



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

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

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

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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,

April 15 Our Responsibility 7,8)
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 Universa-
list belief in freedom for all people. The
children will prepare some of the food and
will participate in a seder led by Dan Laux.

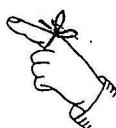
PRAIRIE RECOGNITION AWARDS

***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



AUCTION

PRAIRIE SERVICE AUCTION SAT., APRIL 14, 7:30!

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 dark-room 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.

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.

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.

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.

FROM THE CLIPBOARDS BUILDING CLEANUP

April 15	??	&	??
" 22	??	&	??

KITCHEN CLEANUP

April 15	Richar Bonser & Martha Fineman
" 22	Les Lyons & Karen Aubrey

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

April 15	McKee
" 22	Intergenerational Service, No snacks.

BABY CARE

April 15	Lynda Lewis
" 22	Alice Bullen

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 apparell), plants and misscellaneous 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.

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.

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.

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 1984-1985

Dayle Haglund, R.E. Director

Class

Curriculum

Nursery/Preschool

"The Growing Times"

Children: Andrew Mattarella-Micke 7/83, Daniel Plane 6/83, Ian Park 11/82, Heidi Bosch 6/82, Abigail Swetz 5/82, Georgina McKee 3/82, Andrea Fago 1/82, Pamela Quigley 11/81, Erik Schroeder 3/81

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, Lili 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 focussing 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

Lance Green
Karen Aubrey

Nina Mattarella

Eighth Grade Coming-of-Age Mentor: Brent Haglund

Interim Teachers

Kathy Laux
Martha Fineman

Vicki Swetz

Special Art Projects Teacher

Shirley Price-Marcus

Tear-off -

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Prairie children need you!

I am interested in being on a Prairie teaching team: Class

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_____ I am interested in being on a Prairie teaching team: Class _____
 _____ 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.