Prairie Fire
Newsletter of the 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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26
7:30 p.m.--Benefit for “Sister City” Project by Ruth & George Calden with slides, music & refreshments--see story.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
10:00 a.m.--WHERE HAVE ALL THE UUs GONE? -- Decline and Growth in the UUA by Les Lyons
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29
7:30 p.m.-- Program Committee Meeting at Les Lyons, 218 Jackson St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
9:00-4:00 --GROWTH WORKSHOP -- see story

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
10:00 a.m.--GROWTH with guest, Carol Ruxton
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
10:00 a.m. --THE GREAT WAR, MY FATHER, AND ME by Les Lyons
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
6:00-8:00 p.m.--Youth Group Pizza Party and organizational meeting.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
10:00 a.m.--THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
No R.E. Classes. No child care.
7:30 p.m.--Fall Parish Meeting at Prairie.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE NOV. 4

R.E. CORNER

Pre-school The little ones are continuing with individual and structured group play and skill development. The puppet shows are continuing also.
K-1-2 On October 28 this group will celebrate Halloween after finishing the Old Testament section of The Adventures of God’s Folk. During November they will learn about Harriet Tubman and the Pilgrims.
3-4-5 These youngsters continue their look at holidays and Holy days with, of course Halloween. On November 4 they will consider election day as a day of celebration.
6-7-8 To finish October the middle school will learn about refugees from Central America and the US’s policies on border control. On November 4 they will discuss social change. On November 11 they will learn more about world hunger and start planning their participation in the food drive and their December field trip to a Madison effort to reduce hunger.
Halloween: On October 28 the children will receive boxes to collect funds for UNICEF on Halloween. The middle schoolers will present a program to the rest of the children, explaining UNICEF and the collection process.
Youth Group All youths from sixth grade through high school are invited to join the Prairie Youth Group. The group will meet every other week to discuss issues, hear guest speakers, plan activities, and just have a good time socializing with other young people. The first youth meeting will be a pizza party on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Meet at Rocky Roccoco’s on Whitney Way (across from West Gate, behind Bishop’s) at 6:00 p.m. The event will end with an organizational meeting at Prairie; plan to finish at 8:00 at Prairie.
PRAIRIE BENEFIT FOR "SISTER CITY" PROJECT

Ruth and George Calden will share reflections and slides about their summer trip to the Soviet Union as the highlight of Prairie's "Sister City" Benefit on Friday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Representatives from the "Sister City" project, which proposes linking the cities of Madison and Voronezh in the Soviet Union, will join us for a brief presentation.

Live Russian folk music will be performed by Dodie Chapru, Lee Burkholder and George and Ruth Calden. The Caldens also have recipes available for Prairie cooks to provide food for the evening. Or cook some of your favorite recipes from the Soviet Union to share with us. Call Rachel Siegfried, 271-2173 about your food contributions or help in finding a recipe.

Donations to the "Sister City" project will be appreciated. The regional food and drinks will also be on sale to raise funds for the project.

Join us at the benefit for an evening of enjoyment and enlightenment to promote world understanding.

GROWTH WORKSHOP: NOVEMBER 3, 9:00 - 4:00

Prairie has reached a critical point in its development. Membership has grown to an all time high of 130. Sunday mornings services are crowded and the children in the religious education program downstairs are literally crawling over one another. Continued growth, which has been fairly consistent since the inception of Prairie, means added responsibilities for which we are unprepared.

Important decisions regarding our future need to be made. The vehicle through which each person can help make those decisions is the Growth Workshop. The Growth Workshop is a one-day structured workshop through which we as members and friends of Prairie can set goals and objectives for meeting those goals for our society. Everyone who wants a say in the future of Prairie should attend.

As this workshop is not just a valuable opportunity, but a necessity for the health of Prairie, all those who do not register will be contacted by phone. If you did not receive a registration form and/or would like further information, please contact Gail Ostler at 241-7105.

REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR ANNUAL DIRECTORY & PRAIRIE FIRE QUESTIONNAIRE

CLIPBOARDS
Nursery Volunteers
Oct. 28 Drapkin
Nov. 4 Robbyanne Martin
Nov. 11 Brent Haglund

Sunday School Snacks
Oct. 28 Peg Stevenson
Nov. 4 Dayle Haglund

Kitchen Cleanup
Oct. 28 Martha Fineman & Shirley PM
Nov. 4 ?? & ??

Building Cleanup
Oct. 28 Judy Spring & Sharon Scrattish
Nov. 4 Carolyn Briggs & ??

Sunday Room Arrangement
Oct. 28 Mary Mullen
Nov. 4 Alice & Lee Bullen
Nov. 11 Rosemary Dorney

Lois Hagstrom is seriously ill at Madison General Hospital. She was taken ill at Upham Woods and has had surgery since being admitted to the hospital. She would appreciate cards. If you wish to visit, call to see whether she is well enough to enjoy visitors.

THE PRAIRIE YOUTH GROUP OUTING

Prairie middle and high school youth will meet at Rocky's on Whitney Way across from Westgate, Tuesday, November 13 at 6 p.m. After supper they will return to Prairie to plan future outings and programs. Parents should pick up their young people at Prairie at 8 p.m.

Parental permission slips are required for insurance purposes. Lynda Lewis 271-2173

ATTENTION STATE EMPLOYEES!

You have probably already received your State Employees Combined Campaign pledge form. Note that one of your options for giving is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee: item #214 under the International Service Agencies. Please consider directing your pledge to support the dynamic work of UUSC.

PLEASE RETURN PLEDGE FORM BY NOVEMBER 1.
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
November 18, 1984

The Magic Box --- a play by grades 6-7-8
One way to show thanks is to share that for which we are thankful.

Song --- Love Is a Circle page 92
Distribution of Guest at Your Table boxes

Thanksgiving Festivals Around the World
Most cultures celebrate the harvest, as represented by grades 3-4-5 filling the harvest table.

Responsorial Reading: Adults read; youth respond
For the expanding grandeur of creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:
WE GIVE THANKS THIS DAY
For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:
WE GIVE THANKS THIS DAY
For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements
WE GIVE THANKS THIS DAY
For our human community, our common past and future hope:
WE GIVE THANKS THIS DAY
For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:
WE GIVE THANKS THIS DAY
For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:
ALL: WE GIVE THANKS THIS DAY. WE PRAY THAT WE MAY NOT LIVE BY OUR FEARS BUT BY OUR HOPES, NOT BY OUR WORDS BUT BY OUR DEEDS.

American Thanksgiving Tradition --- the Pilgrims Grades K-1-2 share their understanding of the origin of our Thanksgiving.

Song --- Give Thanks page 82

Apple Communion Service
Take time to experience and appreciate this common fruit of local harvest.

Song --- Shalom Haverim