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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 16

10:00 a.m.--"Celebration of New Lives and Old," see story

Interim activities following the "Celebration of New Lives"

11:30 a.m.--Potluck lunch

12:15 p.m.--R.E. Committee Meeting (short)

Saturday, January 22

7:30 p.m.--Solo Discovery (for singles) at First Unitarian Society, see story

Sunday, January 23

10:00 a.m.--"Community Options Program" by Thomas A. Fisher, member of Dane Co. Dept. Social Services and Chairman, Community Options Program.

10:00 a.m.--Interim program: trip to Oakwood

11:30 a.m.--Special business meeting on proposal for a nuclear-free zone see RESOLUTION

Sunday, January 30

10:00 a.m.--The Equal Opportunities Law

10:00 a.m.--2nd semester R.E. classes
Child care available

GET YOU TO THE CHURCH ON TIME

Our Sunday morning programs have been and will continue to be extremely interesting and worthwhile. We want to have as much time as possible for our programs, so let's all make a New Year's resolution to be at Prairie and ready to go by 10:00 a.m., which is when we'd like to get started each week.

Thanks. --Marty Drapkin

R.E. CORNER

You may have noticed the beautiful snowflakes on the front windows. Metje Butler showed slides of frost crystals (which many of us don't often see on our windows any more) and then helped the younger group of children cut out snowflakes--making them six-sided, too!

The older children began making table decorations that we plan to take to Oakwood Nursing Home on January 23, to decorate 18 tables in their dining room. We will also sing, "Love is Like a Magic Penny" for the residents. Dodie Chapru helped the children practice it this week and will accompany them on her accordin.

Next Sunday, January 16, we will finish the table decorations and also enjoy the second session on paper airplanes.

Then on the 30th, regular classes start again and Dayle Haglund will take over as R.E. Director. Pat Cautley

A SYMPOSIUM ON "DEPRESSION" featuring five professionals will be held at First Society Meeting House from 1 to 5 on Saturday, Feb. 5. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about one of the most prevalent curses of modern living. We need a substantial advance sign-up for this high-level program. For more information, call 233-9774. There is a \$3.00 fee.

Playreaders will meet at Birongs, 599 Glen Dr. on January 22 at 7:30. The play will be The Mound Builders. Everyone is welcome. Call 233-5995 for information.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: JANUARY 23

SHIRLEY GRINDROD: OUR CURRENT LAY MINISTER

Shirley Grindrod, who earned her nursing degree at Mt Sinai Hospital in Milwaukee (the same hospital in which she was born), married John, who was studying medicine at the U W in Madison before either of them had graduated in 1947. She had chosen Mt Sinai because during the war years a condition of enrolling in the Cadet Nurse Corps was an agreement to work for two years in wartime service. Mt Sinai was the only hospital which would accept her condition that she would not serve in the military and allow her to sign up for service with the American Friends Service Committee. In the Cadet Nurse Corps, student nurses were paid \$15 a month for 3 years and \$30 a month the senior year. By the time Shirley graduated the AFSC no longer needed this service.

Shirley has followed her nursing career for 35 years and now is engaged in geriatric nursing at the Hilltop nursing home.

John and Shirley have six children: David, Meg and Lisa, Jim, Paul and Susie who worked at Prairie last year with our pre-school group. There are now several grandchildren also.

Shirley has a number of hobbies which include sewing, biking, camping and sailing. She also enjoys going to operas and plays, reading and travel. Her newest hobby is gardening in her new greenhouse.

Shirley and John were Charter Members of Prairie U.U. Society. They have been active ever since in the society so her lay ministry this year is a continuation of her interest in service to Prairie.

In addition to the topics already presented and the topics listed in the calendar, Shirley will cover the subjects of the legal aspects of aging, how the elderly are involved in the community and also housing-living options for the elderly.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

The Wisconsin Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign is throwing a letter-writing ****PARTY**** to give us the opportunity to tell the President and Congress what we think about funding for first-strike nuclear weapons. It will be at the Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Ave. on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. There will be intertainment by Kids and Adults for Nuclear Disarmament, Robbie Clement and Fool's Moon, as well as beer, cider and snacks, all for a contribution of \$1.00. Bring the family and friends! For more information, call 251-0587.

Les Lyons

BUILDING CLEANUP

Jan. 16--Jack & Betty Jallings
23--Al Nettleton/Dodie Chapru
30--John & Shirley Grindrod
Feb. 6--Carol & Bob Dopp

KITCHEN CLEANUP

Jan. 16--Rachel Siegfried/
Dianne Chambliss
23--Gail Ostler/Kate Seiler
30--Jean Campbell/Leslie Oakes
Feb. 6--Al Nettleton/

THE NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE PROPOSAL

Here, again, is the resolution we will be voting on at the special business meeting Jan. 23, following the morning service:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the nuclear arms race is leading to the devastation of the world; and
WHEREAS the use or threatened use of nuclear weapons is a crime against life on our planet; and
WHEREAS tacit approval of nuclear weapons and the nuclear arms race is inconsistent with the mutual promise in our Bond of Union to "stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense"; and
WHEREAS we are responsible for ensuring that the property owned and controlled by our religious community shall be used for socially constructive purposes;
THEREFORE be it known that Prairie Unitarian-Universalist Society, 2010 Whenona Dr., Madison, WI: (a) is a NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE, within which no nuclear weapon or any component thereof shall be designed, manufactured, tested, stored, modernized, disposed of, or permitted in any fashion; (b) renounces the right to be defended by the use or threatened use of nuclear weapons; and (c) asks to be removed from the target lists of governments that produce or intend to produce nuclear weapons.

ARE YOU THE ANONYMOUS GIVER?

We received an anonymous wedding gift, which we suspect came from someone at Prairie. It's a lovely vase by Mark Ryan. Would the generous person(s) responsible, please contact us so we may properly thank them! Megan Christiansen & Charles Lemons

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SOLO DISCOVERY

Saturday evening, January 22, will mark the beginning of a new social group, primarily for singles, being initiated by a group drawn from both Prairie and First Society. The non-membership program will follow a format that has been remarkably successful for other U-U societies around the country.

Designed to provide a non-threatening environment in which people can get acquainted in structured small group discussions followed by a social hour, the group will meet at First Society.

Registration will begin at 7:30. Refreshments will be available. A \$2.00 donation is requested. For more information, contact Dorothy at 271-2173.

PNEUMONIA STRIKES PRAIRIE

We are sorry to report that two Prairie members, Peg Stevenson and Jack Jallings, are among the growing number in this area who have pneumonia. Both are getting good care. Cards would be welcome, of course.

CELEBRATION OF NEW LIVES AND OLD

We will be celebrating the addition of three new babies to our Prairie family. We will also share memories of older people, other than our own parents, who gave us special love and attention when we were growing up. If you have a picture or a memento of some older person who played such a role in your life, you may want to tell us about it.

All the children in the church school will sit with their families during the Dedication Ceremony, then go to their classes. The U-U and You group will join us for the entire service.

If anyone has a poem or piece of writing to contribute to the booklets that will be kept by the children, please give it to the parents before the service begins.

Dorothy Lee Wetherby

Jeff Butler is looking for a flute to rent for Pro-seeds to Prairie or to buy from the original owner. It will be needed at least until March of '83. Contact Jeff or Metje Butler: 244-3659.