



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 26

7:30 p.m.--Long Range Planning Committee,
home of Al Nettleton,
645 Sheldon St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 p.m.--Solo Discovery, at PRAIRIE
SEPARATENESS & TOGETHERNESS
Informal social hour following
the discussion.

NOTE THE CHANGE OF PLACE

7:30 p.m.--PlayReaders, home of Rachel
Siegfried, 5209 Tolman Terr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

10:00 a.m.--Mary Mullen reports on her trip
to the Texas border.

11:30 a.m.--R.E. Committee meets after the
service.

7:30 p.m.--SPRING BUSINESS MEETING at
Prairie.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

10:00 a.m.--RITUALS, LITURGIES, CEREMONIES.
Diane Worzala.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

10:00 a.m.--ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR FOREMOTHERS.
Diane Worzala.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

7:30 p.m.--Joint meeting of old and new
Boards, at Prairie.

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COMING IN THE R.E. DEPARTMENT:

Pre-school class (ages 3-4)
4/29 Activities with Tami Carter
5/6 Activities with Tami Carter

A Place of One's Own (Grades K, 1, 2)
4/29 Homes in Nature: A prairie field trip
with Nancy Hartog and Brent Haglund
(dress for the hike!)
5/6 Homes in Nature: A field trip to the
woods with Bob Nelson (dress for the
hike)

A Stepping Stone Year (Grades 3, 4, 5)
4/29 Stories from Science with Dayle
Haglund
5/6 Stories from Science with Dayle
Haglund. Prepare for the trip to the
Field Museum, 5/13

How Can I Know What to Believe? (Grades 6, 7,
8)
4/29 How Can I Know What to Believe, with
Carl Sparrow and Carolyn Campen
5/6 How Can I Know What to Believe, with
Carolyn Campen and Carl Sparrow

FIELD MUSEUM TRIP

To culminate the year's work for the third,
fourth, and fifth graders we have planned a
day trip to the Field Museum in Chicago. We
will meet at Prairie at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday,
May 13 to carpool. On our tour through the
museum we will look especially at the in-

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NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: MAY 6

FIELD MUSEUM TRIP (Continued)

fluences of Egyptian culture as it related to our study of Moses.

Drivers for the trip are: Mercks, Parks, Nettletons, Dopps, Jallings, and Bosches. All drivers will meet after the service on May 6 to plan for the trip.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Hats off to the following Prairie folks! They have volunteered to spend some time with our children next year in our religious education program. Teaching is a challenging and rewarding experience. Please step forward to fill one of the openings. The first semester will involve eleven Sundays for each team of three to share, the second semester will be thirteen Sundays.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Gail Ostler

KINDERGARTEN, GRADE 1 & 2:

First Semester	Second Semester
1 <u>Bob Park</u>	1 <u>Bob Park</u>
2 <u>Anne Reardon</u>	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____

GRADES 3,4, & 5

First Semester	Second Semester
1 _____	1 <u>Linda Nelson</u>
2 _____	2 <u>Peg Stevenson</u>
3 _____	3 _____

GRADES 6,7, & 8

First Semester	Second Semester
1 <u>Lance Green</u>	1 <u>Nina Matarella</u>
2 <u>Karen Aubrey</u>	2 <u>Dave Zakem</u>
3 _____	3 <u>Linda Lewis</u>

EIGHTH GRADE COMING OF AGE MENTOR:

Brent Haglund

Interim Teachers: Kathy Laux
Vicki Swetz
Martha Fineman

SPECIAL ARTS PROJECTS TEACHER:

Shirley Price Marcus

PRAIRIE SERVICE AUCTION REPORT

The First Annual Prairie Service Auction was a GREAT success. Thirty-nine different services were auctioned off and Prairie raised \$890. We had an enjoyable evening and the interaction should continue over several months as the services are delivered.

Plan now for offering a service next year.
Al Nettleton

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- 7:30 p.m., April 29, Prairie Meeting House
1. Minutes of last meeting.
 2. Report of officers.
 3. a. Election of 1984-85 Board.
b. Election of General Assembly delegates if necessary.
 4. Proposal for lease to Baptist group for four meetings a week.

The Board recommends that Prairie lease space to a small Baptist church on a trial basis from May through August, for approximately \$100 a month, for meetings as follows: Sundays, 12:30-3:00 and 7:30-10:00; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-10:00.

A draft lease will be presented at the meeting, as will the rationale for the proposed rent. The times are those proposed by the Baptists. They are negotiable.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR FOREMOTHERS

Lay Minister Diane Worzala is requesting Prairie people to help her with the May 13 service by bringing and explaining some item made by a woman in the past. It could be a book, some music, needle work, a painting, recipes, a journal or diary, etc.

SERIES FOR NEW PRAIRIE MEMBERS/FRIENDS

We will be meeting at Rachel Siegfried's home the first 3 Thursday evenings of May. These meetings are designed to help new people at Prairie to get acquainted with Unitarian Universalism, to learn a little about how Prairie functions and its history. Also, this is a good opportunity to get acquainted with Barbara Park who will lead the discussions and with Alice and Lee Bullen and Rachel Siegfried who are members of the Membership Committee.

The meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. Call 271-2173 if you need directions to find 5209 Tolman Terrace.

GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

The Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association still has garden plots available in Marlborough Park. If you would like to reserve a garden plot or get more information, call Karen Briggs at 271-5922. Plot sizes available are 12' x 25': \$5.00; 25' x 25': \$8.25; 25' x 50': \$12.50; 25' x 75': \$16.00, and 50' x 50': \$20.00.

Proceeds from the rental are used for park equipment and landscaping.

BABY CLOTHES NEEDED

On a bus trip recently from Minneapolis to Madison, I happened to sit next to Sister Anne Hahlas, from the Mountain Women's Exchange in Jellico, Tennessee. I was very impressed by the work that she and other women are doing in this impoverished area of Appalachia. She is involved in the Rural Community's Educational Cooperative; a group attempting to bring secondary and college education to the adults of the area. Donations to her group would go for scholarships.

The project that caught my attention is the maternal-infant health outreach program. Two women work with young women who are pregnant and have not received any prenatal care. In the course of their work, they discovered that often the young women had no clothing for the infant, no toys and little money to purchase these things. Therefore they started a baby products rent-a-center. They will sell baby clothes and small items for small fees and rent larger items. Since the program has just begun, they are in great need of items now.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Within the next month bring used baby clothes, bottles, etc. to Prairie or donate small sums of cash for postage. I'll see the boxes are sent to Jellico. Thanks for your help.

Barb Park

AT THE CROSSROADS

Madison peace groups have scheduled a meeting for May 3 to discuss the document At the Crossroads, a publication of the Communications Era Task Force. The booklet deals with the changes in world society brought about by the technological developments of the past 20 years, and discusses strategies for using the technologies to improve life on the planet rather than for destruction.

Copies of the document will be available to those attending the meeting. At this time arrangements are being made for a meeting place, and persons wishing to attend may call John Ohliger at 251-8894.

BENEFIT FOR GUATEMALAN REFUGEES

"Grupo Raiz" and "Sotovento" will perform a benefit concert for Guatemalan refugees May 4 at 8 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Center, 723 State Street. Both groups play new Latin American music. Grupo Raiz (raiz means "roots" in Spanish), based in the San Francisco Bay area, is an offshoot of the New Song Movement that draws on the Nueva Cancion from Chile, the Nueva Trova Cubana, and Caribbean percussion. Their instruments include guitar, charango, sampona, quena, bombo, snare drum, congos, bongos, Colombian tiple, Puerto Rican and Venezuelan cuatros, and 5 varieties of indigenous flutes. The concert is sponsored by LASA (Latin American Students Association), CASA (Central American Solidarity Alliance), CALA (Community Action on Latin America), Ibero-American Studies, and the Filipina Support Committee.

Rachel Siegfried, 5209 Tolman Ter., will host the Play Readers Saturday, April 28, for a reading of John Millington Synge's Playboy of the Western World.

An excerpt of this play was read at Prairie about a month ago during the program on Ireland. Brush up on your Irish brogue. Everyone is welcome.

Carolyn Briggs has moved to 102 E. Gorham, Groves Women's Coop. Her new phone number is 257-8984 or 257-8985 (let it ring a long time). Her mailing address is the same: P.O. Box 9611, Madison, 53715.