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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 30

10:00 a.m.--"The Equal Opportunities Ordinance" by Martha Fineman, UW-Law Professor and Shirley Price-Marcus, EOC Staff Member

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

Sunday, February 6

10:00 a.m.--"Aging Programs in Partnership With Others" by Marguita Fox, Coordinator, Dane County Aging Program

10:00 a.m.--Religious Education Classes
Child care available

Monday, February 7

7:30 p.m.--Ceremonies Committee, 5209 Tolman Terrace

Thursday, February 10

7:30 p.m.-- Long Range Planning Committee, 5209 Tolman Terrace

Sunday, February 13

10:00 a.m.--Danger Words by Dave Zakem

10:00 a.m.--Religious Education Classes
Child care available

Monday, February 14

7:30 p.m. --Prairie Board Meeting, 827 Dane St

Sunday, February 20

10:00 a.m.--To be announced
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education Classes
Child care available
11:30 a.m.--Potluck lunch

Saturday, February 26

7:30 p.m. --Solo Discovery, First Church, call Dorothy at 271-2173 for more information.

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R.E. CORNER

The children went to Oakwood Nursing Home and placed the table decorations they had made on all 18 tables in the dining room. Although the make-believe "pineapples"--created out of papier-maché, cut up Christmas cards and a lot of Elmers' glue--didn't come up to our expectations for beauty, they were colorful, and we hope will be enjoyed by the residents. Then, with Dodie Chapru and her accordian, we all walked through the halls singing "Love is Like a Magic Penny." The high point was stopping to see Avis Parrish in her apartment in the Retirement Center. She enjoyed the children's visit and especially appreciated seeing those children she had known before. She sends her greetings to all her Prairie friends.

WELCOME TO DAYLE HAGLUND, who takes over as R.E. Director next Sunday, January 30, when the regular classes start again. Dayle grew up in Minnesota, met her husband, Brent, at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and has lived in various places before coming to Madison last summer from Montana. She was R.E. Director in the Athens, Georgia, UU Church and has taught middle school science. The R.E. Committee and I are really enthusiastic about "finding" Dayle and welcome her with open arms!
Pat Cautley

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Les Lyons has been elected as the member of the current Board who will serve on the Committee on Committees, which will begin work in the not-too-distant future to nominate members for elected offices and committees. Additionally, Rachel Siegfried has been appointed to replace Dianne Molvig on the Committee on Committees.

Marty Drapkin

THANK YOU, PAT CAUTLEY

Our heartfelt thanks for a job well-done go to Pat Cautley, who has served for 2½ years as R.E. Director and will be succeeded, beginning January 30 by Dayle Haglund.

As in everything she does in her busy life, Pat has served with competence, thoroughness, and great warmth. She has gotten to know all of the children, and has helped them grow as individuals. The R.E. program has grown and flourished under her leadership.

In addition to her duties in R.E., Pat has also given freely of her time to program planning and other Prairie activities.

As much as she's enjoyed her R.E. work, though, Pat has looked forward to the day when she could be upstairs on Sunday mornings to take part in adult programs. Now that that day has arrived, we'll be glad to see her.

So thanks a lot, Pat! And best of luck, Dayle!
Executive Board

A JUICY DILEMMA

We're going to try something new and creative to attempt to deal with the problem of juice at potlucks. The R.E. program, as we know, purchases juice as snacks for the children, but we've been obliged to delve into their supplies from time to time for potlucks (I tried to get such a category into the last budget, but my request was viciously denied), and yet we tend to drink a lot of juice on such occasions (and by "we" I mean not only children but also teenagers and adults - especially teenagers), we have a little problem.

So here's what we'd like you to do. Either this Sunday (January 30th) or next (February 6th), please bring to Prairie at least one large can or bottle of juice that we can store for use at future potlucks. Any kind of juice will be welcome, although the more esoteric varieties - e.g., sauerkraut juice - would perhaps be less popular. Bring the kind that doesn't need to be refrigerated.

If all will cooperate, and then if we can somehow manage to keep the location of the juice a secret from the teenagers, we may be able to resolve this situation - at least for a while.
Marty Drapkin

THE ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP needs donations of old/used black clothes and black fabric to make arm bands. If you have any, please give them to Diane Knott (262-1276) or leave them at Prairie with my name on them and I will pick them up. Thanks! Diane Knott

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 6

BUILDING CLEANUP

Jan. 30--John & Shirley Grindrod
Feb. 6--Carol & Bob Dopp
13--Rachel Siegfried & Les Lyons
20-- ? & ?

KITCHEN CLEANUP

Jan. 30--Jean Campbell & Leslie Oakes
Feb. 6--Al Nettleton & Dave Zakem
13 --Alice & Lee Bullen
20 --Les Lyons & Karen Hegelmeyer

PRAIRIE NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE RESOLUTION

The Nuclear-Free Zone resolution presented at the parish meeting January 23 was passed with the addition of these words: "and (d) calls on others to take similar actions."

Please refer to the complete resolution as printed in the January 11 Prairie Fire if you have questions about the whole statement.

"They that resolve upon any great and good end, have by that very resolution, scaled the chief barrier to it."

(degenderized) Tyron Edwards

If you would like information on declaring your home or workplace a Nuclear Free Zone, or would like to support The Madison Nuclear Free Zone efforts with time or money (buttons fumper stickers, shirts, contributions?) call Lance Green (221-8662). Shalom.

"THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ORDINANCE"

Martha Fineman (UW-Law Professor) a Commissioner on the Equal Opportunities Commission and Shirley Price-Marcus, EOC Staff Member who coordinates the agency's educational outreach and technical assistance program, will discuss general coverage under the E.O. Ordinance.

Special attention will be given to issues and concerns of elderly people within the Madison community and how the EOC can be of assistance. Martha and Shirley are also interested in using a portion of the time to gather information on needs of the elderly which are not being met and with which the Madison EOC could be of assistance.

Please come with your ideas!

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SOCIAL ACTION

Some 58 disarmament resolutions were adopted at the 37th General Assembly of the UN last fall, but there is not much cause for joy. Most resolutions won by huge majorities, but the Eastern and Western blocs, still locked in their respective glaciers, again bravely withstood appeals by the rest of the world for agreement on a nuclear arms freeze, a comprehensive test ban treaty, a no-first-use treaty, prohibitions on new weapons, chemical-weapon-free zones, and other issues. Only two resolutions were adopted by consensus: making the Middle East a nuclear-free zone and banning radio-logical weapons.

Of the 25 nuclear weapons resolutions adopted, the US and the USSR voted alike on only 4. Rev. Homer Jack, writing in "Disarmament Times" says the voting records of the super-powers show that: "at least at this moment in history, the Soviet Union 'wants' nuclear disarmament, and the US is kicking, screaming, and pouting in UN circles on these nuclear matters."

Another discouraging bit of news is that although the World Disarmament Campaign is in existence, pledges for its financial support remain at a low level. So far, the US, Canada, and other western bloc countries have pledged nothing! Not one cent!

If there is a hopeful sign in the gloom, it is that the peace movement is becoming strong enough in some European countries to affect the way their governments vote on disarmament issues at the UN. It can happen here, too.

"Disarmament Times" includes acceptance speeches by the 1982 Nobel Peace Prize winners: Alva Myrdal (author of "The Game of Disarmament") and Alfonso Garcia Robles (architect of the Latin American Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone Treaty." Look for it on the social action table, but please return it. Les Lyons

The pre-school group in Prairie would be better able to serve the current small children if a playpen were available to use. We are asking for the loan of a playpen at this time. This group has been small this year and babies will be welcome especially if a playpen is available. We also request that parents of babies who leave their little ones downstairs, please sit near the main entrance so that they may be contacted easily if necessary.

Call Alice Bullen- 838-8055 or Erin Bosch - 238-6285 if you are willing to loan a playpen. R. E. Committee

WISH LISTS FOR PRAIRIE

The Long Range Planning Committee is collecting wish lists. You may be asked to take a few minutes at your Circle Dinner gathering, to list your five wishes for Prairie. We're simply asking you to list five things you'd like to change, or add. Your wish may be as short-term as having a pail of sand outside for the walk (thanks Glenn), or as long-term, even visionary, as the idea of an endowment fund for Prairie (it's a wonderful notion, Dick). If you're not in a Circle Dinner, or get missed there, please put your 5 wishes on a 3 x 5 file card and give them to Dorothy Wetherby or Mark Horn. This is one of the first steps in a process that will probably result in a proposed list of goals to be presented this spring.

BENEFIT FOR MIKE BRIGGS FOR MAYOR

An evening of live folk music and dancing for the entire family is planned for Friday, February 4. The suggested donation for the general public will be \$3.00 per person or \$7.50 per family. However, any Prairie folk who contribute a platter of snacks--brownies, cheese and crackers, etc.--to go with the cider that will be available, may feel free to cut their donation in half.

Of course the party is open to the general public, so invite your friends to a fun evening. 7:00 p.m.

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.

If you have not gotten your cookbooks yet, you may get them Sunday. Call Rachel if you need to make other arrangements for pickup. Rachel Siegfried, 271-2173.

Warm congratulations to Katherine Fines, who is now officially a Certified Public Accountant.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PRAIRIE MEMBERS:

- Leslie S. Oakes
- Monica Hernandez
- Lance E. Green
- Barbara Barley