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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
12:30-2 p.m.--The PLAYREADERS organizational meeting (see story)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
10:00 a.m.--REMEMBERING BERTRAND RUSSELL by Les Lyons
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes for grades K-8; baby and child care
12:30 p.m.--R.E. Committee potluck lunch meeting at Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
7:30 p.m.--Prairie Board meeting at Lynda Lewis's, 5209 Tolman Terrace

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
10:00 a.m.--CULTURES OF THE ANDES: ANCIENT AND MODERN: A multi-media presentation by Dave Zakem
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes & baby & child care

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
7:30 p.m.--Program committee meeting at Mary Mullen's, 4337 Milford

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
10:00 a.m.--ARE MUSIC AND RELIGION STRANGE BEDFELLOWS? with Les Lyons and guests Ellsworth Snyder and Susan Chapman

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12-14
UPHAM WOODS--MARK YOUR CALENDARS: COME, ENJOY

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2-3
Growth Workshop: Save Friday night and all day Saturday. More information in a future Prairie Fire.

R. E. CORNER

Welcome to Cathy Butts our new pre-school coordinator. Cathy, a senior at UW Madison is majoring both in early childhood/kindergarten education and in social work. Among her other qualifications she has completed student teaching at the pre-school level and has taught swimming to handicapped youth. Even before she saw the curriculum materials, Cathy was fostering socialization and physical development by helping the children learn each others names by rolling a ball to their classmates. Welcome aboard Cathy!

Grades K, 1, & 2: These youngsters have started learning about heroes of the Old Testament with Bezaleel, David, and Solmon. Next week they will carry their beautiful Ark of the Covenant in a formal procession--watch for their parade. Special thanks to Greg Nettleton for designing and making the bulletin board for the K,1 & 2 room. Would anyone else like to create a bulletin board?

Grades 3, 4, & 5: In the absence of the published curriculum, (does anyone know where Holidays & Holydays might be?) the creative 3-5 teachers are developing their own classes about special days. Next week this group will study significant UU women; on Sept. 23 they will enjoy a Druid Equinox festival.

Grades 6, 7, & 8: Middle schoolers are investigating the UU commitment to social action including the UU Service Committee and Prairie's own effort to "Change the World". On September 23 they will take a critical look at the justice system. Long range plans include a study of world hunger and a project of service to the hungry people of Madison.

Mary Beth O'Halloran
R.E. Director

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 23
LAUGHING IN THE NUCLEAR AGE:
The Fran & Charlie Comedy Show are sketches by these San Francisco comedians that help us to laugh about the absurdity of the nuclear situation and other aspects of contemporary life. Appearances benefitting the Link House Peace Center are scheduled for Friday, September 14 at the State Historical Society and on Saturday, September 15 at Edgewood Auditorium. Both are 8-10 p.m.; $3.00 for students and seniors and $5.00 for other adults.

JOIN CIRCLE DINNERS NOW
Join our Circle Dinner groups for a new year of sociability and fine food. This year you may indicate a preference for the size of your dinner group, selecting from 6 through 10.

Each Circle Dinner group arranges a potluck once a month, rotating among the homes of members. Groups are intergenerational. Each year we attempt to place members in new groups so we have the opportunity to enlarge our Prairie acquaintances.

Dayle Haglund (837-9044) and Lynda Lewis (271-2173) will be arranging the groups by the end of September. Sign-up on Sundays or call them this month.

PLAYREADERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
On Saturday, September 15 from 12:30 to 2p.m. the Playreaders will meet for an organization meeting at Harper's in the Westtowner Motel complex, 6617 Odana Rd. Please bring your calendars and your playreading list. Reservations are required so call Pat Watkins by Thursday, September 13, 262-7960 (days).

CINDY LAMAR REPORTS ON CHANNING-MURRAY
Channing-Murray Thursday lunches at the Memorial Union begin at noon and end about 1:30. You can bring a brown bag lunch or buy something at one of the Union cafeterias. Join us for conversation for however long you can stay. Check "Today In The Union" bulletin near the doors for room location.

Channing-Murray monthly dinner and program will be Sunday evening, September 23, 5p.m. at First Unitarian Society.

The Channing-Murray retreat is scheduled for the weekend of September 29 and 30. We'll be staying at Wildwood Lodge in the Wyoming Valley near Spring Green. The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation has graciously offered to open Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Chapel for our Sunday service. We'll need volunteers to help plan the service. The cost should be about $18 per person. That would include lodging and 4 meals. Reservations need to be in by Sept. 15. Don't stay away just because you don't have the money. Call Cindy, 238-9884.

CLIPBOARDS
Kitchen Cleanup
Sept 16 Mary Mullen & Fredericka Schilling
" 23 ?? & ??
" 30 Alice & Lee Bullen

Building Cleanup
Sept 16 Sharon Scrattish & Lu Kummerow
" 23 Carol & Bob Dopp
" 30 David McKee & Dorothy Wetherby

Nursery Volunteers
Sept 16 Mary Myers
" 23 Alice Bullen
" 30 McKee

Snacks for R.E.
Sept 16 Allison McKee
" 23 ?
" 30 ?

Sunday Room Arrangements
Sept 16 Mary Mullen
" 23 Rosemary Dorney
" 30 ??

FUTURE PROGRAMS AT PRAIRIE
Oct 7 "Canada's October Crisis, 1970"
" 14 (at Upham Woods)
" 21 "The United Nations--Our Best Hope for a Peaceful World"
" 28 "Where Have All the UUs Gone?--Decline and Growth in the UUA"
Nov 4 "Growth" with guest, Carol Ruxton
" 11 "The Great War, My Father, and Me"
" 18 Thanksgiving Celebration
" 25 Panel discussion with four women ministers
Dec 2 "The Year 2025, Peace on Earth: The First Ten Years"

This is a brief summary of the topics for the Lay Ministry of Les Lyons along with other special programs and their dates.

FORUM ON RACE RELATIONS
The UW-Extension is planning a "Forum on Race Relations" for Tuesday, September 25 at the Wisconsin Center from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dr. Carolyn Dejoie, a Prairie member, is the contact person. She is professor of Health and Human Services and she has a panel of well qualified people to discuss the suggested topics. Please see the blue paper on the bulletin board for more information and a registration form.
MEETING OF COUPLES FOR MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Marriage enrichment is for those with a 'good' marriage who want to improve communications, understanding, etc. for an even happier partnership. "Enrichment" is not the same as therapy for troubled marriages:

| TROUBLED |
| GOOD |
| HAPPIER |

If you are interested in sharing ideas about marriage enrichment, support groups, workshops, retreats, reading, and A.C.M.E. (Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment), please join us in the Hearth Room at First Unitarian Meeting House, 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 17. Joe & Katherine, Bradley, Gordon & Vera Cunningham, Eric & Jane Englund. Sponsored by First U.U. Adult Program Committee.

Vera & Gordon Cunningham

GOOD CAUSES APPEAL FOR MONEY AND/OR HELPERS

For more information about these organizations and the appeals, please see the bulletin board.

1. The National Interreligious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors (NISBCO) is appealing for financial help. A folder about their literature, program and need is available.

2. Dane County Advocates for Battered Woman is appealing for volunteers to start their training program to help staff the 24 hour crisis line.

3. The Madison Urban Ministry is looking for volunteers and money to help with their project to provide a "Drop-in Shelter" for the homeless people of Madison.

4. The Respite Center is looking for volunteers to provide child care in their own homes for emergencies in crisis situations.

5. Parental Stress Center, Inc. is asking for people to share some time with families and people under stress. Training is available for this purpose.

6. Eagle Valley Environmentalists, Inc. are appealing to members and friends to contribute to meet an upcoming land contract payment for Eagle Valley.

These are all good causes and more information is available about the organizations on the bulletin board.

Lou Kummerow would like Prairie friends to know she has a cottage which she would be willing to rent for weekends or longer. The cottage is located in the Wild Rose-Wautoma area. If interested, call her at work, 238-2631 or home, 256-5754.

NEW MEMBERS AT PRAIRIE: WELCOME ALL

Arline Ferguson 249-7075
2722 Milwaukee St.
Madison WI 53704

Piero Verro 249-3133
177 Jackson St
Madison WI 53704

Mary Beth Plane 249-6825
4016 School Rd
Madison WI 53704

Friends of the John Grindrod family were married at Prairie on Saturday, September 8. They joined Prairie but live in Brownsville, Texas. Their names are Pamela C. Block-Flynn and Timothy J. Flynn-Block.

UU EVENTS -- OUT OF TOWN

Please see the bulletin board for more information about these events.

1. On Saturday, October 6, the North Shore Unitarian Church will have a program exploring UU Theologies. Pre-registration deadline is September 26 at $19.

2. On Friday, October 26 from 6 p.m. to Sunday, October 28, there will be the 3rd Annual Fall Retreat of the Central Midwest District/UU Women's Federation. The theme will be Let Your Spirits Soar. The total cost is $45 for 2 nights lodging and 5 meals, program costs etc. It will be held at George Williams College, Lake Geneva Campus, Williams Bay, Wisconsin.

A POLITICAL MESSAGE:

Mike Briggs and Gretchen Vetzner are both running for Dane County Circuit Court Judge in Branch 14 this spring. Although we are running against each other, we remain good friends and hope that Prairie members will lend their support to one of us.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU MOVE

To keep Prairie Fire coming without interruption when you move, we must have your new address. THE POSTAL SERVICE DOES NOT FORWARD THIRD CLASS MAIL.

But there is another reason why we hope you will notify us. We have to pay 25¢ for each newsletter returned to us because of change of address. Sometimes we get four, or even five copies back, and that's about one-fourth of the mailing cost for the edition. Please give us a call before you move. Thanks. Alice and Lee Bullen
838-8055