



# 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

Sunday, November 20

- 10:00a.m.--"Wrap Up" with Marty Drapkin
- 10:00a.m.--R.E. Classes; baby & child care
- 6:30p.m.--Discussion and viewing of The Day After, TV movie that begins at 7 p.m. on Ch. 27 (see story in Social Action Notes)

Sunday, November 27

- 10:00a.m.--MICHELANGELO WAS A UNIVERSALIST (MORE OR LESS), with slides of The Last Judgement. Led by Lois and Warren Hagstrom
- 10:00a.m.--R.E. Classes; baby & child care

Sunday, December 4

- 10:00a.m.--Seasonal Decorations & Ornaments for all Prairie folks
- 10:00a.m.--Child & baby care

### WRAP-UP

This Sunday, November 20, our service will be a wrap-up of my series of programs on crime and punishment. In small groups, we'll reflect back on some of the programs of the last two months, remember some of the people we've met, and will try to see how it all relates to our sense of shared values, attitudes and ideas. We may not necessarily reach a lot of conclusions, but that's okay; conclusions are over-rated. At least we can share a bit, and perhaps expand our horizons.  
Marty Drapkin

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Every effort will be made from now on to end the program and announcements by 11:15.  
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### R.E. CORNER

On November 20 the Kindergarteners, First, and Second Graders will be visiting Todd Lynch's cooperative home. These children have been thinking about living in apartments in cities. Our drivers will be Aileen Nettleton, Nancy Lynch, John Lewis, Bob Nelson, and Peg Stevenson.

Our Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders will learn about Jesus' birth on November 20 with Erin Bosch. On November 27 they will learn about the birth of Buddha. For this work we'll need a small statue of the Buddha. Does someone have one we can borrow? Please phone Erin Bosch, 238-6285, if you can loan one.

Be planning ahead for our intergenerational ornament-making event on December 4. Bring an example of a homemade decoration or ornament you can teach others to make. You'll need to bring all the supplies to share with other Prairie folks.

### FOR R.E. WE NEED YOU TO SAVE:

1. Any tin can lids and ends
2. Frozen juice cans
3. Constant Comment tea containers
4. Other Bigelow brand tea cartons

### \*\*\*\*\* R.E. RECOGNITION AWARDS

Much thanks to Metje Butler who has donated her gold-colored sofa to our Sunday School and to Betty Jollings who hauled it to Prairie in her truck!

Also thanks to the Prairie "Mice" who moved the library and cleaned the R.E. closet!  
Dayle Haglund

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PRO-SEEDS TO PRAIRIE by Metje Butler

The name of this on-going project, Pro-Seeds to Prairie, signifies that some of our expertise is of professional level, some just "seedling" professional, all useful in seeding Prairie's growth. Through it we can trade a job to be done for donation of wages to Prairie, or some effort and time for our donation of wages to Prairie.

Everyone is good at something, whether professional or self-taught; some of us have abilities we take for granted that others don't have, or time to use when others are short on time.

Everyone also has needs to fulfill, sometimes needing knowledge beyond their scope, sometimes requiring time not available to them.

Think about your own know-how and time schedule, and if you like the concept of Pro-Seeds to Prairie, sign on to buy or do, for Prairie. Cost for materials should be included in the price agreed upon so that the doer donates time, the receiver a job to be done, and Prairie finances receive nourishment.

EXAMPLES OF CATEGORIES:

Home: home insulation, electrical wiring, plumbing, masonry, carpentry, wood cutting, baby sitting, painting, household upkeep and others.

Cookie, pie, bread baking, interior design, plant health care, photography, lapidary, macrame for specific needs, upholstery, slip cover, drapes, sewing, repairs, lessons in most anything.

Business: income tax, compose a letter, type a paper, design a logo, finished art for printing, and any other professional thing.

The amount paid to Prairie for your service in the Pro-Seeds For Prairie may be used in your income tax form as a donation.

A list will be available each Sunday for reading and signing. Please be sure to supply phone number so negotiations can be completed. Look for Pro-Seeds for Prairie on the bulletin board.



The Annual International Holiday Festival will take place on Sunday, November 20 at the Madison Civic Center.

The Ethnic Impurities will perform at 2p.m. in the Isthmus Theater.

George Calden

SOCIAL ACTION NOTES

The Social Action Committee will meet at 7p.m. on Tuesday, November 29 at 186 Dixon Street, the home of it's chair person, Lance Green. We will review the varied social action concerns and activities supported by Prairie members in recent months, attempt to focus on one or two actions we can take together as a society, and determine our financial support for the UU Service Committee.

A planning meeting for the new Community Labor Religious Anti-Intervention Coalition will be held at 3p.m. Sunday, November 20 at the Wil Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer.

Purpose: to organize strategy, build up constituency network, and plan future activities. Contact Adam Schesch for more information, 256-2654.

The Clergy and Laity Concerned Annual Gathering of Peacemakers will be held Tuesday, November 22, 7:30p.m. at University United Methodist. An expression of solidarity with the German Friedenswoche (Peace Week), the Seneca Women's Peace Encampment will have a workshop and slide show at 8:15, followed by a discussion of the ELF encampment.

"THE DAY AFTER" AT PRAIRIE

Many of you have heard about "The Day After," a powerful account of the effects of nuclear war scheduled to air at 7p.m. Sunday, November 20 on ABC (Channel 27). This 2-hour movie portrays what life would be like after a nuclear attack on the United States, as seen through the eyes of a Kansas City doctor who survives the attack with his family and must begin to confront the suffering in its aftermath. From the scenes of desperate panic before the blast, to the death and destruction in its wake, "The Day After" may not be an easy movie to watch. But precisely because it so accurately portrays the destructive potential of nuclear war every adult is encouraged to watch the film. (It has been recommended that children under 12 not view this dramatic account.)

Because you may have strong emotional reactions to this movie, you may want to share this experience with others sensitive to these feelings. All are welcome to join us at Prairie beginning at 6:30 November 20 for a group viewing and discussion afterwards. Call Lance Green (249-5979) if you can bring a large-screen color TV.

Lance Green

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Next PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE November 27  
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1984 BUDGET ACCEPTED WITH FEW CHANGES

Following is a brief summary of the budget as accepted with a note about changes that were made at the Parish Meeting on November 13 at Prairie.

OPERATING EXPENSES

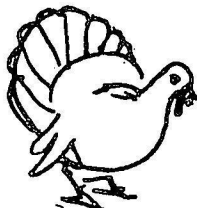
Program: accepted as presented:	\$1,700
Religious Education:	
accepted as presented:	\$3,886
Denominational Affairs: one change	
Central Midwest District changed	
from \$95 to \$100	\$1,670
Membership: accepted as presented	100
Long Range Planning:	
accepted as presented	50
Upham Woods Scholarships:	
accepted as presented	100
Ceremonies: accepted as presented	60
Prairie Fire: accepted as presented	1,000
Office: accepted as presented	565
Housing: Janitorial service was	
changed from \$768 to \$390	7,812
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$16,942</b>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Sound insulation and new windows were removed from this item to be treated separately. Tree removal was reduced to \$300. 700

The planning for new windows is to be carried out by the Housing and Finance committees with a report due to the Board and action at another Parish Meeting. A Veatch loan for the windows is not a possibility.

The interim budget (Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, '83) is half spent already and was accepted.



I'm having turkey at my house 3:30 on Thanksgiving Day, 193 Dixon. Sorry, I have no phone. There is no need to call ahead. It will be potluck other than turkey.

Karen Aubrey

R.E. KIDS MEET DIVING BEETLE

Last Sunday in the sharing circle, the children had a special treat when Metje Butler brought a diving beetle to show the children its interesting abilities and design qualities.

PRAIRIE UNICEF BOXES WERE OPENED

Pat Cautley has announced that the UNICEF boxes held a total of \$55.22 this year. Congratulations to the children who brought them back to Prairie with the donations.

WHOLISTIC FUNDRAISING

The Central Illinois Area Council is sponsoring a fund-raising seminar on December 2 & 3 at Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, 514 N. Walnut, Springfield, Illinois. It will be led by David Rickard who is recommended by UUA as a fund-raising consultant. For more information call Carol Dopp, 238-7419.

CLIPBOARDS	
BUILDING CLEAN-UP	
Nov. 20	Les Lyons & Lee Bullen
" 27	?? & ??
Dec 4	Aileen Nettleton & Carolyn Haessly
KITCHEN CLEAN-UP	
Nov. 20	?? & ??
" 27	Bob West & ??
Dec 4	Gerold Beroldi & Gail Ostler
SNOW SHOVELING	
Nov. 20	??
" 27	Mike Briggs
Dec. 4	??
BABY CARE	
Nov. 20	Alison McKee
" 27	Alice Bullen
SNACKS FOR R.E.	
NOV. 20	Martha Fineman
" 27	Micke-Matterella

IF YOU ARE MOVING...

You can save Prairie a quarter by calling Alice or Lee Bullen at 838-8055 or sending a card to them, 5313 Main St., McFarland, WI 53558. Thanks