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, DECEMBER 4
10:00 a.m. -- DECK THE HALLS - Family Program, Making Seasonal Decorations and Ornaments: Dayle Haglund and Fran Remeika
10:00 a.m. -- Baby & child care available

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
7:30 p.m. -- R.E. Committee Meeting at Prairie

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
9:00 a.m. -- The Nifty Gifty for children, see R.E. Notes
10:00 a.m. -- WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART: MUSIC IN THE FAMILY; Warren & Lois Hagstrom
10:00 a.m. -- Baby & child care available
5:00 p.m. -- Solo Discovery Planning Meeting - No-cook potluck, at Prairie

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
10:00 a.m. -- WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION: Family Program led by Erin Bosch
10:00 a.m. -- Baby care available

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
NO MORNING SERVICE
5:00 p.m. -- Informal meeting for singing and fun

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
7:30 p.m. -- Solo Discovery Meeting at First Society
9:00 p.m. -- New Year's Eve Party, First Soc.

YOU AND THE UU
The last meeting of the series for new members will meet at Rachel Siegfried's home on December 11 at 7 p.m., 5209 Tolman Terrace.

R.E. NOTES
At our Deck the Hall intergenerational service this Sunday, December 4, come prepared to make an ornament or decoration for Prairie! At least 12 Prairie people are prepared with all the materials and instructions we will need to make ornaments. (The difficult part will be selecting which ornament you'd like to make.) Our pre-schoolers will be with us for the opening song and will be ushered out for their own activities. Let's create an alternative Christmas made with natural and recycled materials.

THE NIFTY GIFTY: FOR KIDS ONLY, DEC. 11, 9a.m.
You can make 4 or 5 gifts for your family and friends on December 11, 9 a.m. to 11:15.
1. Bring 50¢ to pay for supplies.
2. Bring a recent snap shot or school picture of yourself.
3. Remember to come early - at 9 a.m.
We'll also practice for our Christmas service which will be December 18.

The R.E. Committee will meet on Monday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Prairie. Agenda items include: December programs, January interim, baby care, and 2nd semester curriculum. Everyone is welcome.

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will each need a Bible for our study of Moses beginning January 29. We will be looking for copies of the Revised Standard Version. Do you have one we can use? Dayle Haglund

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: DECEMBER 11
MUSIC AND ART LAY MINISTRY CONTINUES

The lay ministry of Lois and Warren Hagstrom will continue on December 11 with a program about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Music in the Family. The music will be provided by members of the Prairie congregation. It will be coordinated by Warren.

Congratulations to Hugh Iltis, whose major article on the genetics and origin of corn was just published in *Science* magazine.

With winter here, Prairie attenders are urged to avoid parking in front of the crosswalk to make it easier for older people, especially, to get in and out of their cars. Thank you.

If you misplace your Prairie Fire, you can now find out what's happening at Prairie by calling the Prairie phone number. All the coming events that will fit are being added weekly to our 60 second recorded message.

EVA WILLIAMS DEFENSE

Local people are appealing for $1.00 donations to cover the legal expenses of Eva Williams who was raped by a Holmes County, Mississippi, sheriff deputy while she was in jail there on a charge of murdering her husband, a charge which has now been dropped.

After the sheriff and her court-appointed attorney refused to believe her, she was moved to the state mental hospital in Whitfield, where she remained for two months.

Through the help of Eddie Carthan, the black mayor of Chulla, who was also in jail on charges of murder and assault, the United League, a local civil rights group, took up her cause and raised $2500 for her defense.

The present appeal for funds is to repay personal loans taken on by members of that group and to make it possible for Eva Williams to prosecute the rape charges. About $1300 has been raised and another $1200 is needed.

$1.00 contributions can be sent to:
Eva Williams Defense
% Phyllis Anthony
317 Eugenia Apt 2
Madison WI 53705

Checks should be made out to Eddie Carthan Support Committee with a memo: for Eva Williams.

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STANFIELD SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM OF THE UUA

The Stanfield Scholarships are funded by the income from two approximately equal trust funds, and are known as the OTTO M. STANFIELD LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP and the MARION BAAR STANFIELD ART SCHOLARSHIP.

The legal scholarship provides financial assistance to one or more Unitarian Universalist students in law school. The art scholarship provides financial assistance to one or more Unitarian Universalist students in a school devoted to the study of art, or enrolled in an approved independent study project. For purposes of awarding art scholarships, the term "art" refers to the fine arts of painting, drawing, and sculpturing.

Inquiries should be addressed to:
Stanfield Scholarships Program
Unitarian Universalist Association
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108

Closing date for applications: February 15
Notification date: Not later than June 1

POTLUCK AT 6:30 ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

There will be a potluck at 6:30 and folk dancing at 8 p.m. at First Unitarian on December 3. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The beverage is provided. Instruction in beginning level dancing followed by request dancing.

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BUILDING CLEAN-UP

12-4 Aileen Nettleton & Carolyn Haessly
12-11 Pat Cautley & Mike Briggs
12-18 Jim Novak & ??

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

12-4 Gerald Beroldi & Gail Ostler
12-11 Ruth & George Calden
12-18 Lu Kummerow & Martha Fineman

SNOW SHOVELING

12-4 Bob Park
12-11 Geoff Bonser
12-18 ??

BABY CARE

12-4 ??
12-11 Kim Capozio
12-18 ??
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION--DECEMBER 18

Prairie will be having its main Christmas celebration on December 18 to accommodate the many people who leave town for the holidays. There will also be a program on Christmas day at Prairie.

The December 18 program will include our traditional symbol tree. Everyone is encouraged to participate by bringing an object or a symbol that has meaning for you. Be prepared to share its meaning as you hang it on the Prairie Christmas tree.

There will also be a dedication of Andrew Mattarella-Micke on December 18. Andrew will be there for sure and possibly one or two more children. If you know of someone who might be interested in having a child dedicated, contact Barb Park, 1-635-7519.

The books that were compiled for Heidi Bosch and Ian Park last spring are wonderful keepsakes for them. Anyone who would like to contribute to a book for Andrew should give Mel or Nina a piece of writing that has meaning for you. It can be a poem or an excerpt from a book or a song, etc. You might make an extra copy or two in case other children will be dedicated.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the December 18 service, please call me at 238-6285.

Erin Bosch

NOTES FROM JUDY SPRING & HOLLY LORING

Several weeks ago we received a note from Judy saying that, "The novelty is beginning to wear off." She had just returned from one week in Washington State and one in New Hampshire.

She continued her note with news about Kristi who is doing fine. "Tonight I bought her a pair of roller skates so she can keep up with all the other kids. She's a Girl Scout, taking violin, and is doing fine in class. We attend Accotink UU. Its the smallest group around (about 150, I think). Unfortunately it seems to be mostly young couples with 2.2 kids. Not much diversity. We have the minister every other week. I find that I prefer to attend the weeks the minister isn't there! Love, Judy"

The note from Holly was dated 11-17-83

"I enjoy hearing about Prairie activities. Wish I could have been at Upham Woods, especially, but maybe another year.

After a bout with a nasty cold virus in October--no singing for a couple weeks and had to postpone my recital to January--life is getting back to a more even keel. Am still only part time in school--I stay saner that way--and singing in nursing homes and churches when possible for extra $$. Added piano lessons to the schedule this fall which means more time in the practice rooms and I work to find ways of not getting too isolated from people as the music takes up this additional time. Have begun regular exercise (swimming) as way of keeping in shape and it's helping my general outlook which is a little down this fall. As my voice teacher says, few things are more depressing than a singer without a voice.

Best wishes and love from Holly L.

SANCTUARY

The Task Force will be meeting this Sunday, December 4, after the Prairie service. We'll look at what we have done so far for the St. Francis sanctuary project for Central American refugees, and develop some plans for fund-raising and other activities during the next few months. Everyone is welcome.

CIRCLE DINNERS

If you are interested in joining a circle dinner group or signed up and have not been called, please call Nina Mattarella at 238-6858.