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CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 10

7:00 p.m.--Program Committee at Dorothy Lee's
5209 Tolman Terrace

Sunday, March 14

10:00 a.m.--"El Salvador" Judy Strasma.
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes
11:30 a.m.--UUSC Salvadoran Benefit Lunch

Saturday, March 20

7:30 p.m.--Playreaders, at Grims' 432 N. Few

Sunday, March 21

10:00 a.m.-- "Rite of Spring" Dave Zakem
Family service--see story.
10:00 a.m.--Pre-school care, no R.E. classes

Sunday, March 28

10:00 a.m.--Beginning of Barbara Park's Lay
Ministry: "The Disagreements that
Unite Us"
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes
11:30 a.m.--Parish Poll of Members--see story

Sunday, April 4

10:00 a.m.--"Tschickovsky: An All-Music
Service"--Warren Hagstrom
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes

NOTE: Announcements are to be made at the beginning of the March 14 program.

REMINDER

There will be a dedication ceremony on Sunday, March 21. Please contact Dorothy Lee or Dave Zakem if you want to include your child.

R.E. CORNER

Last week the pre-schoolers made enough popcorn for the entire church school, and seemed delighted to carry a bowl to each class --a reversal of the usual experience of young children. Thanks to Suzy and Kelti for arranging this.

The K through 2 group has had some lively adventures, led by the Indian guide, Sacagawea --canoeing down a wild river and hunting for buffalo, only to stir up a bear instead. They are learning about the courage and ingenuity of the group guided by this remarkable woman.

Anna Nettleton's grandfather (a retired Methodist minister) provided a very special treat for the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders by telling them Chinese legends about creation. This class was filled to overflowing last Sunday with 12 children!

We talked about the coming "Celebration of Spring" in the sharing circle, and planned a special contribution by the children. Remember it will be a family service, with no church school classes except for the pre-school group. The date: March 21.

Pat Cautley

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Deanne and Ole Molvig signed the membership book on March 7. We are happy to have them as members

APRIL 6 PRAIRIE FIRE

Help is needed for the Prairie Fire April 6 issue (deadline April 4). The Bullens will be in Pennsylvania. Please call Alice or Lee 838-8055. We will furnish easy-to-follow instructions.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE MARCH 21

SEARCH FOR LAY MINISTERS

Are you a potential lay minister? The Committee on Committees, headed by Dick Bonzer, is now searching for next year's lay ministers. We need at least three, each for a 3 month term (fall, winter, spring) centered on a topic or theme. As most of you know, the lay minister works with the program committee to plan the Sunday morning services. Sometimes two or more persons combine to form one lay ministry; for example, a group of artists or teachers.

If you want to share a deep concern or interest of yours with the congregation and have ideas on how to turn this into a series of Sunday morning programs call committee members Ruth Calden, 233-5717 or Dodie Chapru, 238-5576. Or please call if you want to recommend someone you think would make a good lay minister.

MARCH 14 SPEAKER

In December, Judy Strasma was sent to monitor the situation in Salvadore refugee camps by the National Council of Churches. She was part of an observer team of North Americans who traveled to several refugee camps along the Salvadoran border. Judy has lived for twelve years in Latin America and speaks fluent Spanish. She will focus on the current refugee situation and its relationship to Central American politics and American foreign policy.

A simple Latin American style lunch will be served at noon, after Latin music and dancing. To cover the cost of the meal, the charge will be \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children. We are requesting additional donations of \$2.00 or more per adult. All donations will be sent to UUSC for aid for the Salvadoran refugees.

THE RITE OF SPRING, MARCH 21

The program will be a family service featuring some of the original Spring Rites performed back in the "good old" pagan days of Zarathustra boosters. Of course there will be a few modern updates and new tradition breaking traditions. You have probably already guessed that we will have the Char-Shambe Soori ceremony and the Haft-Siin Table. You won't need to bring anything to sacrifice. Wear your Spring/New Years clothes. There will be lots of singing, dancing and a general rip-snortin' good time for all. We will also dedicate children since there are a few new younguns in the group. If you have a picture of someone who can't be here or you wish were here during the festivities, bring it along and we'll use it in the ceremony. Spring flowers will work in nicely.

Dave Zakem

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIR NOTES

NCAC SPRING CONFERENCE

Despite the snow, thaw is around the corner as well as the annual spring conference of our North Central Area Council. Travel will be minimal for us since the conference will be held this year at Madison's First Society, April 2, 3, and 4. If you plan to have your meals at the conference, please note that the deadline for meal registration is March 23. Yellow registration forms for the conference are available on the table beneath the bulletin board.

This year's theme "The Dimensions of our Potential" will be considered in four aspects: basic UU concepts, the professional and lay ministry, youth ministry and the waging of peace ministry. Our Prairie Play Readers will present a shortened form of the play Inherit The Wind on Friday night. At lunch Saturday, Len Weis will report on his South American trip and at dinner Max Gaebler will speak on the U.W. Channing-Murray "Religious Alternative" program. The conference is a good opportunity to meet UU's from churches in our area, exchange ideas and have fun together.

ON A NATIONAL LEVEL

There are two April conferences in the east which may interest some of us. The UU United Nations Seminar will be held in New York City, April 15-17, having as its theme "Choosing Our Future". Student scholarships are available for this seminar. If you are interested, call Les Lyons, 251-5743, for the registration form. The registration deadline for lodging is March 25 and for the seminar itself, April 5.

In Washington, D.C. from April 18-20 the UU National Workshop on Social Justice will consider "UU Values in Action". The registration deadline for this is March 19 and some travel subsidy funds are available. Brochures, labelled "UU Values in Action" describing the workshop are available on the table beneath the bulletin board.

Ruth Calden

A RECYCLED PAMPHLET RACK

Thanks to the observant eyes and quick action by Al Nettleton, Nina Mattarella and Mel Micke, we have a commodious pamphlet rack in the entry-way. During the remodeling of the Monroe St. Rennebohm's, this very useable display rack was thrown out. It is just the perfect size for our needs and will soon be filled with a fresh order of pamphlets.

Ruth Calden

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another." Paul, Romans 13:5

SOCIAL ACTION--DISARMAMENT

A Madison campaign is getting underway to raise public awareness and support for **SSD II** --the Second Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament, June 7 to July 9, 1982. All Prairie members and friends, and everyone who values the United Nations and its contribution to world peace, are cordially urged to participate. An exploratory meeting will be held Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Friends Meeting House, 2002 Monroe St. I will be relating what I know about **SSD II**, and we will try to develop some tactics to make it a success. Possibilities include (a) asking Mr. Reagan and other government leaders to attend **SSD II** instead of the NATO Annual Meeting, which just happens to be scheduled for the same time, (b) asking the news media to pay attention to **SSD II**, (c) seeking support for the World Disarmament Campaign, an initiative on the agenda of **SSD II** that would mobilize world public opinion on behalf of disarmament, and (d) participating in Peace Week/Ground Zero Week activities, on April 18-25. If you can't come to the meeting but are interested, please let me know.

The April 18-25 week will culminate in a large rally and demonstration at the State Capitol on the afternoon of Sunday, April 25, complete with music, drama, and speakers. It will be preceded by a mass walk to the Capitol, probably up West Washington Ave. I think it would be a fine thing to have an identifiable Prairie contingent, including all ages, in the walk and rally. Can we do something special (perhaps dramatic) to make the event an even stronger statement for peace? Let creative juices flow!

Have you noticed that no fewer than five of the nine resolutions on the Tentative Agenda of the 1982 UUA General Assembly -- the resolutions we will be voting on soon in our Parish Poll -- are concerned with peace and three refer specifically to **SSD II**? Evidently, that's what's on the collective UU mind these days.

Several regular issues of that valuable little newspaper, "Disarmament Times", are missing. I need them and would very much like to have them returned.

Les Lyons

A huge thank you to Lee and Alice Bullen for the terrific programs reminding us all of our Bill of Rights and how to keep them.

Betty Jallings

PARISH POLL ON SUNDAY, MARCH 28

After the Sunday service on March 28, a Parish Poll of Prairie members will be conducted. Its purpose is to register our societies approval or disapproval of possible resolutions coming before the UU General Assembly at Brunswick, Maine, June 21-26.

Please save your copy of UU World of Feb. 15, 1982. It contains a pull-out sheet labeled "Tentative Agenda" and lists the resolutions in detail as well as other information about the UU General Assembly. Bring your copy with you to the Parish Poll on March 28 as it will be very useful to refer to it before voting. Extra copies are not available. See the next Prairie Fire for more details.

Ruth Calden

ST. PAT'S DAY CONCERT, DANCE & PARTY

Mac Robertson and his Black Velvet Band invite Prairie members to a special event on March 17, at 8 p.m. at Prairie. A concert of Irish music begins at 8 followed by Irish dancing and informal music and socializing. Beer and cider will be available. Contributions of snack food, music and help welcomed. A two dollar donation will be requested at the door. Adults only, please.

SUMMER ON THE MOUNTAIN

Highlands Camp and Conference Center, affectionately called **THE MOUNTAIN**, is our newest Unitarian Universalist retreat in Highlands, North Carolina. Situated on the top of a 4200' mountain, the facility boasts spectacular views, wonderful meals, and a mean summer temperature of 65°! **THE MOUNTAIN** is open year round for programs, conferences, retreats, youth camp, and family vacations.

The 1982 Summer Program brochure is available at the church office (or wherever you have it), or you can write to Mo & Larry Wheeler, Dept. N, Star Route, Box 40-A, Highlands, NC 28741, and they will send you one.

NEWS FROM CAROL & CHARLIE JUNG

Both Charlie & I want to tell you how wonderful it is to receive our Prairie Fire. We miss you all very much and it seems like you're a little closer.

We're living in Burlington, Vermont, which is a beautiful city on Lake Champlain with views of both the Green Mts. (of Vermont) and the Adirondacks across the lake. We've been here since July and finally feel that we're settling in a bit, yet still feeling the effects of 2 moves in 2 years. Charlie is an orthopedic surgery resident

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