



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, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 a.m.--Music Among Friends: Franz Schubert. Coordinated by Warren Hagstrom, with music by members of the congregation.

10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes

Child & baby care available

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11:30 a.m.--Potluck

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 a.m.--Valentines Day Intergenerational Program by Susie Drapkin and Ruth Calden
Child & baby care available

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30 p.m.--Playreaders at the home of D. Wetherby, 341 W. Wilson (note change)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:00 a.m.--Ethical & Spiritual Values in Rock Music by Bob West
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes
Child & baby care available

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:00 a.m.--DIMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH: Music, Revolution, and Tyranny. Coordinated by Warren Hagstrom. (see note)

SUNDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18

7:30 p.m.--Discussion and workshops: "Final Choices"

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COMING ATTRACTIONS IN R.E.

PRE-SCHOOL CLASS:

Feb. 5--Artwork with Texture, Tami Carter

Feb. 12--Make Valentines, Tami Carter

K-2nd GRADE CLASS

Feb. 5--A Look at a Kibbutz, Peg Stevenson and Nancy Hartog

Feb. 12--Intergenerational Valentine Service.

3rd thru 5th GRADE CLASS

Feb. 5--Introduction to Moses & Egyptian Culture, Dan Laux.

Feb. 12--Intergenerational Service

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS

Feb. 5--Middle School Film Festival: 3 films dealing with our responses to death, Jean Campbell & Leslie Oakes. Parents invited.

Feb. 12--Intergenerational Service.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be visiting the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, May 13 (Sunday).

Our Sunday School needs 3-4 waste-baskets. Can you donate one?

Note about music for February 26: Warren Hagstrom asks musicians to contact him about compositions they want to or can be persuaded to perform by Dimitri Shostakovich.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 12

The Building Committee will be installing a seven day timer to control the heat in our building. This will work by switching between two thermostats (one set high and the other low). If you have installed a timed thermostat recently and still have your old one, Prairie can use it. Call Dick Bonser for more information. 274-3248.

Dear Abby: Last year my daughter was married. She is not a religious person and neither is he. Her back-ground is Christian and his is Jewish. They wanted some kind of church wedding, but our minister refused to marry them, and her fiance couldn't find a rabbi who would marry them. I know this sounds terrible, but it's true.

I agonized over it until a friend suggested the Unitarian Church. I called the local pastor, and he was delighted to perform the ceremony. He became ill at the last minute, so a young woman substituted in his place. She performed an absolutely beautiful ceremony. It was enchanting! She combined the Jewish tradition (the groom stomped on the glass) and she brought in some of the Christian traditions, too.

Many guests said it was the most beautiful wedding they had ever attended. This idea may be helpful to others.

Rancho Palos Verdes
Dear Rancho: I'm sure it will be. Thanks for sharing.

A Moslem woman from Qatar is looking for families who would be willing to invite her to their home for an afternoon or evening. It would be a wonderful educational experience for her and for the family. She is a social work student here and was a school social worker in Qatar.

If interested, call Dodie at home 238-5576 or at work 263-3835. Dodie Chapru

Folk dance at First Unitarian on Saturday, February 18 at 8 p.m.

Students in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes will need Bibles, preferably Revised Standard Version for their study of Moses. If you would be willing to loan one, please bring it to the Sunday School rooms next Sunday, February 5. We could also use a copy of the January 1976 National Geographic Magazine. Any other materials on Moses would be greatly appreciated.

FROM THE CLIPBOARDS

KITCHEN CLEANUP

2-5 Shirley & Jim Lake
2-12 Dodie Chapru & Marty Drapkin
2-19 Alice Bullen & Linda Nelson

BUILDING CLEANUP

2-5 Shirley & Beth Price-Marcus
2-12 ?? & ??
2-19 Mary Beth Plane & ??

SNOW SHOVELING

Week of 2-5 Dunns Marsh Neighborhood Association
" " 2-12 Jim & Shirley Lake
" " 2-19 Dunns Marsh N. A.

BABY CARE

2-5 McKee
2-12 ?
2-19 Alice Bullen

INTERIM KIDS PRODUCE SELF-PORTRAITS

The results of one of the R.E. Interim projects covered the north window area of the meeting room last Sunday after children in the 1 through 5th grades finished their colorful self portraits. The pupils, under the direction of Nancy Lynch, after having a friend outline them on large sheets of paper, had colored their figures in with poster paint. The finished paintings were pinned to the drapes from front to rear in time for the meeting, and were taken home after the mural had been photographed.

MARY MULLENS' PRESERVATION WORK PRAISED IN CAPITAL TIMES COLUMN

The story of Mary Mullens' founding and nurturing of the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association and an accompanying picture appeared in Rosemary Kendrick's column, "Neighbors," in last Monday's Capital Times. Preservation of Dunn's Marsh as a wildlife area, city purchase and development of Marlborough Park, establishment of garden plots there, controlling traffic and establishing a bike lane on Seminole Highway, and setting guidelines for the Seminole Hills development were cited as accomplishments of the Association.

Mary has attended Prairie for several years and has been a member for about a year. She served as a lay minister last year, presenting a series of programs on wilderness preservation.

We'll post the article on the Prairie bulletin board in case you missed it.