



# 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. *Prairie's Bond of Union*

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## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30p.m.--R.E. committee meeting at Erin Bosch's, 441 Hilton Dr.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:45a.m.--The Mike Feldman Show (broadcast live over WHA). Club DeWash (See story about a Prairie table)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00a.m.--BLUE KNIGHTS IN MADTOWN: two Madison police officers talk about their lives and experiences.

10:00a.m.--Religious Education classes begin and infant and child care is available.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30p.m.--Solo Discovery--A human relations group for singles at First Society (see story)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10:00a.m.--GIRLS IN TROUBLE: OFFENDERS OR VICTIMS? Patricia Warner discusses a recent study and 2 young women talk about their lives.

10:00a.m.--R.E. classes and infant and child care available.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30p.m.--Board Meeting at Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Place. Home, 233-5795 or work, 262-7960. Everyone welcome.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30a.m.--R.E. Conference at First Society: "Facing the Moonshadow" (see story)

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## MEET YOUR LAY MINISTER

Marty Drapkin, known to many as our immediate past president, will begin this season with his lay ministry -- "Crime and Punishment". Although his face is newly-shorn of the salt-and-pepper beard, his wise and dignified image is not diminished.

Marty's interest in corrections stems from his profession which has involved training of jail officers for seven years and recently involves heading a small consulting firm offering jailer training and consultation on policy and procedure development in jails.

Besides consulting, Marty runs True Portrait Photography. "So-named after a quotation from Dorian Gray: 'A true portrait is more than just a picture of you.' (Note: Several Oscar Wilde scholars contacted about this have no knowledge of such a quote)," speaketh old-wise-one Marty.

Since all work no play brings dullness, Marty also has been the coach and general manager for 5 years of a coed volleyball team. Yes, he plays, too. He is also the founder and director of the Prairie Unitarian Kazoo Revue, which I look forward to listening to at Upham Woods again. Yes, he plays, too.

Good luck, Marty!

Karen Aubrey

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7:30p.m.--The Playreaders will meet at Rosemary Dorney's, 4205 Odana Rd. phone: 238-4382. We will read THE RUNNER STUMBLES. For allergy reasons, no smoking inside the house.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE, SEPTEMBER 18

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

The theme of my lay ministry is "Crime and Punishment," and I think that it will be an interesting series of programs. Here's a brief overview:

Sept. 11--"Blue Knights in Madtown": two Madison police officers, a man and a woman, talk about their lives and experiences out in the trenches. A specific topic will be handling of sexual assault victims.

Sept. 18--"Girls in Trouble: Offenders or Victims?" Patricia Warner discusses the results of a recent study on juvenile female offenders, and two young women in that very category talk about their lives.

Oct. 2--"Just Desserts: The Criminal Sentencing Process" Judge Mark Frankel leads group exercise designed to illustrate the complex issues involved in criminal sentencing, and how the media often clouds those issues.

Oct. 16--"Prisons: Life in the Big House" George Smullen, education director at the prison at Waupun, leads a discussion on prison life, with an emphasis on the psychological effects of incarceration on people.

Oct. 30--"Prisons: The Inmate Perspective" Several inmates currently confined at Oakhill Correctional Institution talk about prisons and prison life as they have experienced it.

Nov. 6--"Women Offenders: A Psychological Perspective" Dr. Joy Kenworthy, chief psychologist at Taycheedah Correctional Institution, leads a discussion about women offenders, emphasizing some of the common psychological factors that she has seen, e.g. learned helplessness and a pattern of dependency.

Nov. 13--"Prostitution: A Day in the Life" Fai De Mark and Iris Christensen, members of the Dane County Task Force on Prostitution, along with a practitioner or an ex-practitioner from that line of work, talk about what life is like for many prostitutes, and how many of them feel about their lives.

Nov. 20--Wrap-Up Program: In an attempt to try to tie together the series of programs, we'll talk about some of our ideas and perceptions about offenders and about the criminal justice system. No conclusions promised.

In planning this series of programs, I've tried to de-emphasize "issues" per se, and instead have tried to focus on the lives of some people that most of us don't have much contact with: police, prisoners, and so on. I hope simply that we can all come away with a little bit better understanding of those lives.

Specifically, considering our interest in feminist issues I've tried to focus on the

lives and experiences of girls and women who have gotten in trouble with the law. We'll hear first-hand about some of their experiences.

Finally, I think (or hope) that you'll like the musical selections I've chosen for my programs. I can't say anything more about that at this time. See you on Sunday.

Marty Drapkin

## LEGAL STATUS FOR A "LIVING WILL"?

On August 23 the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services held a hearing on Bill 513 which would grant legal status to a "living will" in Wisconsin--that is, permit one to decide in advance to forego heroic treatment in terminal illness and with luck to have that decision respected. I appeared as an individual to put in my 2 cents worth in favor of the bill. It will probably be weeks if not months before the committee reports the bill pro or con to the Assembly.

John M. Grindrod

## PLEDGES NEEDED

Please send in your pledges for 82-83. Our new fiscal year begins October 1 and we'd like to have all pledges in as soon as possible. Send to Mel Micke, 636 Sheldon St. Madison, WI 53711.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND AN EVENING WITH AN INTERESTING STRANGER?

First Society is sponsoring an R.E. conference on September 24. The title is: Facing the Moonshadow: Teaching about the Threat of Nuclear War and the Possibilities for a Just Peace". People from Illinois, Missouri. and Wisconsin will be attending. If you would be willing to provide bed and breakfast Sept. 24-25 for someone attending the conference please call Erin Bosch at 238-6285. It can be fun to meet UU's from other cities.

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Solo Discovery will meet on Saturday, September 17 at First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Dr. Registration begins at 7:30. A \$2.00 donation is requested. This month's discussion topic is "What makes you laugh?"  
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Bob West made his first solo flight last week. Congratulations, Bob, and good luck.  
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Thanks to all who helped with child care during the summer programs at Prairie. We usually had 5-8 children but this last Sunday, September 4, we had 11 children.

Alice Bullen

## PRAIRIE TABLE AT CLUB DEWASH ON SEPTEMBER 10

If you're a fan of the Mike Feldman Show (9-11a.m., Saturdays on WHA), why not join us there on Saturday, September 10. You can plan on breakfast, brunch, drinks, or just coffee (etc.). Reservations are not needed. Just show up at the Club De Wash, 636 W. Washington Ave., at 8:45a.m. We'll have a Prairie Table, and it should be fun. Join us if you can.

Pat Watkins

"PHILOSOFEST I" on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 to 5:30 at the North Shore Unitarian Church. This is a layperson's conference to examine UU theologies. Major speakers are Rev. Jack Mendelsohn, Bedford, MA and author of WHY I AM A UU. Rev. David Parke, Boston, MA, ed. of UU World, and Rev. Marni Harmony of Brookfield, Wis.

More information about this conference is on the bulletin board at Prairie.

## RHUBARB CRUNCH

I have been asked by several people to provide the recipe for the rhubarb desert that I have brought to Prairie several times. This is the recipe for those who are interested. It comes from Mennonite Community Cookbook.

### Rhubarb Crunch

Mix until crumbly:

- 1 cup flour, sifted
- 3/4 cup uncooked oatmeal
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup melted butter (or oleo)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Press half of crumbs in a greased 9" pan. Add diced rhubarb.

Combine the following:

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cook these ingredients until thick & clear. Pour over rhubarb.

Top with remaining crumbs.

Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

When I have taken this to Prairie I have usually doubled this recipe and used a 9x13 x2 pan.

Alice Bullen

## PRAIRIE KIDS PHOTO FOR SALE

An R.E. photo of Prairie children for 1983-84 will be available for sale. Call or see Dayle Haglund, 837-9044.

## CLIPBOARDS

### KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

September 11 Barb Park & ? ?  
September 18 Rita Refner & Dick Bonser  
September 25 Les Lyons & Anne Reardon

### BUILDING CLEAN-UP

September 11 Brent Haglund & ? ?  
September 18 Julia & Geoff Bonser  
September 25 Betty Jallings & ? ?

### LAWN MOWING

Week of  
September 11 Mike Lyman  
September 18 Gerald Beroldi  
September 25 Dorothy Wetherby

## YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THESE CONFERENCES:

R.E. FALL CONFERENCE, SEPT. 24, at First Society in Madison. FACING THE MOONSHADOW: Teaching about the threat of nuclear war and the possibility for a just peace. Registration starts at 8:30 and the first lecture starts at 9:30 with Dick Ringler as the speaker, President of the Wis. Educators for Social Responsibility.

More information about this conference is on the bulletin board at Prairie.

## MADISON UUs MARCHED ON WASHINGTON

Three Prairians and two First Society members joined the August 28th march commemorating the 20th anniversary of the March on Washington at which Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. Madison was represented by four bus-loads and a number who went by private car.

Karen Aubrey, Julie Bonser, and Leland Bullen represented Prairie (Julie was officially part of her union's delegation). Mike and Kelley Scott are First Society members.

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Thanks to all who sponsored my trip to the Jobs, Peace & Freedom March in Washington D.C.

Unfortunately, I suffered from heat stroke at the rally. That experience definitely dominated my perceptions.

However, the eclectic gathering of people, all at the same place in the same time for different reasons, strengthened my belief in the existence of diversity with harmony.

Peace be with you, too.

Karen Aubrey

PRAIRIE SOCIETY  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES  
1983--1984

Sixth-Eighth Graders

Our middle schoolers have an exciting and challenging year ahead. They will explore the curriculum: HOW CAN I KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE? This material explores questions such as How Can I Know What to Believe about God? and explores the lives of early humanists while encouraging our students to affirm their own beliefs.

Teachers: Shawn Pollack, Jean Campbell, Leslie Oakes, Dorothy Wetherby, Carolyn Campen and Carl Sparrow.

\* \* \* For Your Calendar: Middle School Overnight at Pat Cautley's cabin beginning Sat. Sept. 17.

Third-Fifth Grade Class

THE STEPPING STONE YEAR will be the basic curriculum for these children. They will study various myths about creation and death. In February and March they will look at the story of Moses from the Bible. Later stories from modern science will serve to integrate our rational religious belief. Their culminating trip to the Field Museum in Chicago on May 13. This will give them the opportunity to see many of the things they've been discussing from human fetal development to Egyptian Mummies.

Teachers: Erin Bosch, Nancy Hartog, Dan Laux, Norma Martin and Rick Ruecking.

Kindergarten-Second Grade

This primary age group will work with the second year of materials from the HAUNTING HOUSE curriculum which we call "A Place of One's Own." They will focus on their lives as part of our larger community.

Teachers: Peg Stevenson, Bob Nelson, and Beth Price-Marcus.

Preschool

Our preschoolers will work on feeling comfortable at Prairie and on their own away from parents. They will use some curriculum materials from THE GROWING YEARS.

Teacher: Tami Carter

Baby care

Parents and others will be expected to volunteer their services to care for the three or more babies that we may have at Prairie on Sunday mornings. We have a room for the babies and a sign-up sheet will be available to share the chore and joys of the little ones at Prairie. Alice Bullen will be in charge of the sign-up sheet.