



# Prairie Fire

Newsletter of

## Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

*As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky,  
let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world,  
and with one another.* FROM PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

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### CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, JULY 17

- 9:00a.m.--Potluck breakfast
- 10:00a.m.--NICARAGUA TODAY by Mirette Sierg, Dept of Nutrition, Universidad Centro American, Managua, Nicaragua
- 10:00a.m.--Child care available

#### SATURDAY, JULY 23

- 7:00-10pm.-THE ETHNIC IMPURITIES will be singing and folk dancing for the benefit of the Sanctuary Project at Prairie. See poster

#### SUNDAY, JULY 24

- 10:00a.m.--THE STORY OF AMOS & SANCTUARY FOR REFUGEES FROM EL SALVADOR by Les Lyons, Barbara Park and Amos
- 10:00a.m.--Child care available
- 11:30a.m.--Potluck lunch

#### SUNDAY, JULY 31

- 9:00a.m.--Potluck breakfast
- 10:00a.m.--GAMES NEW AND OLD by Dodie Chapru
- 10:00a.m.- Baby care available

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### POTLUCKS AT PRAIRIE

- Sunday, July 17 9:00 a.m. breakfast
- Sunday, July 24 11:30 a.m. lunch
- Sunday, July 31 9:00 a.m. breakfast

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### BENEFIT FOR SANCTUARY PROJECT OF ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

JULY 23, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. AT PRAIRIE  
Munchies - Beer - Lemonade  
\$2.00 adults 75¢ children  
MUSIC & FOLK DANCING FOR ALL AGES!  
Featuring THE ETHIC IMPURITIES

### SANCTUARY FOR SALVADORANS

In case you have been preoccupied lately with swimming, eating watermelons and ice cream, and keeping cool, here's a reminder about some upcoming Prairie activities in support of the St. Francis Sanctuary Project for Salvadoran refugees:

On Saturday evening, July 23, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Prairie will present a fund-raising benefit for the Sanctuary Project (see enclosed flyer). There'll be music and folk dancing for people of all ages, as well as food and refreshments. The Ethnic Impurities will be there, so come and dance yours socks off. If you can help with arrangements for the event, please get in touch with Rachel Siegfried or Barb Park.

On Sunday morning, July 24, the guest at our regular service will be Amos Arismendi, who is in sanctuary at St. Francis House. Amos, and one or more spokespersons from the Sanctuary Project, will speak about the political/social realities in El Salvador, and give us an inkling of what it is like to live under the threat of torture and death from your own government. The service and discussion will be followed by a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to pass and get acquainted with Amos.

### MORE ABOUT AMOS ARISMENDI

Amos entered the law school of the Catholic University in El Salvador in 1979. The law curriculum required a practicum in constitutional law. The practicum was to inform illiterates and rural workers of the obligations and rights of citizens according to the Constitution of El Salvador. Despite threats from the military, the law students

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completed the practicum because it was both a legal activity and a course requirement. Afterwards, three of his colleagues "disappeared". When the corpses of two were found, horribly mutilated, Amos left El Salvador. He first tried to re-establish himself in Honduras at the University there, but was again threatened by the military. Finally, he fled to the United States earlier this year, and has been living at St. Francis House since May 23.

leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand. To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud. To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music. To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth: it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within. Worship is a loneliness seeking communion; it is a thirsty land crying out for rain. Worship is kindred fire within our hearts; it moves through deeds of kindness and through acts of love. Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the mystery beyond. It is an inarticulate silence yearning to speak; it is the window of the moment open to the sky of the eternal.

Dayle Haglund

ANDREW MATTARELLA-MICKE BORN JULY 10

According to Aileen Nettleton mother and child are doing fine as are father and Peter.

REMEMBER TO PAY PLEDGES

Mel Micke, treasurer, reminds Prairie folks that summer pledges should be sent to him at 636 Sheldon St., (53711). He reports that we are running behind and will need to pay bills soon.

AN INVITATION FROM JUDY SPRING

"If you're ever in the D.C. area, remember that our house is your house." Judy & Kristi Spring, 4113 Wadsworth Ct.#204 Annandale, VA 22003. (home) 703-642-8367 (office) 202-347-2279.

FROM OUR R.E. DIRECTOR

This past week I've spent immersed in the second module of the Renaissance program, which is a training program of five parts for lay Directors of Religious Education sponsored by the UUA. In April Erin Bosch and I completed the Teacher Training module in Chicago. At Lake Geneva, amid all the wonderful vibrations of the community of nearly 600 U-U's I completed the worship module. The program committee paid part of my expenses to attend this workshop. I look forward to finishing the remaining modules on Philosophy, Curriculum and Administration.

The worship module led me to a new definition of the word which can be the soul of our liberal beliefs. The experience was one of profound growth for me, both in terms of the content and process of the workshop, and also in my own personal growth. The words of Jacob Trapp make for me a fine Unitarian-Universalist view of the experiences we want for our children and for ourselves:

To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a

We owe a great thanks to Alice Bullen and Shirley Lake who are both retiring from the R. E. Committee after many years of fine service to Prairie. Our Religious Education Committee functions to direct and support the R.E. Director, to set goals and policy for our children's programming and religious education classes. Typical jobs might be reading and reviewing new curricula for various age groups and making recommendations for use with our children. Members also prepare juice and snacks for the children so the R.E. Director can get upstairs occasionally for the adult program. The committee plans for the needs of about one-fourth of the people who call Prairie home. We meet about once a month. Members of this committee should NOT teach so as to provide the support our teachers need. Please contact either Erin Bosch or Linda Nelson if you'd like to be part of the HEART of Prairie!

Religious Education Committee 1983-84  
Erin Bosch Co-Chair Diane Chambliss  
Linda Nelson Co-Chair Les Lyons  
Norma Martin Dayle Haglund R.E. Director

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FOR SALE

Marty Drapkin has taken our 1983 Prairie kids photo. It is available in a 5" x 7" print for five dollars. We can have some smaller ones made too, if you prefer. Make your wishes known by signing the sheet on the bulletin board at Prairie.

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NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE, JULY 24