



Prairie Fire

Newsletter of

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30 p.m.--Solo Discovery- Social program
for singles at First Society.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:00 a.m.--Artificial Aids to Sustaining
Life by Dr. Margaret Newton

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 a.m.--"Housing Choices for the Elderly"--panel discussion.

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

7:30 p.m.--Prairie Orientation Meeting at
Caulden's, 4606 Waukesha St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

9:00-5:00 p.m.--Women's Health Series at
First Society (see flyer)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 p.m.--China: Storytelling and slides.
A family evening with Aileen
Nettleton's parents, Gene & Mary
Emma Hibbard.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

10:00 a.m.--Social Problems of Aging by
Vivian Wood, Women's Studies &
School of Social Work

SPRING PARISH MEETING

The spring parish meeting will take place
on Sunday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Prairie.
Anyone wishing to submit an agenda item
should contact me or Joyce Crim.

Marty Drapkin

R. E. CORNER

With the help of sheets, our primer
class pretended they were inside their
mother's wombs as Shawn Pollack read the
simulation dialogue. Eight new babies were
born last Sunday morning. You may have
heard them cry. Ian and Bob Park visited
and Robin shared the photos of Ian's birth.

"Before I was born I felt nice and cozy,
I heard some noise,
I didn't have to go to the bathroom,
And I didn't have to have a bath."

Nora Bosch, age 5
Robin Park Doob, 7
Erin Dopp, 5

"When I was a baby I crawled up the
stairs." Gregg Nettleton, age 6

Our second, third, and fourth grade class
has continued their study of heroes with a
look at Harriet Tubman, led by Betty
Jallings. Carol & Bob Dopp helped our
children learn about Gandhi and his ideas
for non-violent solutions. Linda Nelson
will help them culminate our study of
heroes on February 27. Many thanks to these
substitutes who have helped carry us
through a period when this group has been
without a regular teacher.

Beginning March 6 Erin Bosch will lead
these children through a unit called
"Decision Making".

We have a Sunday School program we can
be very proud of. Let's remember to show
our appreciation to the teachers who are
planning these creative and meaningful ex-
periences for our children.

Dayle Haglund

NEXT PRAIRIE DEADLINE: MARCH 6

PRAIRIE QUESTIONNAIRE

You can make an important contribution to our ongoing planning process by filling out the questionnaire you'll find included with this Prairie Fire. Noting that Prairie has gained 20 new members since July, the Long Range Planning Committee believes we need to assess both those qualities which have attracted us to Prairie, and those problems that most need our attention.

We need a response from each member, so don't share yours with your spouse. There are extra copies of the questionnaire on the back table. Please return your completed form to Prairie by March 13 - or mail it to: Les Lyons, 827 Dane St., Madison 53713. (Les and Shawn Pollack prepared the questionnaire.) Thanks in advance for your answers to the questions.

Dorothy Lee Wetherby

SOCIAL ACTION

"How Much is Enough?" is the theme of this year's UU United Nations Seminar, to be held at our U.N. Office in New York April 7-9. The seminar will focus on worldwide problems of hunger, population growth and resource depletion, as well as the role of Non-Governmental Organizations (e.g. the UU-UNO and the IARF), aging, women, transnational corporations, community development, the Global 2000 Report, economic justice, the nuclear arms race, disarmament, and more. There will be lots to learn, but also an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with fellow UUs from across the continent who want to make the United Nations more effective in creating a world of peace and justice. Conference registration, including four meals, is \$45 for UU-UNO and IARF members and \$50 for non-members. Accommodation is available for as little as \$11 per night at the 'Y' and \$25 at the Tudor Hotel, both of which are within walking distance of the conference site. Student scholarships are available, covering all but \$50 (!) of the round trip travel fare. For more information, see the Seminar brochure on the bulletin board. New York, anyone?

Les Lyons

GET READY FOR 1984!

A new book reading group is being formed at First Unitarian Society. We will generally be reading one of the Great Books series, but since 1984 is soon upon us, we are going to start with Orwell's "1984" for the first book. We will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at the Meeting House. Anyone interested please join us February 23. For more information call Pearl Gale at 233-0070.

BUILDING CLEANUP

2-27 Rick Rrecking & ?? ??
3- 6 Marty Drapkin & Carolyn Briggs
3-13 Bob & Linda Nelson
3-20 Julia Broughton & Helen Graves

KITCHEN CLEANUP

2-27 Mark Horn & ?? ??
3- 6 Carol & Bob Dopp
3-13 Gerald Beroldi & ?? ??

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER

Kim Capozio joined Prairie last Sunday after her 16th birthday. Welcome, Kim.

PRAIRIE OFFICE NEEDS BOOKSHELVES

The office has been reorganized and is much improved. However it is in need of a set of bookshelves 52 1/2" high, 28" wide, and 9" deep. Please contact Fran Remeika, 845-7292.

ESPECIALLY FOR NEWCOMERS

Are you a newcomer among us, or perhaps not so new, and would welcome a chance to learn more about us? Are you curious about the history of Prairie Society and what sorts of programs and activities we offer? Have you wanted to share with others thoughts about your own religious background? Have you wanted to get an overall view of Unitarian-Universalism?

If so, you are invited to attend any or all of three orientation meetings scheduled for Sunday evenings in March. Each meeting will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and take place at the home of Ruth and George Calden, 4606 Waukesha St. If you are interested, sign your name on the "Orientation Meetings" sheet on the table in our meeting room or call Barb Park, 635-7519 or Ruth Calden, 233-5717.

The first meeting will be Sunday evening March 6, 7:30-9:30 with the title: "Looking At Your Own Religious Past."

DON'T YOU WANT YOUR COOKBOOK?

Rachel Siegfried has copies of the Prairie Kitchen Companion for the people listed below. She would be glad to get them off her hands.

Julia Broughton	Sandra Stephens
Linda Russell	Val Hagan
	Kathy Story