



# 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, JULY 22

- 9:00 a.m.--Potluck breakfast  
10:00 a.m.--"How Do You Say It: American Dialects," by Joan Hall

#### THURSDAY, JULY 26

- 7:30 p.m.--Religious Education committee meeting at Prairie.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 29

- 9:00 a.m.--Potluck Breakfast.  
10:00 a.m.--"Making It On Our Own" a panel of women will tell it like it is--their experiences of being divorced or widowed.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

- 9:00 a.m.--Pot Luck Breakfast  
10:00 a.m.--Prairie Musicians & Guests in Concert

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

- 9:00 a.m.--Pot Luck Breakfast  
10:00 a.m.--Report on UU General Assembly  
Les Lyons and Barbara Park

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

- 10:30 a.m.--Prairie work day

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

- 8 a.m.-? p.m.--Save this date for Prairie's GREAT GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- Picnic at Grindrods - more details later

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### R.E. CORNER

As my first activity as your new director of R.E., I attended the Lake Geneva Summer Assembly to study the R.E. module on Unitarian Universalist identity. I appreciate this opportunity to meet the other R.E. directors and to learn about some of the material available for the R.E. program.

I returned with a better sense of UU history, as well as some of the infectious enthusiasm of the summer assembly.

Many of you have already seen the banner hanging opposite the door of the main room. This was designed by other R.E. directors as part of the worship with which we closed the training. I hope all of you will see how many of the public figures you can identify. All our UU women who have exhibited in their lives the importance they placed on the dignity of all persons.

Until the children's program starts in the fall I will be studying the materials the classes will use and be meeting with the teachers to discuss plans for the year. I will be most happy to talk with parents and other adults about your interest in the R.E. program and its continued excellence.

I am particularly concerned with talking with Prairie teens and their families to develop a program for high school students. You can leave a phone message for me at 221-8583 or drop a note with your ideas to Mary Beth O'Halloran, 1531 Simpson St. #210, Madison 53713.

I am very excited about working with the R.E. program, and I hope to get to know Prairie's members as the year goes on.

Mary Beth O'Halloran

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: JULY 29

G, G. G. SALE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Since you've all been saving up and squirreling away things for the Great Gigantic Garage Sale, you'll be glad to hear that you can start bringing these things into Prairie. Please follow these directions:

1. Separate your contributions into the categories listed below, and put each category's items into a separate box or bag.
2. Write the category on the outside of each bag or box.
3. Deposit your bags or boxes (neatly) in the men or womans' coatrooms.
4. Make sure clothing has size marked or, stamped on inside back collar area.
5. If you have an item which you will not sell unless it fetches a certain price, please put the price and the donor's name prominently on the item (on clothing, place on inside back collar).
6. In affixing prices, sizes, etc., do not use straight pins. Please use tags, washable ink (?), adhesive labels, or safety pins.
7. Please price your items, or be prepared to come out to Prairie on Friday evening, Aug. 24 to help price, sort, etc.
8. Keep prices reasonable.

If you have questions about any items, or wish to volunteer to work on any special area, contact the category co-ordinators listed below:

1. Plants: Coordinator is Rachael Sigfried who is seeking house plants. Also. spring blooming perennials are being coordinated by Barbara James. Don't bring plants to Prairie until Friday, August 24. However, do notify the coordinators, so they will have an idea of what they will have for sale. Do not price plants. Coordinators will do that. Price only if you will not donate it for less than a given price.

2. Books: Coordinators are Benjamin and Jonathon Fineman.

3. Clothes: No coordinator. Volunteers please call Pat Watkins. Please price and size these items.

4. Linens: No coordinator. Volunteers please call Pat Watkins. Do not price (unless ...see rule #5).

5. Furniture: No coordinator.

6. Childrens' toys, clothing, etc. Coordinated by Aileen Nettleton. Price and size clothing, please.

7. Kitchen and Dining Items (except linen). Coordinators are Betty and Jack Jallings. Since some of these items are likely to be breakable, please pack accordingly and mark your box "fragile". Price items, please.

8. Bake Sale: Coordinated by Lynda Lewis. She is looking for people who will volunteer

to donate baked items. Lynda is also in charge of refreshments. (We will sell coffee, baked goods, cider, etc.), so Lynda is also looking for salespeople.

9. Are there any Prairie artists out there who have art works to sell on a consignment and commission basis? If so, contact Shirley Price-Marcus and let's have a Prairie Art Fair section.

10. Miscellaneous: All of the items that don't fit into any of the above categories. No coordinator - yet! Call Pat Watkins. Price your donations.

Final Note (for this issue). Gerald Beroldi has volunteered to make a couple of trips with his pickup truck for items (furniture, etc.) which won't fit in the family car or wagon. But - we must know - in advance - who needs this service and what items are involved. Call Pat Watkins.

#### FROM THE CLIPBOARDS

##### BUILDING CLEANUP

July 22 John & Shirley Grindrod  
" 29 ?? & ??  
Aug. 5 Anne Reardon & ??

##### Kitchen Cleanup

July 22 Alice & Lee Bullen  
" 29 Barb Park & ??  
Aug. 5 Rosemary Dorney & ??

##### CHILD CARE

July 22 Anne Reardon  
" 29 ??  
Aug. 5 ??

(Nancy Healy signed up but without a date.)

#### TO NICARAGUA WITH WITNESS FOR PEACE

Three Madisonians are going to Nicaragua with the Witness For Peace group who send delegations for 1 - 2 weeks as a peace presence.

Donations of medical supplies are wanted. The group would like to take vitamins, aspirin, first aid supplies, school materials as well as medical supplies. Mary Mullen will accept donations.

#### WELCOME ARLINE FERGUSON

We're glad to have as a new member, Arline Ferguson who recently signed the book. Arline lives at 2117 Linden Ave. (Madison 53704). Her phone number is 249-4131. You will want to add her name to your directory.

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New members and others who have not received a copy of the 1984 Prairie directory can find one on the table at the back of the meeting room.

GOVERNMENT SURPLUS COMMODITIES GIVEAWAY

On Wednesday, July 25 beginning at 11 a.m. and continuing until supplies are exhausted, surplus food will be distributed at the Madison Knights of Columbus Hall, 1801 Axel Ave. (one block from Prairie). This month we will have processed and cheddar cheese, butter, cornmeal, flour, honey and dry milk. The procedure to apply is uncomplicated. Definitely a non hassle situation. Please call me for exact income guidelines and any questions you may have at 271-3958. Sharon Flinn, Coordinator of the Madison Knights of Columbus Commodities Distribution Center.

Sharon enclosed a copy of the guidelines and application form. We will post this copy at Prairie on the bulletin board.

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The Madison Committee to Stop the Missiles would like to get as many signers as possible on the enclosed petition. Please return the petitions to Clarence Kailin, 711 Orton Ct. Madison, WI 53703 as soon as possible.

We are distributing 5,000 locally and contributions however modest will be appreciated. Make out checks to: Madison Peace Office.

ANNE REARDON IS MOVING

At the end of July I'll be moving in with Rachel Siegfried and Lynda Lewis, 5209 Tolman Terrace, phone 271-2173. Please correct your Prairie Directory. Also, anyone who can help with moving, or who can lend me a truck, trailer or van, please call me at 271-1110 (any time) by July 24. Thanks! Anne Reardon

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After winning local and regional track competitions, Ryan Ostler qualified for the state track meet in Green Bay. He came in fourth in the fifty meter dash in the 9 & 10 year-old age class. Congratulations, Ryan!

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We had a card from Dottie and Charles Polk telling us that they arrived at their "most favorite vacation spot on July 4" and that they had a good trip from Madison. They are in the Rocky Mountain National Park.

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Warren Park, Bob Park's brother would like to do piano tuning for Prairie people. He will be visiting Bob and Barb July 28 to Aug. 4. His charge is \$30.00.

FROM LAKE GENEVA SUMMER ASSEMBLY

July 1-7, 1984

Having a wonderful time, wish you could be here.

Les Lyons

I meditated my way to success in windsurfing!

Brent Haglund

The junior high group is a scream! We have a dorm all to ourselves.

Nadine Czoschke

We are having a super week getting acquainted. Our workshop is "U U Identity, History and Heritage".

Mary Beth O'Halloran  
Dayle Haglund

I met a friend and have been having fun all week.

Peter Czoschke

The Club Cratty kids hiked to Fontana and got a motor boat ride back. And you can have face painting. The craft shop is great. Ryan and I went there almost every afternoon. I made barrettes, jewelry, candles, and small bits of pottery. And the beach is great. I played with old friends from last year and I made some new friends.

Krin Haglund

This is one of the best family vacations I've ever had. Each of us has our own things to do.

Shirley Czoschke



P O S T C A R D

TO: Prairie Folks

c/o Prairie Fire

Being with 580 U-U's from all over the country is a real high! Other Prairie folks here are RoseMarie Carbino and Ryan Ostler. Gail Ostler visited us on the 4th. Please ask us about the week.

Dayle Haglund

# Petition to Stop U.S. Cruise and Pershing II Missiles and Other First-Strike Weapons

Dear Representative:

On May 4, 1983, you and 286 other members of the House of Representatives approved a resolution calling for our government to seek an agreement with the Soviet Union for a bilateral freeze on the testing, production and deployment of all nuclear warheads and delivery systems.

In November, 1983, the Reagan Administration started deploying two new and very destabilizing nuclear missiles in Europe: cruise and Pershing II missiles. As a result, all U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms control negotiations have ceased, and a major increase in the nuclear arms race has begun. It is clear that a freeze will not be possible unless this crisis is resolved. Furthermore, the billions of dollars that these weapons cost can be better spent creating jobs and social programs.

Therefore, we ask you, who in 1983 voted for a bilateral freeze agreement, to introduce and/or actively support legislation **now** which will:

- withhold funds for any further deployments of cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe;
- call for the removal of those cruise and Pershing II missiles already deployed;
- withhold funds for the production and deployment of all other first-strike weapons, including the MX, Trident II and sea and air-launched cruise-missiles.

**Print Name**

**Signature**

**Address**

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