CALENDAR

Sunday, July 18
2:00 p.m. Picnic at Grindrods’ 5235 Harbor Ct. Pot Luck

Sunday, July 25
10:00 a.m. Jim Olson of UUA UN office. First Society members will be guests. Pot Luck lunch after meeting. Child care provided.

Tuesday, July 27
7:30 p.m. Program Committee meeting at Carolyn Briggs’. Everyone interested in program planning is welcome. 1323 Spaight St.

Sunday, August 1
12 noon --Picnic and bike ride at Fish Creek (see story for details)

Sunday, August 8
9:00 a.m.-Potluck breakfast
10:00 a.m.-A Compassionate Peace in the Middle East—Middle Eastern Concerned Citizens Association
(See story about afternoon benefit for people of Lebanon)
Child care provided

Tuesday, August 10
7:30 p.m.—R.E. Meeting at Prairie

Tuesday, August 24
7:30 p.m.—Board meeting at Les Lyons (tentative)

Saturday, August 28
Annual retreat for teachers and R.E. members

UPHARM WOODS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of some volunteers to help work on both program and registration for Upham Woods. If interested, please call Marty Drapkin: 257-7056.

Remember that Upham Woods is October 17.

PART-TIME POSITION

Lead teacher for the pre-school group at Prairie UU Society is needed for Sunday mornings from September through May from 9:45 to 11:30. Experience in program planning and in working with young children is important. Pay is $10 per Sunday; some preparation time is needed. For more information and application forms, call Erin Bosch 238-6285 or Alice Bullen 838-8055.

Fish Lake Picnic, Potluck & Bike Ride

First of all there are no steep hills! There is actually only one hill for those who choose to visit the Wollersheim Winery. The other roads are leisurely and scenic. I saw kids riding all over the place. I even saw a man riding with his dog on the cross-bar with its paws on the handle bars.

The picnic will be at the Fish Lake Recreation Area which charges $2.00 per car-load of people. Directions are very simple: take Highway 60 west out of Lodi for 6 or 7 miles to Schoepps Rd. There is a sign for the Recreation Area. Take a left going south on Schoepps and follow it around to the north side of Fish Lake. We will meet in the picnic area along the lake. People can decide where and if they would like to bike. The winery is about 5½ miles from the picnic site.

Dave Zakem
LEBANON RELIEF FUND

The UUA Service Committee has established an emergency relief fund to help the over 300,000 non-combatants who have been displaced in southern Lebanon.

Contributions will be channelled directly to relief agencies now operating in Lebanon which meet three strict criteria: competence, accountability, and political neutrality. Make checks payable to Prairie UU Society and indicate for UUSC Lebanon and give to Nina or Dodie.

The need is immediate and severe. Act now.

LEBANON BENEFIT

There will be a benefit at Edgewood Highschool in the Cafetorium on Sunday, August 8, 4-8 P.M. sponsored by MECCA, which is Middle Eastern Concerned Citizens Association. There will be middle-eastern food, dancing, a fashion show, art exhibits, slide presentation and a talk by Joe Elder on "A Compassionate Peace in the Middle East!" Money will be donated to a charitable organization that will guarantee that the funds will go directly to meeting the needs of the victimized people of Lebanon. Tickets are $5.00 and can be purchased from Dave Zakem.

This will not be a political meeting but a family gathering to gain more understanding about a very tragic situation and to learn about the Lebanese and Palestinians, their people and culture.

Meet Two Gentlemen of Verona

I am organizing a Prairie party to go to American Players Theater to see The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Thursday, Aug. 26. The play starts at 8:00 p.m., with a potluck starting an hour to an hour and a half beforehand. Tickets are $7.90 for adults, $4.50 for children, students, and senior citizens, with a 10% discount off adult tickets if there are 20 or more. There are also $5.00 hill seats (on the grass) if the reserved seats are sold out. Transportation: For those without, there is a bus leaving from Hilldale and the Union, reservations through the theatre. For those with, if you have extra room, it may be possible to use it so notify me. If you would like to come, either sign up at the meeting house at the table with information on it, or notify me at 238-4970 between 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Susan Hagstrom

P.S. This is an enjoyable way to contribute to a worthy cause, so please come.

Beatitudes for Peacemakers

Blessed are the peacemakers who make peace with themselves, for that is the initial step in making peace with others.

Blessed are the peacemakers who make peace with their families and intimate associates, for they are not looked upon as hypocrites.

Blessed are the peacemakers who incorporate peacemaking into every aspect of their lives, for they teach peacemaking to all who observe them.

Blessed are the peacemakers who make peace without need for title or acclaim, for they recognize that the role and responsibility of "peacemaker" belong to us all.

Blessed are the peacemakers whose efforts extend beyond cultural, political, and religious boundaries, for they are not ethnocentric, greedy, or self-righteous.

Blessed are the peacemakers who acknowledge that peace is a process, not an end for they keep us from taking peace result, for they keep us from taking peace for granted.

Blessed are the peacemakers who teach peacemaking skills to those who would make war, for they are the hope of the world.

- Doleta Chapru

CAKE-DECORATING CLASSES AT PRAIRIE

Irene "Cake Corner" Hanson has agreed to teach the series of cake decorating classes to be held at Prairie on the 4 Wednesday evenings of August. These classes are sponsored by the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association and will meet from 7-9 if there are 6 or more people who sign up. Call Jean Quigley, 271-9417 or Jane Goemans, 271-3958 for more information and to register for the classes.

PRAIRIE RATES BANNER AWARD

Prairie and First Society appeared on a list of 231 UU churches and fellowships which contributed at least 3% of their budgets to the UU Service Committee in the year ending March 31.