CALENDAR

Thursday, December 31
9:00 p.m.--Prairie New Year's Eve Party, at Pat Cautley’s home, 4805 Regent St. Bring food and/or drink to share. All are welcome.

Sunday, January 3
10:00 a.m.--"Press Freedom: Without Exception?" John Ohliger, Alice and Lee Bullen.
10:00 a.m.--Interim activities for children

Wednesday, January 6
7:00 p.m.--Program Committee Meeting at Dorothy Lee’s, 5209 Tolman Terrace.

Sunday, January 10
10:00 a.m.--The Right to Bear Arms" Gunsmith Larry Gleasman, Police Chief David Couper.
10:00 a.m.--Interim activities for children
12 noon--Singles potluck at First Church.

Tuesday, January 12
7:30 p.m.--Board Meeting at Dorothy Lee’s, 5209 Tolman Terrace.

Sunday, January 17
10:00 a.m.--Playreaders: Excerpts from Church’s Inherit the Wind.
10:00 a.m.--Interim activities for children
12 noon--Potluck Celebration and folk dancing with Beryl & Don and Barb & Bob.

Sunday, January 24
10:00 a.m.--"Legal Justice" Mike Briggs.
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes.

Sunday, January 31
10:00 a.m.--"Personal Journals" Judy Spring
10:00 a.m.--Interim activities for children
12 noon--Singles potluck at Prairie.

SINGLES POTLUCK
For January only, Singles will meet for potluck lunch at First Unitarian Society on the second Sunday--January 10, and at Prairie on the fourth Sunday--January 24. In February we will revert to our customary schedule. See you there.

Les Lyons

R.E. CORNER
The next two Sundays will be devoted to mounting and decorating little "trees" (actually some trimmings from lilacs which are very artistically branching) with origami cranes. Then on January 17 the children of kindergarten age and older will go to several homes to bake cookies for the residents of Oakwood Lutheran Nursing Home. And on January 24, they will take the trees, which will be individual table decorations in the dining room, and the cookies, greet the residents, and sing the "Magic Penny" for them. We have already begun to talk about older people and why they may live in nursing homes and we believe this will be a very worthwhile experience for the children.

The following verse by Kenneth Patton suggests how important all manner of experiences are to children:

Nothing is strange to the child for whom everything is new.
Where all things are new nothing is novel.
The child does not yet know what belongs and what does not, therefore all things belong.
The ear of the child is open to all music.
The eyes of the child are open to all arts.
The mind of the child is open to all tongues.
The being of the child is open to all manners.
In the child’s country there are no foreigners.

--Pat Cautley

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE, JANUARY 10
LEGAL AND ART SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

The UUA is administering two trust funds, the income from which will provide scholarships for one or more students in each of the fields of art and law. The scholarships are known as the Otto M. Stanfield Legal Scholarship and the Marion Baar Stanfield Art Scholarship. See the Prairie bulletin board or write:

Stanfield Scholarships Program
Unitarian Universalist Association
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108

The closing date for applications is February 15, and recipients will be notified by June 1.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

On January 17, '82 there will be a potluck followed by folk dancing led by Dedie Chapru to celebrate the marriages of Beryl Gordon and Don Fago and Bob and Barb Park. Everyone from Prairie and friends (including the children) are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Volunteers to help with clean-up would be appreciated. For further information contact either Don or Beryl at 873-8093 or Bob or Barb Park at 635-7519.

Congratulations to Nina Mattarella! She has finished the thesis for her PhD in food science and now has a post doctoral appointment in food toxicology at the UW.

Margaret Mainzer, who attended Prairie with the Grindrods until her illness several months ago, has undergone surgery at Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital where she is expected to remain for some time. She would appreciate cards. The Zip number is 53066 and no street number is necessary.

Alice and Lee Bullen have taken on, as a volunteer project, the printing and mailing of the newsletter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The WILPF is also looking for an editor of the newsletter. Hearers of Les Lyons' discussion, "What We Must Do" last Sunday might consider making that their contribution to peace.

Inflation, unemployment, rising health costs, deteriorating schools, the rising cost of education, housing, crumbling inner cities, a polluted environment, problems of the elderly, crime, malnutrition; the list goes on. All of these problems are exacerbated by the reckless race for military superiority and none of them will be solved until an aroused citizenry demands that governments give social needs priority to military paranoia.

--from "Disarmament in Attitude and Action" World Goodwill Commentary #11

John Briggs will take subscriptions for Sunday State Journal. If the subscriber does not get to Prairie, their $1.00 will go to "Pro Seeds".

WISCONSIN INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM CONFERENCE

The Wisconsin Intellectual Freedom Coalition will hold its annual conference on Friday and Saturday, February 26-27, 1982 at the Wisconsin Center, 702 Langdon Street in Madison.

This year the WIFC Executive Board decided to concentrate on specific issues which have been under fire recently, as well as giving critics of the schools and the media a chance to speak up.

The conference will consist of open forums to allow people representing two perspectives on an issue to speak their view without a debate taking place. Each speaker will have about a half-hour depending on the arrangement with the conference planners. Then the audience will be able to discuss with the speakers. We feel that this format will allow for access to information which normally has been distorted, misrepresented or caught up in emotional turmoil.

The Conference will begin around 1 P.M. and end around 4 P.M. on the following day.

Friday's schedule will have:

CRITICS OF THE MEDIA with Elizabeth Nate from Milwaukee Women Against Pornography and Barbara Bryant from Phoenix Films.

WISCONSIN CRITICS OF THE SCHOOLS with Jill Wison founder of P.A.R.E.N.T.S in Kenosha and Mike Hartoonian from the Department of Public Instruction.

AUTHOR OF THE FOSTER CHILD, Marion Dane Bauer will speak about her writing and why she does it. The Foster Child is often challenged by the censors.

HUMANISM with Alan Carlson from the Rockford Institute and Marjorie Reiley Maquire, a Catholic Theologian.

SEX EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS with Terry Todd, Chairperson of the Eagle Forum, Stop Textbook Censorship Committee and Bonnie Trudell, a Family Life Educator.

Saturday will find:

CREATIONISM AND EVOLUTION with Richard Bliss from the Institute on Creation Research and Wayne Moyer, Executive Director of the National Association of Biology Teachers.

VALUES EDUCATION with Marlene Read from the Eagle Forum Committee for Positive Education and Dorothy Massie from the National Education Association.

The fee will be $35 for two days, $25 for one day and $10 for students. There will be a large display area with all sorts of related materials. On Friday afternoon representatives of groups will be on hand in the display area. Displays are welcome.

Contact Dave Zilker for further information. WIFC newsletters are available in the back of the Prairie meeting room.