

Prairie Fire

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:15 a.m. Singers--come early to practice.
10:00 a.m. --"The Cultures of India" Dave Zakem
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes.
12:00 noon--Potluck lunch.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00 a.m.--"The Troubles in Ireland" Charles Fenn, County Cork, Ireland. For more information see story.
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes.
12:00 noon--Singles potluck lunch at Prairie

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23-25
Upham Woods Retreat.
No service or R.E. classes at Prairie.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

10:00 a.m.--United Nations Celebration.
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes.
7:30 a.m.--Annual Fall Parish Meeting.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:00 a.m.--Veterans' Day Program
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes.

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

Save the date--Halloween, Saturday night, October 31, 9-12. First Society is having a party to which all Prairites are enthusiastically invited. Details later--look for them in the next Prairie Fire.

Next Prairie Fire Deadline: October 18. We would like to mail the newsletter on Tuesday because of Upham Woods. We urge you to have your copy ready on Sunday.

R.E. CORNER

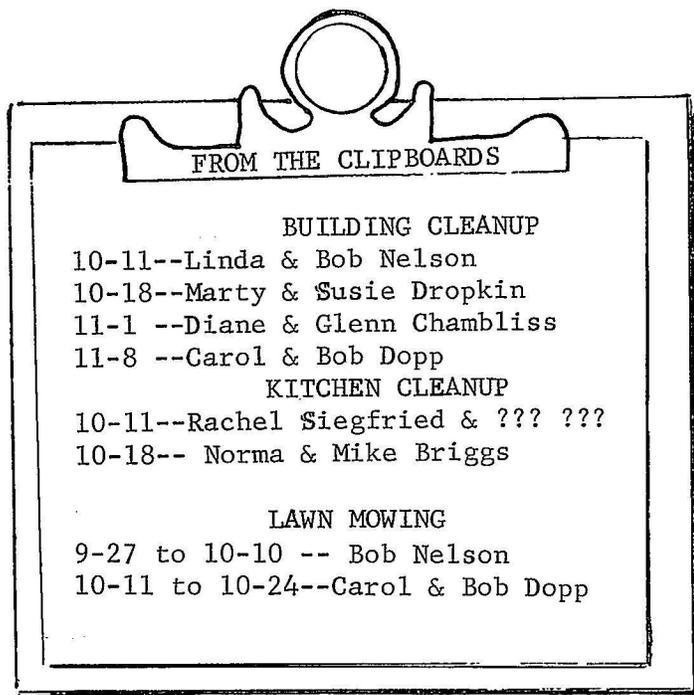
We were delighted to have a Japanese friend come last Sunday to show and talk about two books for children--one a translation of the story of Tom Thumb, and the other a collection of children's songs. We made a start at learning one short song in Japanese and found that books for children are printed in a phonetic alphabet (of 50 characters), although adults use much more complex Chinese characters. And we found the sentences start at right side and are arranged vertically.

There seemed to be an unusual amount of activity last Sunday. The K - 2nd grade group made applesauce, and began to learn of the contributions of Johnny Appleseed. The 3rd and 4th graders acted out the conflict between the captive Israelites and their Egyptian masters at the time of Moses; they divided into "slaves," "taskmasters," and "rulers" to get an idea of what it felt like to be in these positions. Perhaps you heard the "slaves" trying to escape!

The Middle School group has been working on a short play--written by our own Dave Zakem--to be presented next Sunday for the adults at the beginning of the service on Hinduism. Special guests at this service will be the 7th grade class from the First Society, who are interested in learning more about Prairie as they study "The Church Across the Street."

Some materials our preschool is in need of are dress-up clothes, such as a man's or boy's suit jacket, hats, fancy dresses, etc. If you are ready to consign some to Good Will, please consider this use.

Pat Cautley



FROM THE CLIPBOARDS

BUILDING CLEANUP

10-11--Linda & Bob Nelson
 10-18--Marty & Susie Dropkin
 11-1 --Diane & Glenn Chambliss
 11-8 --Carol & Bob Dopp

KITCHEN CLEANUP

10-11--Rachel Siegfried & ??? ???
 10-18-- Norma & Mike Briggs

LAWN MOWING

9-27 to 10-10 -- Bob Nelson
 10-11 to 10-24--Carol & Bob Dopp

NOTE FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Re: Our campaign to start Prairie programs at 10:00 A.M., rather than 10:07 or 10:10.

Why? Our Sunday school classes end at 11:15 and our service should end then too. When we go beyond that time, we ignore the needs and feelings of many children and adults in our community. We truly struggle to keep our program at 65minutes, with 10 minutes of announcements. When we start late, something has to give, but often we're just not nimble enough to change the program in midstream. We will, however, cut short speakers who go over their allotted time.

How You Can Help: a) Get your coffee before 9:55, so you can chat a minute and get seated by 10:00. b) Keep your announcements short. Use Prairie Fire for complicated details.
 Dorothy Lee

1981-1982 PLAYREADERS SCHEDULE:

The Playreaders get together once a month to read a play, to discuss it, and to socialize over coffee and refreshments. We're all amateurs and very informal. If you see a play below that strikes your fancy, why not plan to come out and join us for that evening. Dates, times and locations will be published each month. For additional information, call Pat Watkins at 262-7960 (office) or 233-5795 (home).

October: (tentative) Ibsen's An Enemy of the People (at Upham Woods). Bring your copy if you have one.

November: Shirley Czoschke: Albee's Everything in the Garden, or Pomeranz' Elephant Man.

December: R. Siegfried: Krasna's Sunday in New York or Greene's The Potting Shed.

January : At Prairie: excerpts from Church's Inherit the Wind.

February: Birongs: Williams' Streetcar Named Desire, or Dracula.

March: Grimm: Friel's Philadelphia, Here I Come, or Friel's Lovers.

April: Dorney: Story's In Celebration, or Rattigan's Separate Tables.

May: Still open. Call Pat if you'd like to host a playreading.

 A personal request: I'd like to ask that news of events and accomplishments in the lives of Prairie and ex-Prairie folk be shared more through the Prairie Fire. I just recently heard of the moves West by the Miracles to California, and Mary Slabaugh and girls to Oregon.
 Dorothy Lee

 While on my way to visit my ill mother recently, I had the pleasure of spending a night with our former R.E. Director, Holly Loring and her aunt, at the latter's charming Beacon Street apartment. Holly has settled into her half-time job as director at the Cambridge YWCA (7 Temple Street, zip 02139, a.c. 617-491-6050). She was just completing her move to her own apartment at 25 Hall Street, Somerville, MA 02144, a.c. 617-625-2913. She attends several different Unitarian Churches and is trying out for a choral group. She has happily shed her braces and now wears her hair shorter. She sends her greetings and she hopes to come to Madison for a brief visit at the end of October. (My mother, Fran Seaman, who has visited Prairie several times during her stays here, is slowly but surely recovering from a long bout with the shingles.)

Shirley Lake

 Pat Whyte-Lehman is having an art show at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in the Edna Carlsten Gallery, October 4-30.

FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

1. NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREEZE

A resolution asking the President and Congress to support a mutual nuclear weapons moratorium agreement with the Soviet Union has been introduced in the State Assembly by State Rep. Midge Miller (D.-Madison) and eight other sponsors. It is Assembly Resolution 18.

The proposal is similar to nuclear freeze resolutions which already have been adopted by the legislatures of Massachusetts and Oregon, and by the New York State Assembly.

A hearing has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on October 12 in Room 318 SW of the State Capitol, before the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee. Anyone is welcome to speak on the issue, but David Leeper, who works on peace issues with the Wisconsin Council of Churches, is coordinating speakers from various organizations to put together a unified effort that covers all of the relevant issues, avoids repetition, and offers a good cross-section of supporters of the freeze, both geographically and otherwise. If your group wants to be part of that effort and can contribute or suggest a good speaker, contact David through Rep. Miller's office, 608-266-7521. If he's not there, leave a message with Beth Kaplan or another staff member.

2. NUCLEAR MORATORIUM

A bill to put a state moratorium on nuclear power plant licensing and construction until 1985, and to order a study of nuclear power's economic implications by the Public Service Commission, will receive a public hearing on October 19 at 1 p.m. before the Assembly Committee on Energy in Rm 421 S of the Capitol.

The measure is sponsored by State Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison), who has introduced similar bills in several past sessions. ~~This time, however, the co-sponsors include~~ the majority leadership in both the Assembly and the Senate, which should greatly enhance its chance for passage. The bill would make a moratorium state law, rather than its current status as a PSC policy which could be undone by any two commissioners at any moment. The studies and reports ordered by the bill would include recommendations on whether to continue the moratorium beyond the 1985 expiration date. It is Assembly Bill 344.

ACTION REQUIRED

1. Mobilize people to attend the hearings and register to speak on the issues.
2. Letters/phone calls to legislators in support of the bills. (You can get a message to your legislator free by using the legislative hot line number, 1-800-362-9696.)

SUNDAY EVENING TALKS--EVERYONE WELCOME

Are you new to Prairie, or perhaps not so new and would welcome a chance to learn more about us; the history of Prairie Society and what sorts of programs and activities we offer? Have you wanted to share with others your own religious background? Or learn a little more about Unitarian-Universalism?

Then come to any or all of three meetings scheduled on Sunday evenings in October. The first meeting will focus on what we each value or reject about the religious tradition in which we grew up. The second session will be based on two Beacon Press pamphlets: "What Do UU's Value?" and "UU Views of God". Copies are available. The third session will be an opportunity to hear and question other Prairie members about the history and life of Prairie Society.

The first meeting will be this Sunday evening, October 11 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Caldens, 4606 Waukesha St. (Off Segoe Rd) If you are interested call Ruth Calden, 233-5717, or sign the "Sunday Evening Talks" sheet on the bulletin board.

WANTED:

People to share personal experiences which have been turning points in their lives. The sharing will be done in a Prairie service on November 15. Please let Dave Zakem know if you would like to participate in the service.

Your sharing could be the inspiration and support to help someone else have a turning point. There are no restrictions as to what constitutes a turning point. The turning point may be small, large or unusual. It may have to do with your personal life, your philosophy, your spirituality, your financial situation, your career, your personal interestsanything which you feel has made a difference for your life.

OCTOBER 18 PROGRAM:

The continuing impasse between Protestant and Catholic and the Irish and the English will again be the topic of a Sunday program. Our speaker on July 19 was Chuck Eikel, a local historian who focussed on Irish history before this century. There seemed to be a consensus that day that we wanted to know about the current situation. Fortunately, a 30-year resident of County Cork, Charles Fenn, will be visiting in Madison and has offered to share his observations of Ireland today. Mr. Fenn is a novelist, playwright, and former Far Eastern correspondent for the Associated Press. Among his published books is a biography of Ho Chi Minh.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

We need to update our membership list, Prairie Directory, and Prairie Fire mailing lists. So, would you please take a moment to supply the necessary information:

Name(s)

() active member () active member
() inactive member () inactive member
() friend () friend

Names and ages of children

Complete address

Street City Zip Phone

Do you wish to be listed in the new Prairie Directory? () Yes () No

Do you wish to receive Prairie Fire? () Yes () No Friends of Friends of Prairie may wish to make a voluntary contribution for the Prairie Fire expenses which may be included with this form, suggested amount, \$5.

Do you wish to be in a Circle Dinner group this year? () Yes () No

Please clip and mail this form to Lee Bullen, 5313 Main St., McFarland, WI 53558; or bring it to Prairie on Sunday and give it to Lee or Alice Bullen.

Please respond as soon as possible so that we can get the new directory in print and the circles going. Thank you

COOK BOOK!

Yes, indeedy, we shall have our cookbook! Think of all those luscious circle-dinners and potluck lunches and breakfasts...all those drool-activating things you enjoyed only once because someone else brought them...and of course those that were brought by YOU. So get out the 3" x 5" index cards and (legibly) jot down those family heirlooms; and if you remember who made what yummy feast of the past, give them a prod and ask that it be entered into the cookbook. This will be a Pro-Seeds to Prairie project in quantity we can sell outside of Prairie...for gifts, at First Society, hopefully, etc. Dave Zakem has suggested that we incorporate "words that have meaning" for Prairie-ites...a reat idea! Perhaps in caligraphy, enhancing the book further in combination with the illustrations and recipes. Feed-back, anyone?

Lee will print it up in spiral-binding form; Avis Parrish will receive and hold the recipes which can be mailed on government post cards directly to her at 6209 Mineral Point Rd., Madison, 53719; or they may be left in the small basket at the rear of the meeting room.

Categories we hope to include are these: Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Main dishes,

Deserts, Breads, Natural Recipes (and Whole-some Sweets), and Preserving Foods. So that this may be a truly Prairie-wide undertaking, we will ask for just three recipes from each of us. Name ideas for the book, anyone? Artist-types...is illustration up your alley? With the multiple talents represented in Prairie, we can have a really nice end result. Metje Butler & Rachel Siegfried, Co-chairs.

There is an "Aerobic Dance Class" sponsored by the West Side YMCA meeting at Prairie for 6 weeks. The classes started September 22 and meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. They use the nursery class rooms for child care. This is a rental arrangement.

Please pay your pledges to Prairie! In order to pay our mortgage payments, heat, etc., Prairie needs last years pledge money to be paid soon. Prairie Board

Singles will potluck lunch-it again at Prairie Meeting House on Sunday, October 18 at noon with friends from First Society. Do join us for conversation and sociability. Les Lyons

PROPOSED 1981-82 BUDGET

The proposed 1981-82 budget, which has been unanimously endorsed by the Prairie Executive Board, will be presented for the Society's approval at the parish meeting scheduled for Sunday evening, November 1, 1981.

	Proposed 1981-82 <u>Budget</u>	1980-81 <u>Budget</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Program:		
Lay Ministry Compensation	\$ 900	\$ 900
Program Expenses	400	400
Publicity	250	250
Prairie Fire	800	750
Total Program	<u>2,350</u>	<u>2,300</u>
Religious Education:		
Director's Salary	1,956	1,862
Preschool Teacher and Aides	456	361
Teacher Expenses	75	75
Conference Expenses	55	75
Books and Equipment	50	50
Curriculum	50	50
General Supplies	50	40
Juice and Crackers	150	100
Total Religious Education	<u>2,842</u>	<u>2,613</u>
Membership:		
Directory	35	
Other	10	25
Total Membership	<u>45</u>	<u>25</u>
Denominational Affairs:		
Unitarian Universalist Association	500	500
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	100	
Central District	69	69
N.C. Area Council	25	25
Beacon Press Pamphlets	25	6
General Assembly Registration	95	
Total Denominational Affairs	<u>814</u>	<u>600</u>
Upham Woods Scholarship	100	100
Housing:		
Mortgage	4,286	4,297
Gas and Electricity	1,250	1,740
Insurance	475	451
Taxes		1,200
Water	85	120
Supplies and Maintenance	600	792
Total Housing	<u>6,696</u>	<u>8,600</u>
Office:		
P.O. Box Rental	30	40
Telephone	290	240
Contingencies	50	100
Minutes, Reports and Mailings	75	50
Total Office	<u>445</u>	<u>430</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>13,292</u>	<u>14,668</u>

	<u>Proposed</u> <u>1981-82</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>1980-81</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</u>		
Front Step Repair	\$ 150	\$
Gutters Painted	150	
Concrete Curb Sidewalk	100	
Storage Room Shelves	100	
Main Room Railing	30	
Blackboard - Easel	60	
Vacuum Cleaner	100	
Paint and Storage Shed	140	
Large Dehumidifier	200	
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TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,030	915
Tables from Capital Improvement Fund (Pro-Seeds)	275	
Net Capital Improvements	<hr/> 1,305	<hr/> 915
TOTAL OPERATING AND NET CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<hr/> <hr/> 14,597	<hr/> <hr/> 15,583

1980-1981 PRAIRIE U-U SOCIETY, PLEDGE FORM

I/we pledge \$ _____ to the 1980-1981 operating budget of the Prairie Unitarian-Universalist Society. I/we prefer to pay. . . in one lump sum _____; in two payments _____; in four payments _____, monthly _____; other (please specify) _____.

Your name(s) _____

Address _____

As members and friends we have come to value the Prairie Society as a community which fulfills certain of our needs. We all work together to make Prairie a meaningful experience. It isn't possible to place a monetary value on the most important contributions to Prairie or the meaning of Prairie activities to participants. But as an organization, we do have financial needs, and it is necessary that we commit ourselves financially, according to our means, in order that Prairie continues. The responsibility for the future of Prairie depends in part upon our willingness to pledge financial support in keeping with the costs incurred in operating the Society.

Our proposed budget would require an average pledge of approximately \$322 per pledging unit, about \$6 per week.

Please return your Pledge Form for the 1981-82 year to a member of the finance committee or Gail Ostler, 3209 Center Av., Madison WI 53704 BEFORE Sunday, October 25, 1981. All pledge payments should be sent to Nina Matterella, Treasurer, 636 Sheldon Street, Madison, WI 53711.