives."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

10:00 a.m.--"Holistic Medicine" Dr. Alan Levine

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

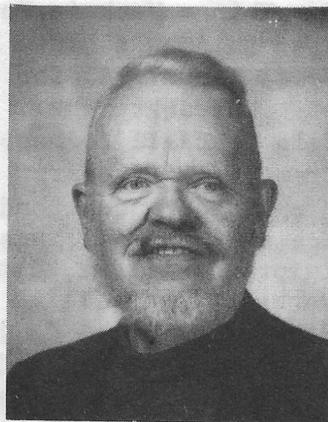
10:00 a.m.--"medical Ethics" Lowell Mays,

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30 p.m.--Prairie Board meeting, at the home of Susan Drapkin.

John Grindrod Next Lay Minister

Welcome John Grindrod, our next lay minister. Most of us know John well since he is a frequent attender of our Sunday services. John & Shirley are Prairie charter members. John also is one of the founding members of the Prairie Recorder group. Not only does he delight us with his bass recorder playing, but he is also the groups archivist and arranger.



Our new lay minister was raised in Kent, Washington. During W.W.II he was a C.O. doing service at a forestry camp in northern Michi-

gan and as a hospital aide in Connecticut. He married in 1948 and has six children, five of whom are away from home, but "Jim is living in our garage right now." After receiving his medical degree at the U. of W. in 1950, John was in general medicine in Wisconsin and in Terre Haute, Ind. Since 1963 he has practiced student medicine at the University Health Service.

John's major hobbies are sailing, mechanics, and music. He loves gadgetry and spends many hours hovering over a lathe. Back in his home town he got hooked on music as a result of listening to radio broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera. He still regards Mozart as "the son of God" and confesses that Bernstein's musical Candide, holds a special charm for him. Also, John has a soft spot for limericks and other kinds of doggerel, which he recites from memory with a twinkle in his eye.

John's lay ministry will concentrate on medical history and ethics. He will invite a number of physicians to join him for a series of fascinating services.

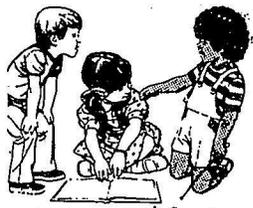
John's first service on "Some Medical History" will be on January 4.

--George Calden

CIRCLE DINNERS

One of the best ways to really get to know people in Prairie is to join a Circle Dinner group. These monthly group potluck dinner parties give a chance to get to know a small group of members well. If you would like to be in one of the groups that have been formed, please call Dorothy Lee, 255-7526, or Terri Hauser. 273-3099.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE JAN. 11



R. E. Corner

The sounds of hammer and nails that invaded the adult service last Sunday came from the activities of the children, making creations of a piece of wood, styrofoam, nails, dowel, leather, wire, etc. Hopefully, some of you saw their unique productions, some of which were displayed on a table by the K through 2 room.

Next Sunday, Jan. 4, we begin the "middle winter" interim. Instead of regular classes, there will be four weeks of creative activities. The K through 2 group will begin making their looms out of popsicle sticks, under Metje Butler's leadership, and possibly even get a start with the weaving. This activity will probably take all four weeks. If anyone has yarn left over from a knitting project, it would be well used in this activity.

On January 4 those in 3rd grade through middle school will have a chance to paint on canvas with acrylic paints, under the guidance of Theron Caldwell Ris, who has told us a little about her own painting. Then on January 11, this same group will meet with Pat Whyte-Lehman and Judy Spring to start designing and creating a banner for Prairie. Since a great variety of materials can be used, it would be helpful if these individuals would bring ribbons, buttons, etc., in addition to cloth pieces that could be used. This activity will continue through January 18 and 25.

POVERTY, POWER, AND POLITICS

A series of three conferences sponsored by the Madison Urban Ministry on the first Saturdays of February, March, and May are intended to bring together a diverse group of people from the Madison community to explore new ways of approaching the social, political, and economic problems of our day.

Kirkpatrick Sale, author of Human Scale, will keynote the Power conference; Leona Sullivan, of Groundwork for a Just World, will keynote the Poverty session; and Jane Munsbridge, author of Beyond Adversary Democracy, will keynote the Politics meeting.

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John Ohliger, a member of the planning committee for the series, will have brochures with a registration blank available at one of our next meetings.

FROM THE CLIPBOARDS

So that Prairie people who have signed up to help with the chores necessary to keep the fellowship running smoothly can keep track of their commitments more easily, Prairie Fire will try to reserve a space in each issue to list these dates and names.

COFFEE MAKING

Jan. 4--Beryl Gordon
Jan. 11--Judy Spring
Jan. 18--Alice Bullen
Jan. 25--Aileen Nettleton

KITCHEN CLEANUP

Jan. 4--Susan & Marty Drapkin
Jan. 11--Kathy Story & Bob Niemeyer
Jan. 18--Leanna Munson & Joan Hall
Jan. 25--Cathy Cole & Kate Seiln

BUILDING CLEANUP

Jan. 4--Lois & Warren Hagstrom
Jan. 11--Linda & Bob Nelson
Jan. 18--Les Lyons
Jan. 25--Susan & Marty Drapkin

SNOW SHOVELING

12/29-1-4--Joan & George Hall
1/5-1/11-- Marty & Susan Drapkin
1/12-1/18--Allan Nettleton & Warren Hagstrom
1/26-2/1-- Les Lyons
2/2-2/8-- April & John Hoffman

BOOKS THAT CHANGED OUR LIVES POSTSCRIPT

Down at Ella's after the meeting last Sunday, the Prairians who met for lunch thought it would be useful to list the books which were reviewed during the meeting. The list, compiled from memory by the diners, follows:

Looking Backward, Edward Bellamy
How Things Work in Your Home, _____
King Solomon's Ring, Konrad Lorenz
Metal Techniques for the Craftsman, Oppi
Untracht

Help Yourself to Happiness, Maxie Maultsby
Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable
Mark Eaton, Jack London
Against Our Will, Susan Brownmiller
Informed Consent, Jane Cowles
Works of Ivan Illich

Between Parent & Child, Haim Ginot,
Commonsense Book of Child Care, Benj. Spock

There were probably more that we didn't remember.

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