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

THURSDAY, APRIL 12
7:30 p.m.--Long Range Planning Committee Meeting at Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
7:30 p.m.--FIRST ANNUAL PRAIRIE SOCIAL AND SERVICE AUCTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 15
10:00 a.m.--ONE MAN LOOKS AT HIS JEWISH HERITAGE. Michael Wieden, guest speaker.
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
7:30 p.m.--Prairie Board Meeting at Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Pl.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
10:00 a.m.--Intergenerational Service: What Is Easter?
  Please bring a container and some potting soil to the Easter service to plant your seed.
10:00 a.m.--Baby care only. Other children with parents.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
10:00 a.m.--Mary Mullen reports on her trip to the Texas border.
7:30 p.m.--SPRING BUSINESS MEETING at Prairie.

R. E. CORNER
Preschool Class (Ages 3,4)
April 15 Activities with Tami Carter
" 22 Intergenerational Service

A Place of One's Own (Grades K,1,2)
April 15 Film: "The Wolf Pack"
" 22 Intergenerational Service

A Stepping Stone Year (Grades 3,4,5)
April 15 Passover Seder with Dan Laux, Norma Martin, Bob Park, & Glenn Chambliss
April 22 Intergenerational Service

How Can I Know What to Believe? (Grades 6,7,8)
April 15 Our Responsibility to Think Honestly. Carl Sparrow & Carolyn Campen
" 22 Intergenerational Service

FOCUS ON THE 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS
To culminate the study of Moses, teachers Dan Laux and Norma Martin are preparing for a Passover Seder for April 15. This celebration is an affirmation of our Unitarian Universalist belief in freedom for all people. The children will prepare some of the food and will participate in a seder led by Dan Laux.

PRAIRIE REcognition AWARDS
***To Peg, Dan, and Dave Stevenson for painting the Prairie bookcase bright yellow.
***To Ryan Ostler for his gift of blocks to the Prairie nursery.
***To Fran Remeika for all the things saved and recycled for Prairie kids.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: APRIL 22
The Prairie Service Auction is this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Do you need assistance with your vita, business consulting, recorder instruction, catering, a portrait, sailing lessons, genealogical assistance, or photo darkroom instruction? Would you like to print your own stationery, a book plate, a poem? These are just a few of the services offered by Prairie members. The auction will be interrupted during the evening for conversation, music and song -- this is a party! Bring wine, non-alcoholic beverage, and snacks to share.

MEETINGS FOR NEW PRAIRIE MEMBERS/FRIENDS

We have a list of 4 people interested in attending a series of three meetings about Prairie and Unitarian Universalist ideas. These meetings will be held the first three weeks in May. Specific dates and times will be announced. We would be happy to have others join the group. Please call Alice Bullen, 838-8055 or sign up on the sheet labeled "Meetings for new Prairie Members/Friends" on the table at the back of the meeting room.

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I am still looking for someone to share my 2 bedroom apartment near Westgate. I prefer a female, non-smoker, who likes cats. I'd like to find someone by May 1st or 15th. OR--if you know of someone (preferably just ONE person) who needs a roommate/housemate and who will accept pets, please let me know. Call Anne Reardon, 271-1110, home or 271-2771 at work.

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Alison McKee is willing to recycle all of the "out of date" material on the back table. A box labelled recycling will be by the table for collection purposes. When your fliers are out of date just drop them in the box and she will clear it out weekly.

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DO YOU NEED A BABY SITTER?

Beth Price-Marcus, 4111 Nakoma Rd. would like "sitter" jobs. Please call 274-4290. Beth regularly takes care of the babies in the baby room at Prairie on Sundays.

THE G. G. G. SALE

(Giant Gigantic Garage Sale) will take place on August 25-26th. It's not as far off as it seems. This is to be a major money raising event and will require a lot of work and organization by all. Pat Watkins says that her phone has not been ringing off the hook with interested volunteers. In fact, it has not rung even once.

The GGG Sale is timed for the end of fall registration week. The target customers are new residents in Madison. The sale will concentrate on items most needed by such customers: linens, furniture, kitchen and dining utensils, etc. We will also sell books, records, tapes, clothes (especially winter apparel), plants and miscellaneous items. We will also have refreshments for sale. Let's start to weed out those items we're able to give to the G G G SALE, and begin putting our contributions aside. More to come in the next newsletter.

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Annis Pratt will give a reading of her own poetry, some of it performed by a group of readers, at a Room of One's Own Bookstore on Thursday, April 26, at 7 - 9 p.m. Annis has been publishing poetry recently in Women Spirit, Primavera and other magazines, and has been teaching a workshop on poetry as oral performance in the creative writing program at U.W. The poetry reading will be entitled "Deliverance," after a poem she has recently written about childbirth.

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Anyone in need of a canoe to rent or a paddling partner for the Memorial Day canoe trip on the Wisconsin River, call Karen Jackson 241-0274.
Class  

**Nursery/Preschool**

"The Growing Times"


Volunteer coordinator: Gail Ostler. Two people will be hired to provide continuity for these children.

**Grades Kindergarten, 1 and 2**

"Adventures of God's Folk"

Children: Bradley Jackson, Mischa Park, Patricia Quigley, Tracy Crim, Ben Gordon, Jessica Laux, Adrienne Merck, Katy Plane, Jacob Hartog, Christopher McKee, Lee Christensen, Nora Bosch, Erin Dopp, Krin Haglund, Peter Mattarella-Micke, Greg Nettleton, Chenoa Reucking, Lilli Sandler, Daniel Stevenson

This curriculum introduces children to people who have done great things - Sacajawea, Johnny Appleseed, Solomon, and Harriet Tubman, for example. It has many activities and will help our children see the value we place on making the world better.

- First Semester Teachers
- Second Semester Teachers

**Grades 3, 4, and 5**

"Holidays and Holy Days"

Children: Elisabeth Hartog, Todd Novak, Sylvia Jackson, Matthew Laux, Andy Nelson, Robin Park, Hilary Christensen, Colin Bosch, Peter Czochske, Matt Fago, Abreyal Hegelmeyer, Cristin Merck, David Stevenson

These children will explore world cultures and religions by focusing on the celebrations of many traditions including Rosh Hashana, John Murray Day, Ramadan, Divali, Pasadas, Martin Luther King Day, and Hauchal Indian Day. This new curriculum has many celebrations and activities from which to choose.

- First Semester Teachers
- Second Semester Teachers

**Grades 6, 7, and 8**

"Change the World" & "U-U and You, Part II"

Children: Christine Chambliss, Dana Dopp, Anna Nettleton, Ryan Ostler, Claire Sandler, Nadine Czochske, Aaron Laux, Cara Nelson, Jorielle Vetzner, Lucas Hartog, Ben Fineman, Jon Fineman, David Lake, Christy Spring, & Jenny Drapkin

Our middle school students will use the curriculum written by the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee to explain the work it sponsors in Latin America. Activities include making model windmills and solar collectors. The second semester will be devoted to our U-U identity. The eighth graders will be involved with a Coming-of-Age challenge.

- First Semester Teachers
- Second Semester Teachers

**Eighth Grade Coming-of-Age Mentor:** Brent Haglund

- Interim Teachers

- **Special Art Projects Teacher:** Shirley Price-Marcus

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Tear-off

I am interested in being on a Prairie teaching team: Class
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First Semester, September 10 through December 9, 1984
Second Semester, January 3 through to May 12, 1985

I wish to help with interim activities, January 6-27, 1985.

NAME     Phone Number, home  Phone Number, work  4/8/84
Ash Wednesday Through the Eyes of a Fallen Catholic

In keeping with our present lay ministry emphasis on "heritage", here are some reflections on (maybe even confessions about) the current season. David McKee

Everywhere!

They are everywhere,
these ash-smudged foreheads,
wearing their owners' confessions!

They make me wonder if
perhaps
I shouldn't be lamenting
my childhood.

But I can see only

everywhere!

the junkos:

climbing down
into the melting bootprints,
their foreheads smudged
with the ashy March snow.
Confessing the fat sins to come,
they search
for the seeds of grace
that sleep
in the sleeping souls
of birds buried
under the snow.