CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
7:30 p.m. -- SOLO DISCOVERY -- program for singles at First Unitarian Soc.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
10:00 a.m. -- UUA PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES: SHOULD THEY CHANGE WITH THE TIMES? Discussion led by Barb Park
10:00 a.m. -- Religious Education classes
Child care available
11:30 a.m. -- Potluck lunch

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
10:00 a.m. -- SANCTUARY: Discussion led by Les Lyons and Barb Park
10:00 a.m. -- Special activities for children
Child care available

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
10:00 a.m. -- MANY CONNECTIONS: OAK LEAVES, PUSSY WILLOWS & YOU. A sharing of memories brought forth by artifacts of nature. Mary Mullen.
A program for kids and adults.
10:00 a.m. -- Religious Education classes
Child care available

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
10:00 a.m. -- PRESERVING NATURES TRAILS: The E-Ways, an environmental corridor preservation project. Panel discussion with Phillip Lewis, David Wallner, and Mary Mullen.
10:00 a.m. -- Religious Education classes
Child care available
5:00 p.m. -- Board Meeting at Prairie (including potluck)
7:00 p.m. -- Spring Parish Meeting at Prairie

R. E. CORNER

Erin Bosch is working with our second-third-and fourth-graders on a unit called "Making Decisions." The material is taken from a new curriculum called Stepping Stones which was developed in Ottawa for use with 8 to 11 year olds by the Rev. Margaret Gooding. They have considered the choices which they are allowed to make and those choices which are made for them. Along with a consideration of the Golden Rule they have been sharing experiences with "hurt feelings." In the future they'll be doing some role-playing to prepare for situations where others may ask about their religion.

Next Sunday before our potluck, take a tour of the Sunday School area. Have one of your five, six, or seven year old friends tell you about their special hideout. A second, third or fourth grader can show you the mural they've made about the family of humankind. Our middle schoolers in the U.U. & You group have made five wishes for Prairie which are very interesting.

The U.U. & You class is planning activities for all the children on Easter Sunday, April 3. Each child will need a basket or a bag. Dayle Haglund

SUGGESTED MOTTO FOR PRAIRIE R.E. PROGRAM:
"If you're going to turn out to be a really good person, you have to get an early start on it." From Vivian Wood's March 13 talk at Prairie. Suggested by D. Wetherby.

POTLUCK LUNCH ON MARCH 27
Don't miss it!!
U.U. & YOU CLASS TO QUIZ THE ADULTS!

This next Sunday, March 27, when the adults arrive for the program on the U.U.A., they will be greeted by a challenge from the U.U. & You class: a brief questionnaire about U.U. statistics. Do you know how many UU Societies and Fellowships there are in the United States? Do try this question and the others, and then join us on the stage after the service to look at our pin up and graphs to see how well you did! See you then.

The U.U. & You Class

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEXT YEAR

There will be an R.E.Committee Meeting on March 29 at 7:30 at the home of Erin Bosch, 441 Hilton Dr. We will be discussing the proposed curriculum for next year and looking over a list of possible teachers. We would appreciate any input from Prairie members. Also if you think you might possibly be interested in teaching a class but don’t know what it entails, this might be a good meeting to attend. Erin Bosch, 238-6285

SPRING PARISH MEETING AGENDA

As announced earlier, the Spring parish meeting will take place on Sunday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Prairie. Here is the agenda:

1. Minutes of fall parish meeting
2. Committee reports
3. Treasurer's report
4. Proposed Bylaws changes/additions
   a. Definition of members
   b. Making Membership Committee a Board position
   c. Creation of a Ceremonies Committee
5. Discussion of inside and outside nuclear free zone signs
6. Election of next year's officers
7. Nomination of next year's lay ministers
8. Nomination and election of members of next year's Committee on Committees

The food motif for the spring meeting will be cheese, sausage, wine, and cider. Be creative, and come prepared.

The proposed amendments to the Bylaws are included in this issue of Prairie Fire.

Marty Drapkin

SOCIAL ACTION

An urgent Action Plea from the UUSC and the president of the UUA calls on us to protest to President Reagan and Congress against the Administration's plan to escalate U.S. military involvement in El Salvador.

Have you wondered how much of your tax money supports the military? According to the Friends Committee on National Legislation, 36.1% of personal income taxes goes for current military spending (1/5 of it for nuclear weapons) and a further 17.7% pays for costs of past wars (veterans' benefits and war-related interest on the national debt.) A total of 53.8% of your income tax pays for past, present and future wars. Less than 1% of your tax goes for U.N. and other international programs, multilateral and bilateral development programs, P.L.480 food and the Peace Coop, and refugee assistance combined.

Unity Church in Monona has a program called "People Helping People", designed to provide part-time employment and supplemental income for people who have lost their jobs. They try to make connections between people who need temporary work and people who need small jobs done and can pay for them. Unity Church also sponsors a free support group--"Life After Layoff"--for unemployed people. It meets at the Friends Meeting House from 3-4 on Sunday afternoons.

Some coming events, courtesy of the current Wisconsin CALC Newsletter:
March 25, 7-10p.m. Vigil (7 p.m.) and ecumenical memorial service: "In Search of Peace with Justice: Remembering Archbishop Romero." St. Paul's Catholic Center, 723 State St.

March 27, 7p.m. Agenda for a Prophetic Faith, Dr. James Luther Adams, eminent UU theologian, speaking on "Prophetic Faith in times of Crisis: The Church Under Nazism." Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Dr.

April 6, 7:30p.m. "What About the Russians?" A program sponsored by Education for Social Responsibility, Wisconsin Center, 702 Langdon St.

April 7, 8p.m. Robert Aldridge, former missile design engineer, speaking on first-strike weaponry. State Historical Society Auditorium.

April 16, 7 & 7p.m. and April 17, 1 & 7:30p.m. "If you Love This Planet", political propaganda from the National Film Board of Canada, featuring Dr. Helen Caldicott. St.Paul's Catholic Center, 723 State St.