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Calendar

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

10:00 a.m.--The Ghost of Families Past and Your Family Today. Jim Kerr, Family Enhancement Project. This program will be an experiential consideration of feelings coming from your family of origin which are carried into your present family situation. We will come forward to consideration of wellness in your present family.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

10:00 a.m.--Wild Maize and Wild Mountains--explorations in Southern Mexico--Hugh Iltis.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 a.m.--All-music program--Mike Briggs

6:30 p.m.--Board meeting

7:30 p.m.--Parish meeting

AGENDA FOR APRIL 12 PARISH MEETING

Voting on slate of officers

Ratification of interest-free loan from First Society

Committee reports

Bring wine, cheese and crackers.

UUSC PARTNER IN HELP FOR REFUGEES

Oxfam America and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee are responding to the crisis in El Salvador by establishing refugee shelters. These shelters feed, clothe, and house displaced families in El Salvador. Dodie Chapru will accept donations for this cause to forward to the Service Committee.

R.E. Corner

Hopefully some of the parents and others had a chance to see the wonderful houses the K thru 2 class had built all over the downstairs commons room--with windows (and shades) for peeking through, soft places to sit, make-believe gardens, and signs both welcoming and advising keeping away! We are especially indebted to Bob Park for bringing the huge pieces of cardboard that made this possible.

And we thank Fleming Crim and Al Nettleton for shepherding the preschoolers on March 15 so that all the teachers and RE Committee could meet. Judy Spring, Marty Drapkin, and Dave Zachem took the older groups on a walk through the Arboretum--much enjoyed by the children and appreciated by the regular teachers.

The R.E. Committee is concerned with trying to create a feeling of community among us all that includes our children. One way each member might contribute is to learn who each child is, first by name and then perhaps through discovering something about the special interests of each one.

The following is part of a statement from the Prospectus of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, and it seems particularly appropriate right now:

"When we adults think of children, there is a simple truth we ignore: childhood is not a preparation for life, childhood IS life. A child isn't getting ready to live, a child IS living. We ask our nagging question, 'What are you going to be?' Courageous would be the youngster who, looking

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R.E. Corner, continued

the adult squarely in the face, would say, 'I'm not going to be anything; I already am!' We adults would be shocked by such a remark, for we have forgotten, if indeed we ever knew, that a child is an active, participating, contributing member of society from the time he/she is born."

--Pat Cautley

WANTED: MOVIE PROJECTOR FOR R.E. USE

Does anyone have a 16mm. movie projector (or access to one) which could be loaned to Prairie occasionally for showing films to our Sunday school children? Or does anyone know of a reasonable rental source? Please call Shirley Lake, 238-1647, with information.

BUILDING YOUR PERSONAL THEOLOGY

During Sunday evenings in April, a group will meet weekly to help members develop and share their own personal theology. There will be experiences, readings, and discussion to help each person probe and clarify their belief or value system.

The first meeting will be Sunday evening, April 5, at 7:30 at the Caldens, 4606 Waukesha St. Call Dorothy Lee, 255-7526 or Ruth Calden, 233-5717 if you are interested in being a part of this group.

PLAYREADERS are having a theater and pizza party Saturday, April 11, when we will attend the Union Theater production of Tennessee Williams' Sweet Bird of Youth at the Mitchell Theater. Everyone is invited to join us at the theater and for an after theater snack at Paisan's. Tickets are \$4.00 and can be purchased from the box office at Vilas Hall (open 11 a.m.-5 p.m.) or by calling 262-1500.

CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Prairie is searching for one adult (over 25 years old) and one youth (14-20) to be our delegates to the Central Midwest District Assembly Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25. The conference purpose is 1) to generate ideas and input for those who will attend the Aug. 10-15 youth assembly Common Ground, and 2) to recommend CMD delegates for the National Assembly. Common Ground will be charged with the important task of setting a new direction and possibly new structure for continental and regional youth programming. If you can serve, please call Shirley Lake, 238-1647, or Joyce Crim, 256-4051. The application deadline is April 11.

UU MEXICO TOURS

"Combine a summer vacation trip with an authentic experience of Mexico. Two-week village residencies with family homestay and apprenticeship. Three-week travel seminars to most Indian regions and idyllic Pacific and Caribbean beaches. Climb ancient Indian monuments, walk on cobblestones to open-air markets, fiesta, Ballet Folklorico, etc. Fifteen years guiding UU's. The date of the \$25 discount has been changed to March 31. See bulletin board for brochure or write: La Vida Mexicana, P.O.Box 42, Waddy, Ky 40076 (502)829-5974.

(Editor's Note) This is the program in which Holly Loring participated)

Prairie member Mark Horn will be raising bedding plants--tomatoes, peppers. Prairie people may obtain them from him by calling 831-7759.

UNISTAR--UU CAMP FOR ALL AGES

On the bulletin board at Prairie is a prospectus for this summer's programs at Camp Unistar, the UU camp located on Star Island in Cass Lake in the Chippewa National Forest area of Minnesota.

The one week sessions will begin June 30 with a helping hand week to make the camp ready for the season. There will be no fees except meals for this week.

The sessions continue through the summer with the last one being held from August 22-29.

A schedule of fees appears on the brochure.

PRAIRIE PICKS AGENDA ITEMS FOR UUA ASSEMBLY

At a special parish meeting after the service March 22, Prairie members voted on a list of ten proposed resolutions relating to UUA business, and picked eight of them to recommend to the Assembly. The items approved were: A Commitment to Urban Ministry; Social Investment/Corporate responsibilities; Limited Smoking Areas; World Bill of Rights for Women; Response to Moral Majority; Recorded Votes of UUA Trustees on Substantive Matters; Promotion of Economic Justice; Send Greetings to International Association for Religious Freedom.

General resolutions approved by Prairie members were: Urge Commitment to alternate Sources of energy; Nationwide Support of Local Initiative to Stop the Arms Race; In Support of Indian Rights; Oppose Criminal Code Reform Bill and Encourage Rewriting; Opposition to Biochemical Warfare; Urge Member Societies to Study "Global 2000 Report" on Limits to Growth of World Population.