



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, MARCH 18

10:00 a.m.--THE USE AND ABUSE OF HISTORICAL TRADITION: THE IRISH EXAMPLE--
Music & literature that have instilled nationalism and sectarianism--by Diane Worzala.

10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes, baby & child care.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

10:00 a.m.--WELCOME SPRING--An intergenerational service.

10:00 a.m.--No R.E. classes, baby care.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 p.m. --Playreaders will meet at the home of Helen & Arnoldus Goudsmit, 4909 Whitcomb Dr. Call 274-2122.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

10:00 a.m.--Our Ethnic Heritage by Diane Worzala

10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes, baby & child care

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

10:00 a.m.--BOB, BELLE, AND JESSIE: Three Representatives of Our Wisconsin Political Heritage by Diane Worzala.

10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes, baby & child care

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 p.m. --Long Range Planning Committee Meeting at Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon Street.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

7:30 p.m. --General Parish Meeting

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R.E. CORNER

Pre-school Class (Ages 3-4)
3-18 Activities with Sharon Scratfish
3-25 Intergen. Service

A Place of One's Own (Grades K,1,2)
3-18 Trip to Cemetary--dress warmly
3-25 Intergen. Service

A Stepping Stone Year (Grades 3,4,5)
3-18 Moses--Erin Bosch & Norma Martin
3-25 Intergen. Service

How Can I Know What to Believe (Gr. 6,7,8)
3-18 Trip to Biochemistry Labs with Carolyn Campen & Carl Sparrow
3-25 Intergen. Service

THANKS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS

The adults (upstairs group) want to thank the middle schoolers for the slide and tape presentation on death which was presented March 11 after the regular program. Their teachers were Leslie Oakes and Jean Campbell for this project. Thank you all.

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE CALDENS

Ruth Calden's mother who had been living in a retirement center in Florida, died Monday, March 5. She had lived with her sister there since breaking her hip. Within 12 hours, the sister had followed her in death. Both were in their late 80's.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: MARCH 25

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

This year, the UU General Assembly is in Columbus, Ohio, June 25-30. If you are planning to attend, please notify Mike Briggs prior to the Spring Parish Meeting so that Prairie's delegates can be selected at that time.

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The North Central Area Council Annual Meeting will be held in Stevens Point on April 6-8. The format is different this year because it will be held at a retreat center and people will stay together for the entire weekend. There will be a choice of three topics: Building Your Own Theology--Led by Rev. Scott Barrens

New Membership: The New U and The Haunting Church--Led by Elise Code

Peace Education--Led by Lance Green
Registration deadline is March 15. If you still want to attend and have not registered, call Barb Park at 635-7519 no later than this week-end.
Barb Park

PRAIRIE PLEDGES & CONTRIBUTIONS

A special thank-you to out-of-town contributors David & Barbara Carson, Linda Schaldach, Betsy Roberts and Holly Loring.

Pledge information: 95% of 82-83 pledges were paid. That is a good percentage, especially when you consider several pledging units left Madison during that time.

	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>%Paid</u>
82-83	\$13,175	\$12,525	95%
Interim	3,538.50	3,306.	93
'84	17,070	3,392.50	20
Other income for January & February, '84:			
Prairie Fire		\$20.00	
Contributions		368.85	
Proseeds		100.00	
Other		18.00	
		<u>\$506.85</u>	

If you have any questions on pledges, call Carol Dopp, 238-7419.

CANOE TRIP

The canoe trip will be held on May 26,7,8 on the Wisconsin River. There will be camping on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and different trips on Saturday and Sunday. See Dick Bonser for details.

PRAIRIE GENERAL MEETING APRIL 29

There will be a Parish meeting at Prairie on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Delegates to the UU General Assembly will be chosen and other important business will be transacted. Come.

**FROM THE CLIPBOARDS
SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS**

- 3-18 Betty Jallings
- 3-25 No snacks--Intergenerational program
- 4- 1 Bob Park

BABY CARE

- 3-18 ????
- 3-25 ????
- 4- 1 McKee

KITCHEN CLEANUP

- 3-18 Erin Bosch & Kate Seiler
- 3-25 Bob West & ????
- 4- 1 Shirley Czoschke & Rita Reffner

BUILDING CLEANUP

- 3-18 Annis & Henry Pratt
- 3-25 Les Lyons & ??

ADDITIONAL PRAIRIE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE ON TAPE

As noted in the November 29, 1983 Prairie Fire, cassette tape recordings of five of Marty Drapkin's series on Crime & Punishment and the discussion program "Criminals and Sinners Among Us?" have been made available for borrowing by Prairie members. (Some of these fall recordings have been out for some time. If you have one, please return it to the blue-topped box on the table at the back of the meeting room.) Cassettes of the following additional programs are now available for borrowing:

- 12-11-83 - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Music in the Family
- 12-18-83 - Christmas/Winter Solstice Celebration (in part)
- 2-5-84 - Music Among Friends: Franz Schubert
- 2-19-84 - Ethical and Spiritual Values in Rock Music
- 2-26-84 - Dmitri Shostakovich: Music, Revolution, and Tyranny
- 3-4-84 - Final Choices

If you wish to borrow a cassette for a week or two, sign the checkout sheet inside the blue-topped box labeled "Cassette Lending Library".

If there are favorite parts of past Prairie programs that you would like to have on a cassette of your own, Bob Park will make the personally tailored copy from the original reel-to-reel recordings as a Pro-Seeds project at the rate of \$1.00 per 15 minutes of recording time. Bob can supply an inexpensive 60 minute cassette for an additional 35¢ or you can provide him with the blank cassette you wish used.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL 14, SERVICE
AUCTION

April 14 is the Service Auction at Prairie. Please decide now to offer a service. Sign up sheets will be passed around beginning next Sunday.

Prairie will benefit three ways: 1) We will have an excellent evening of socialization and entertainment. 2) Prairie will raise funds and 3) You and at least one other person will get to know one another better while the service is delivered.

PARISH POLL

Which resolutions do you want the UUA to consider at this year's General Assembly?

We will have a short (30-minute) meeting to make a group decision (as UUA bylaws require) on Sunday, April 1, after the service.

The resolutions were printed recently in UU World; they are also posted at Prairie.

If you won't be at Prairie that day, but want to participate in the poll anyway, let Mike Briggs know (by number) which resolutions you do want on the GA agenda and which (if any) you don't want.

UPHAM WOODS COORDINATORS NEEDED

We need people to coordinate program and registration for our retreat at Camp Upham Woods early in October. Jobs can be shared, and you can draft people to assist you. Call Mike Briggs (256-3445) to volunteer.

CHANNING-MURRAY SEEKS COORDINATOR

Channing-Murray, the Madison campus UU group, is looking for a Coordinator for the period July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985. The Coordinator is responsible for organizing, coordinating, and overseeing the various activities of Channing-Murray and for pursuing ~~an active outreach program to maintain broad~~ interest and involvement in CM. Specific responsibilities include writing and sending out newsletters, maintaining the mailing list, and assisting with the annual budget. The position requires about ten hours a week and carries a stipend, currently \$125 per month. The only prerequisite is a desire to promote UU ideals among college age people in Madison. Interested individuals should contact Craig Bradley at 255-1858 by April 10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES OVERFLOWING!

There were a total of 45 children in the R.E. classes last week. We also had 4 babies so we came close to 50 children downstairs. It was crowded but not too noisy this time.

SUMMER GARDEN

Barbara James and Joe Lawrence will be taking care of Prairie's flower beds this summer. Please contact them if you have contributions or want to help. Dick Bonser

FOR NEW PEOPLE AT PRAIRIE

Are you new at Prairie this year? Or been around awhile and still not feeling at home among us? Then come to a series of three orientation meetings to take place in April or May.

Basically, we would like to get to know you and have you meet other new people as well as active members in Prairie. Together we will be exploring our own religious roots and learning something about the history and organization of Prairie and the UU denomination.

~~Meetings are scheduled to start late in~~ April at Rachel Siegfried's home, 5209 Tolman Terrace, 271-2173. If you are interested, just sign your name and telephone number on the sign up sheet on table at the rear of the meeting room.

An exhibit of drawings by Prairie member Shirley Price-Marcus is on display at the Madison General Hospital (main lobby) and may be seen through March 31.

The drawings are done on a cotton napped paper, called velour. Pastel, ink, pencil and charcoal are used. Personal experiences and phantasy create a subject matter that relates to reality, but often is surreal as well.

P-M says, "While the drawings flow from my personal experiences, I believe that a common thread may connect them with your life."

The artist has taught in the Madison public schools and at the University of Wisconsin-Madison ~~as a teaching assistant~~. She has two graduate degrees (painting and print-making) and teaches private students. Her work is also available for viewing at the P-M Studio. Price-Marcus has exhibited locally and state-wide and her work is represented in private collections throughout the United States and Mexico.

STOP!...Don't throw it out. Don't give it away. Don't sell it. Save it for the Prairie GREAT GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE. Only your donations will make this a successful fund raiser. WHEN: August 25-26.

HOW: Call Pat Watkins, 233-5795 or 262-7960 for a spot on the GGG Sale sub-committee.