

Prairie Fire

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CALENDAR

Sunday, November 8

- 10:00 a.m.--"Where Have All the Veterans Gone"--led by a panel of veterans and conscientious objectors.
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes
7:30-9:30 p.m.--Sunday Night Talk at Calden's.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 13-15
Annual Central Midwest District Meeting at Racine, Wisconsin.

Saturday, November 14

- 7:30 p.m.--Playreaders at Shirley Czoschke's
See story.

Sunday, November 15

- 10:00 a.m.--"Turning Points" by Dave Zakem.
10:00 a.m.--Special Program for children while teachers and R.E.Committee are meeting.
12:00 noon--Singles Potluck at Prairie.

Sunday, November 22

- 10:00 a.m.--"Words of Inspiration" by Dave Zakem.
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes
11:00-5:00--Prairie Holiday Art/Craft & Bake Sale at First Church.

Sunday, November 29

- 10:00 a.m.--Family Thanksgiving Service.

Holly Loring has a new address: 25 Hall Street, Somerville, MA 62144

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE, NOVEMBER 15

R.E.CORNER

Many people contributed to the United Nations program last Sunday--in addition to Aileen Nettleton and Susie Drapkin, who planned the program. The globe, flags and posters were borrowed from Rev. Alfred Swan; the large U.N. flag from Mary and Ted Page. All three are active in the local chapter of the United Nations Association.

I hope the adults enjoyed receiving the origami cranes as much as the children enjoyed making them at Upham Woods. The crane is the Japanese symbol of a long life and giving one to a person means wishing them a long and healthy life.

Our UNICEF contribution already amounts to \$41.15, but I will wait another week before sending it to the UNICEF account at Randall State Bank. Any children who have not brought their UNICEF boxes in are urged to do so next Sunday.

Sunday morning, November 15, will be devoted to a meeting of all the teachers and R.E.Committee members. This is a chance for the teachers to share their ideas, concerns and enthusiasms. There will be a special program for the children.

Pat Cautley, R.E.Director

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

On very nice days the children may want to go outdoors, so please make sure that your child has a coat adequate for the weather. Otherwise the teachers are very handicapped.

Also, the children have been doing some very nice art work, but usually it stays in the room instead of being taken home. We

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think you would really enjoy having it on display at home and will try to let parents know that something special has been made.

If your child plays in the preschool room after the toys have been put away, it would be very helpful if you would put away any toys that have been scattered about.

PERSONAL TURNING POINT SERVICE

The personal turning point service will be held on November 15. People attending the service will be asked to share personal turning points. Most of the sharing will be done in small groups but a few people have asked to share their experiences with the whole group. If you would like to share your experience with the whole group, please let me know. Your personal turning point can be in any phase or facet of your life. It may be something which changed the direction of your life or maybe something which excited you on a low level which helped you in a part of your life or made your life more enjoyable. The turning point may have come in a hobby, in a recreational sport, in anything which has made a difference in your life. Some of the small turning points are very important since they make it easier for big turning points to take place. Then again some big turning points come when small ones have been denied and a crisis develops.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION SERVICE

The words of inspiration service will be on Sunday, Nov. 22. Bring in your favorite words of inspiration: words which have meant something to you personally; words which have affected your life. Please have the words written down so that they can be read at the service and then compiled in the Prairie Book of Inspiration. Bring two examples for the book, then be prepared to share one in the service.

--Dave Zakem

LAST CALL FOR RACINE!

JU's from our Central Midwest District will convene at Racine, Wisconsin the week-end of November 13-15 for the annual meeting, workshops, worship and fellowship. The deadline for home hospitality is Nov. 4 and the deadline for the return of general registration forms is November 8. If you would like to join the group from Prairie and need registration forms or information, call Ruth Calden, 233-5717.

FROM THE CLIPBOARDS

CLEAN-UP KITCHEN

11-8--Jean Quay & Rachel Siegfried
11-15--Mel Micke & ?? ??

SNOW REMOVAL

11-8 to 11-14 ?? ??
11-15 " 11-21 ?? ??
11-22 " 11-28 ?? ??
11-29 " 12- 5 ?? ??
12- 6 " 12-12 Chuck Vetzner

BUILDING CLEANUP

11-8--Carol & Bob Dopp
11-15--Norma & Mike Briggs
11-22--Fran Johnson & Fran Small
11-29--Dodie Chapru & Les Lyons

CONTRIBUTING TO THE UUA?

DO IT THROUGH PRAIRIE

At the fall parish meeting Sunday evening, Nov. 1, Prairie members who contribute to the Unitarian Universalist Association were requested to make their gifts through Prairie Society so that Prairie will be credited with the contribution. The Veach Foundation will match contributions made by fellowships and churches.

Additionally, our society is assigned a quota based on our membership, and individual gifts made through the society will help in meeting the quota.

SUNDAY NIGHT TALKS

The last in a series of Sunday Night Talks will be held this Sunday evening, Nov. 9, from 7:30-9:30. Although this series was designed for newcomers, it is open to any one interested. The meeting will begin with a short history of Unitarian-Universalism by Warren Hagstrom, followed by a history of Prairie Society by George Calden and a presentation of our religious education program by Pat Cautley.

Any questions you have about the aims, programs or activities of Prairie Society would be most welcome. Come and let us get to know you as well. The meeting will be at the Caldens, 4606 Waukesha St. Call 233-5717 for directions or more information.

A large, olive-green rug for sale. Very reasonable price. Call Dodie Chapru: 238-5576.

PARRISH MEETING ADOPTS BUDGET

The proposed 1981-82 budget, was approved with a few additions at the parish meeting on Sunday evening, November 1, 1981. Following is a summary of the budget as approved:

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program	2,500
Religious Education	2,939
Membership	45
Denominational Affairs	897
Upham Woods Scholarship	100
Housing	6,696
Office	445

Total Operating Expenses 13,622

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 1,030
Tables from (Pro-Seeds) 275

Total Capital Improvements 1,305

TOTAL OPERATING & NET CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS 14,927

TOTAL PLEDGES IN TO DATE 12,865

During our May 31 program called "If I Should Die", Kathy Story voiced her concern about the need for insuring that in an emergency, the most important person in an unmarried person's life would be the one able to make decisions about medical treatment. It often happens that hospital personnel refuse to grant any authority or privileges to anyone who is not a close relative.

Bob West and Dorathy Lee researched this question and have developed two different power of attorney forms. These documents make it possible to designate someone other than a relative to authorize treatment and make other medical decisions in an emergency, and to have priority for hospital visitation. The longer of the two forms also includes authorization for making arrangements in case of death.

Bob also designed and Lee Bullen is printing a wallet card which describes the power of attorney and tells how to contact the responsible person.

Copies of the power of attorney forms are available free from Bob. The wallet cards will be sold for \$1.00 per pair; proceeds after printing costs are recovered will go to Prairie. Please feel free to share this information with anyone else who may be interested.

NOVEMBER PLAYREADERS

Playreaders will meet at Shirley Czoschke's home at 2320 Rowley Ave. on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 7:30. The play will be either Albee's Everything in the Garden or Pomeranz' Elephant Man. Call Pat Watkins at 262-7960 (office) or 233-5795 (home) for more information.

HOLIDAY ART/CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Volunteers are needed for Prairie's Holiday Art/Craft & Bake Sale. If you are an artist or know any artists, please contact Dick Bonser about participating. We are in need of people to staff the bake sale table and, of course, to bring baked goods for the sale. If you would like to help, please contact Megan Kroeger.

Apple pie baking for the craft and bake sale will take place at Rachel Siegfried and Dorothy Lee's house, 5209 Tolman Terrace at 9 a.m. sharp on Nov. 21--Saturday. Also, if anyone has free or very cheap apples, please let us know. Call 271-2173 to volunteer.

SCRAP BOOK FOR PRAIRIE

Anyone interested in a scrap book for Prairie either by contributing newspaper clippings, ^{or} pictures taken during Prairie activities should send or give them to Beryl Gordon.

LOST

Dave Zakem has reported that a sari with a blue and pink design and gold thread is missing. It was hanging on the wall as part of his India display.

CORRECTION

Contributions of recipes ~~or words~~ of wisdom for the Prairie Cook Book should be addressed to: Avis Parrish

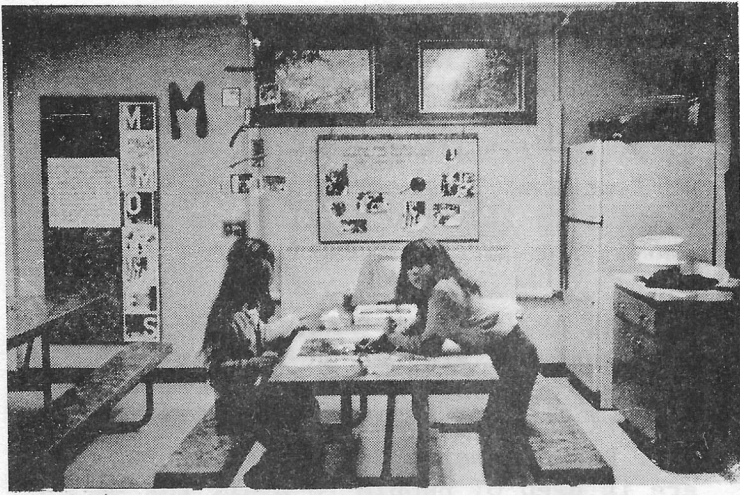
6209 Mineral Pt. Rd. #320
Madison, WI 53705

Her address was not listed correctly in an earlier story about the cook book.

Reminder--I am interested in sewing for Prairie people: if you want to update your wardrobe; need new coat linings, alterations, etc. please call me.

Rachel Siegfried 271-2173

The pre-school department of the Sunday school is still looking for "dress-up" clothing. Talk to Pat Cautley or Alice Bullen if you have something you think they could use.



Dick and Julie Bonser have donated a Polaroid camera to Prairie for use in providing pictures for Prairie Fire. In order to simplify the process of going from camera to printed page, we have purchased an attachment for the camera which will convert its product to a halftone, a picture broken up into thousands of tiny dots. The pictures taken then can be pasted directly into the rest of the copy for the newsletter. See?

The picture at the left, an Upham Woods scene, was the result of the first click.

For Bob and Barb Park on the occasion of their outdoor wedding ceremony last summer.
by Dodie Chapru

Pink and white petunias softly bobbing in the wind.

A people place - big enough for two.

Bob and Barb - incredibly relaxed amidst the crowd,
excited Robin-squeals, and rain.

Two who love the sun and stars
must surely love the rain.

Nature said "I'll be there, too!" and played its thunder drum.
And saved its happy raindrop tones until the final chord.

Shaggy dog couldn't wait to bring his precious gift.
A well-chewed ball presented to the bride
with all the pomp of puppyhood.

Same pup - suddenly between the tune and harmony of "Simple Gifts" -
brought with him a blank page as if to say "the music of my soul
is far more grand than notes that lie before your eyes."

Shirley - running up the hill to rescue tasty cakes.
Shirley - head nodding in the car on the way home.
She'd baked so late the night before.
Two cakes - so all would have a favorite bite.

No mosquitos!
They'd taken a vacation just for those of us whose salty skin
entices them to lunch.

Casey - womanchild - sharing thoughts of children.
A children's day it was with Misha-smiles and
Robin's being truly what he is when he must be -
bursts of noise, quiet times, man-like bringing gifts
to Bob and Barb.

Warren's gift - a sampling of his soul -
More eloquent than that of shaggy pup - but both atune
to unknown mysteries that bind us all.

Reunion of a family a continent apart.
All taking it in stride - the squish of happy guests
across the pink bouquet of vacuumed floor.

Brother Jim (?) I forgot his name but not his smile - and wished
that I were younger and less shy.

Nymphs in white - back to being rowdy teens.

A school bell to summon wandering friends.
One hundred dollars in a single crisp new bill.
Delighted "oohs" and "ahs" - each carefully selected gift
filled with memories of the giver

Bob, kind and gentle.

Barb, caring and warm

A joyful blending of past experiences
and present hopes.

Growing.

Live well!

Dodie