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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
10:00 a.m. -- WOMEN OFFENDERS: A PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE by Dr. Joy Kenworthy, chief psychologist at Taycheedah Correctional Institution.

10:00 a.m. -- R.E. Classes; Baby & Child care

5:00 p.m. -- Solo Discovery Planning Meeting & potluck at Bob West’s, 305 Nautilus

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
8:00 p.m. -- Theater Party with Prairie Playreaders (see story)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
10:00 a.m. -- PROSTITUTION: A DAY IN THE LIFE with Fai DeMark and Iris Christensens, members of Dane Co. Task Force on Prostitution.

10:00 a.m. -- R.E. Classes; Baby & Child care

11:30 a.m. -- Nifty Gifty Planning Meeting

5:00 p.m. -- Prairie Board Meeting with potluck supper at Prairie

7:30 p.m. -- Fall Parish Meeting at Prairie

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
10:00 a.m. -- Wrap-up of series on Crime and Punishment by Marty Drapkin.

10:00 a.m. -- R.E. Classes; Baby & Child care

PLAYREADERS THEATER PARTY
Saturday, November 12 at 8 p.m., the Prairie Playreaders will meet for a theater party for the play: The Good Woman of Setzuan playing at the University’s Mitchell Theater. Call Pat Watkins, 233-5795 or 262-7960 for more information.

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The R.E. Committee met on October 23 to consider plans for December and January.

Fran Remeika has suggested an intergenerational service to "make Christmas." We'll make Christmas and holiday decorations and also deck the hall at Prairie. Dorothy Wetherby, Dayle Haglund and Fran will plan this event which is scheduled for Dec. 4.

On December 11 at the Nifty Gifty the children will be able to make 3 or 4 gifts for parents and friends and take them home wrapped. The Nifty Gifty will begin at 9:00 that morning. We'll need adults who aren't parents of Prairie Sunday Schoolers to help with this surprise. Dayle Haglund, Peg Stevenson, and Linda Nelson will plan this morning. Please come to a short planning meeting for the Nifty Gifty on November 13 after the service.

We'll have our Christmas/Solstice Program on December 18 so families and friends who will be leaving for the holiday can participate. The R.E. Committee will coordinate this.

We have traditionally given our teachers a break in January, planning activities and service projects for the children. Volunteers are needed to work with our children for these first three Sundays in January.

Dayle Haglund

REMEMBER

Please return UNICEF boxes on Sunday, November 6.

NEXT PrairIE Fire DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 13
NECESSARY BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Although much was accomplished during our last building clean-up, much still remains to be done. And you can help! Perhaps you would like to pick one room to shape up or only one task to do, whatever! Feel free to choose any task. After completing the task, scratch it off the in-house list found on the clipboard hanging near the upstairs bulletin board and notify me (Karen Aubrey, 241-0076) so I can scratch it off my list.

LIST OF JOBS:
Kitchen & hallway--replace tile
R.E. rooms, back stairwell, men's bathroom, and the office need scraping, patching and painting. Also curtains to be put up in the R.E. rooms, office and men's bathroom.
Downspouts, elbows and pipes and gutters need to be painted.
Small trees need to be wrapped for winter. Also, a 50' piece of hose is needed. This could be smaller sections.

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP
In order to do a thorough job cleaning the kitchen, I would like to organize a clean-up on Sunday, November 6 after the service. With a group of us working together, we'll get it done faster.

R.E. OFFICE
Also, the R.E. Office needs to be reorganized and thoroughly cleaned.
If there are other tasks you see that need doing, add them to the in-house list and call me to add it to my list.
Thanks for all your cooperation,
Sandwiches and coffee will be available after the clean-up. Call me if you'd like to make some sandwiches or if you have questions. Karen Aubrey, 241-0076.

LIST OF JOBS (continued):

BUILDING CLEANUP
Nov. 6 Alice & Lee Bullen
Nov. 13 ? & ?
Nov. 20 ? & ?

KITCHEN CLEANUP
Nov. 6 Alice & Lee Bullen
Nov. 13 ?
Nov. 20 Alice & Lee Bullen

BABY CARE
Nov. 6 Shirley Grindrod
Nov. 13 ?
Nov. 20 Alison McKee

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS
Nov. 6 Cathy Cole
Nov. 13 Shirley & Jim Lake
Nov. 20 Martha Fineman

ANNE REARDON INVITES PRAIRIE FRIENDS
It's my party -- so I hope at least some of my Prairie friends will join me to celebrate my official housewarming and my 33 1/3 (one-third-of-a-century) birthday.
Come to 657 S. Segoe Rd, Apt. 4, (just about 1 block north of intersection of Segoe and Odana), on Saturday, November 12 starting at 8:30p.m. Beer and munchies will be provided; bring wine if you like. Please park on Segoe Rd!!
Anne Reardon

TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS AT SHABAZZ HIGH SCHOOL
Come see "The Rook" and "The Real Inspector Hound"--two one-act plays at Shabazz High School located at 1601 N. Sherman Ave. The plays will be performed on November 3 at 7:30p.m. There will be a potluck at 6:00p.m. Admission is free!
"The Rook" will also be performed at the Civic Center on November 14 and "The Real Inspector Hound" on November 15 starting at 6:00p.m. If you have any questions call Kim Capozio, 221-2679 or Geoff Bonser, 274-3248.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR OR POST THIS LIST FOR THE PLAYREADERS EVENTS
The Playreaders schedule for the coming year will hopefully help you avoid conflicts and not miss out on our thespian and social delights.
November 12: Theater Party - University Theater production of Bertold Brecht's The Good Woman of Setzuan.
December 28: At Pat Watkins, 233-5795, Thompson's West Side Waltz or Orkeny's Catsplay.
January 21: At Rachel Siegfried's, 271-2173, Noel Coward's Private Lives or Jean Kerr's Finishing Touches.
February 4: At Dorothy Wetherby's, 255-3536, Ustinov's The Unknown Soldier and His Wife or Fighting Bob.
March 10: Theater Party - University Theater production of Stoppard's Travesties.
April 14: At Birong's, 233-5995, Pinter's The Birthday Party and The Room.
May 18: Annual Fish Fry.
SANCTUARY FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEES

St. Francis House has given sanctuary to another refugee from persecution in Central America, this time to Carlos Martinez, who fled his home because of the threat to his life from the Guatemalan government. A welcoming service for Carlos will be held Friday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis House. Representatives of endorsing congregations will participate; our President, Mike Briggs, will be there to represent Prairie.

St. Francis House expects that the Sanctuary program will cost upwards of $9,000 between now and next May. We will be asked to contribute, so watch for news.

A second Sanctuary Site is being established in Madison. It is a cooperative project involving Temple Beth-Israel, Bethany United Methodist Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and the Community of John XXIII.

Efforts are underway to send help to border churches, social service agencies and other organizations that are helping Central American refugees legally and materially. A benefit dinner for border advocacy will be held at the Cardinal Bar on Saturday, November 12, from 5 - 8 p.m. The cost will be $3.50 per person.

Les Lyons

FOREIGN STUDENTS NEED HOUSING

WESLI (Wisconsin English Second Language Institute), run by Gail and Jeff Dreyfuss, gets foreign students who may be in Madison for only two to six months. If they could board with a family they'd learn more English, and be spared the problems of finding and running an apartment. They could pay $200 to $250 per month for room, breakfast, and supper. Anyone who's interested, please call Gail at 257-4300 (daytime) or 233-6455.

I am delighted to announce that I have successfully defended my dissertation. Much thanks to all the people at Prairie who nurtured my soul while I worked on my research.

Cathy Cole

Calling all folK dancers

Beginners as well as old time folk dancers are invited to dance and socialize at the First Unitarian Society on Saturday, November 12 at 8 p.m.

Les Lyons

RE ACTIVITIES SUNDAY, NOV. 6

Pre-school: Making puppets with Tami Carter
K-2nd grade: A look at homes from around the world & making Yurts with Dayle Haglund and Bob Nelson.
3-5th grade: Review of & beginning of the world myths with Nancy Hartog and Dan Laux
6-8th grade: A visit from Anne Reardon with one of her latest productions: filmstrip on volcanoes. Also collecting & counting our UNICEF money with Pat Cautley & Shawn P.

November 13

Pre-school: Where does snow come from? with Tami Carter
K-2nd gr.: A look at apartment life with Beth Price-Marcus & Dayle Haglund
3-5th gr.: Unique You with Erin Bosch
6-8th gr.: To be decided.

PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING

The Prairie Board will meet at Prairie at 5:00 p.m. over potluck supper, November 13, before the general meeting.

AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING

1. Minutes of the last meeting
2. Budget
3. Definition of membership
4. New business

CLIP AND SAVE THIS LIST

PRAIRIE KIDS NEED

Oatmeal or cornmeal cartons
Strawberry cartons or baskets
Glass jars with tightly fitting lids
Frozen juice containers
Fabric scraps old socks
Buttons pine cones
Large grocery bags
Colored funny pages from newspapers
Drop these items off downstairs in the R.E. office. Thank you, Dayle Haglund

RECOGNITION AWARD

Bouquets of Prairie flowers to our own Ethnic Impurities for a great intergenerational service on UN Sunday, October 23! Thanks to Dodie Chapru, George and Ruth Calden, and Lee Burkholder.

Watch and discuss "The Day After", an ABC television program on the effects of nuclear war, with other Prairie friends at Prairie. On November 20, invite your friends and plan to share this TV film and the discussion afterwards. Pat Cautley
Dear Friends:

We present herewith the next-to-final draft, in two versions, of our proposal for amending the Purposes and Principles section of the Bylaws. We hope every congregation will take time this fall to discuss these two versions and inform the Committee by January 1, 1984 of:

1. which version is preferred, and

2. any suggestions concerning the text.

The Committee must meet to draw up a final form before February 1 if it is to appear on the Tentative Agenda for General Assembly 1984.

Our first version represents the basic work of the Committee, and is continuous upon the existing Bylaws, as modified in the course of our deliberations. It is close to the form of the present Bylaws.

The second version has been drawn to include substantially the same points as the first, but in a more evocative style. This is in response to many requests.

Either of these versions, if chosen, would take the place of the present Sections C.2.1 and C.2.2.

The principal difference between the two versions, therefore, is intended to be one of style. We ask you to indicate on the yellow reply form your preference between the two styles. But we also welcome comments and suggestions about either or both versions that would help us in drawing a final proposal for the G.A. in Columbus.

We are also including a brief report of the hearing at Vancouver, with some additional materials from the earlier questionnaire returns.

For background on the process behind these drafts, see the Purposes & Principles Handbook for Congregational Discussion, 1982, which every church and fellowship received. A limited number of copies is still available at 25 Beacon Street.

Sincerely,

PURPOSES & PRINCIPLES COMMITTEE

Walter Royal Jones, Jr.
Chair
Section C.2.1 Principles

The Unitarian Universalist Association is a voluntary association of congregations that value their distinct origins and their common quest.

The Unitarian Universalist tradition has drawn inspiration from

- the Judaic and Christian teachings to love God and neighbor;
- the humanist values of reason, self-knowledge and social responsibility;
- the call of prophecy and wisdom in East and West, in every age, to justice and mercy, truth and beauty;
- the direct experience of the transcending wonder and mystery of life, and the transforming power of love.

Unitarian Universalist congregations, enriched by a variety of religious perspectives, gather for worship and celebration, study and dialogue, companionship, service and social action.

The Association shall cherish, protect and foster this variety as a desirable consequence of religious pluralism.

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm their common dedication to the following principles which the Association will defend and promote:

(a) the free and disciplined search for truth and meaning;
(b) loving acceptance and spiritual growth in our religious communities;
(c) the supreme worth and dignity of every human being;
(d) equality and justice in human relationships;
(e) the use of democratic processes in the life of our congregations, and the wider community;
(f) the vision of a world community founded on law, justice and peace;
(g) respect for the integrity of the earth and its resources.

Section C.2.2 Purposes

The Unitarian Universalist Association shall devote its resources to and exercise its corporate powers for religious, educational and humanitarian purposes.

The primary purpose of the Association is to serve the needs of its member congregations, organize new congregations and otherwise extend and strengthen Unitarian Universalism.

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We, the churches and fellowships of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant together to promote and defend:

- the free and disciplined search for truth and meaning, knowing that such is an imperative for wholeness of the human spirit;
- the worth and dignity of every person, knowing that such is a necessity for the nurture of human community;
- the spread and advance of justice and equality, knowing that such is a requirement for the enhancement of human relationships;
- the integrity and balance of the natural world, knowing that such is a summons for human stewardship;
- the value and use of the democratic processes in our societies and wider community, knowing that such extends the reach of human freedom;
- the cooperative and mutual striving for peace and world community, knowing that such is indispensable to the cause of human survival;
- the loving acceptance and spiritual growth in our congregations, knowing that such is central to our religious community.

In our common journey toward these ends we offer one another our loyalty and assistance.

As free congregations of a free faith, we rejoice in the variety of religious traditions which enrich and ennoble our faith communities:

- the insights of the Judaic and Christian traditions which call us to love God and neighbor;
- the insights of the humanist traditions which call us to reason, a fuller self-understanding and a greater social responsibility;
- the insights of the traditions of wisdom and prophecy, from both East and West, which call us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which uphold and transform life.

As free congregations, we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

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