Prairie Fire
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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, DECEMBER 9
9-11:30 a.m.--NIFTY GIFTY for R.E. classes
Notice early time! Children need to bring: snapshot or school photo of self; 50c for supplies; any supplies from list in separate story.

9:15 a.m.--Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.--ARE THERE MEN'S ISSUES? A panel of Prairie men moderated by David McKee will discuss what is important in their lives.
10:00 a.m.--Baby care & preschoolers
11:30 a.m.--Soup served by James Novak; milk, juice, or bread (bring to share)
11:30-2:00--Youth Group Bowling Party (see Youth Group story for details)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
7:30 p.m.--Long Range Planning Committee meeting at Wetherby's, 341 W. Wilson.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
9:15 a.m.--Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.--MALE MESSAGES: GROWING UP MALE by Ian Harris, UWM; the development of male sexual identity.
10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes, baby & child care

LEASE NOTE:
Groups, committees, or individuals who plan to use the Prairie building FOR ANY PURPOSE other than Sunday morning service MUST reserve the space and clear the date and time with Fran Remeika. We have run into some embarrassing situations because of our failure to do so.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
6:30-8:00 p.m.--Youth Group Holiday Party at Prairie
7:30 p.m.--Executive Board Meeting at Prairie. All welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
9:15 a.m.--Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.--Intergenerational Service. No R.E. classes. Nursery care only.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:30 p.m.--Playreaders meet at Pat Watkins. Title of play to be announced in next issue.

PLEASE SAVE FOR THE NIFTY GIFTY:
1. 35 mm film cases and lids
2. Canning lids and rings
3. Colored funny pages from newspapers
4. Large grocery bags
5. All your cancelled stamps from this week.

PRAIRIE CHOIR WILL SING
We'll sing at two area nursing homes on the afternoon of December 9; at Sauk City on the afternoon of December 16 and at Prairie on December 23.

CIRCLE DINNERS
Circle dinners are off to an enjoyable start. If some Prairie people would like to arrange a dinner group for 6, please contact Lynda Lewis, 271-2173.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE DECEMBER 16
R.E. CORNER

NIFTY GIFTY -- the annual gift making will be December 9, from 9-11:30. See the special notice in this Prairie Fire for more details.

On Sunday, November 25, the children had a morning of doing Polish holiday craft projects, while teachers had a morning upstairs. Kathy Laux, Diane Chambliss and Aileen Nettleton were in charge downstairs.

Holiday schedule: Note that there will be a full R.E. program on December 16. On December 23 there will be nursery care while the older children attend the intergenerational service. On December 30 and January 6 the nursery program will continue and there will be special interim activities for the school children. All regular R.E. activities will resume on January 13.

PRESCHOOL: The preschoolers will make their own special gifts in the nursery area for the NIFTY GIFTY on December 9.

K-1,2: These children will participate in the NIFTY GIFTY on December 9. On December 16 they will continue to hear a demythologized story of Joseph and Mary and put to use the masks of Joseph and Mary they made earlier.

3, 4, 5: Of course, they will participate in the NIFTY GIFTY on December 9. They have already created their own holiday festival (Happy Birthday to Us) but will take a look at Chanukah on December 16.

6, 7, 8: This class joined the adults for a look at the future last week. They will also participate in NIFTY GIFTY on December 9, and they will conclude their study of social problems, specifically world hunger on December 16. Mary Beth O'Halloran R.E. Director

PRAIRIE PHOTO SCRAPBOOK IN THE OFFING

We would like to start a Prairie photo scrapbook, to include pictures of services, Upham Woods, and other Prairie events. Therefore, if anyone has photos they would like to contribute, please give them to me (along with a brief caption) at a Sunday service.

Also, if anyone would like to donate a Polaroid camera which we can use to take pictures at Sunday morning services, it would be greatly appreciated.

Marty Drapkin

Editors' Note--The Bonsers donated a Model 230 to Prairie to make pictures possible in Prairie Fire. We haven't made much use of it. We'd be glad to have an official Prairie photographer take pictures both for that scrapbook and the newsletter.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group event will be a bowling party on Sunday, December 9. We will have lunch at McDonald's after service and then bowl 3 games at Nakoma Lanes. We will leave from Prairie about 11:30, or just meet the group at McDonald's. Bowling will be over by 2:00 at Nakoma Lanes. The cost will be $1.10 per game plus lunch.

The Youth Group Holiday party will be Tuesday, December 18, 6:30-8:00 at Prairie. Please bring a dozen or so treats to share and ideas for games or skits.

The Youth Group is open to all middle school and high school students from Prairie and their friends. Come to all the events or just come to your favorite activities. You can always bring a friend as well. Just be sure you and the friend both have permission slips. For more information call either of the advisors: Lynda Lewis, 271-2173 or Gail Ostler, 241-7105.

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CLIPBOARDS

Nursery 12-9 Alice Bullen
12-16 ??

Snacks 12-9 Nelsons
12-16 Marty Drapkin

Kitchen 12-9 Alice & Lee Bullen
12-16 ??

Building Cleanup 12-9 ??
12-16 ??

PERMISSION SLIP

HAS MY PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN PRAIRIE YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING TRIPS DURING REGULAR MEETING TIMES. I WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE PRAIRIE SOCIETY FOR ANY ACCIDENTS WHICH MAY OCCUR.

DATE ______________________ SIGNATURE ________________________________
"Theology for UU Women" is the theme of the 1985 Biennial Continental Convention of the UU Women's Federation. The convention will be June 14-16, 1985, at Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, Ga. A noted theologian from outside the denomination and three UU women will spearhead an exploration of feminist theology and spirituality. Workshop topics include Acting Out Your Theology; Odyssey: Personal Spiritual Journeys; Who Started the Feminist Fire? and How to Use Feminist Theology in Worship. The program is designed for all UU women and men, both UUWF members and nonmembers. To be placed on the mailing list to receive more information, write UUWF, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

FAVORITE SONGS WANTED - AND PEOPLE TO SELECT THEM

During 1985 the Program Committee intends to form a subcommittee to choose a dozen or more songs to add to the Prairie Songbooks. Members who are particularly interested in choosing these new songs should let Program Chair, Mary Mullen know (271-5192).

We also invite every Prairie-goer to look over the following list of new songs that have been used in Prairie Services in the recent past. Check those you'd like included and drop your "ballot" in the collection basket at Prairie or mail it to Mary Mullen, 4337 Milford Rd., Madison 53711. Add other favorites to the list if you wish.

Amelia Earhart's Last Flight
Song of the Soul
The Minstrel Boy
Democracy
Thou, South, Art Ours
America The Beautiful
Go Down Moses
Roddy McCority
The Patriot Game
Union Song Collection
Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
The Band Played Waltzing Matilda
No Man's Land
Raining
What a World There Can Be
I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier
We Are The Future

DISCOVERY TOYS

For those of you who missed the Discovery Toys benefit at Prairie and would still like to order for Christmas, you may contact Arline Ferguson (249-7075) before December 10. Prairie's R.E. will receive the profits from the sales.

CAN YOU HELP ME?

I have misplaced my copy of the K-2 teachers guide for R.E. It's called "Adventures of God's Folk." If anyone has seen it or accidentally picked it up, please call me at home, 271-2173 or at work, 271-2771.

Thanks. Anne Reardon

A SECRET ABOUT A SECRET

Mommie has a secret hiding place
For all the Christmas presents
She buys for everybody.
She bought me a candy-cane
Two feet long,
And that's where she hid it;
I saw it sticking out.
Just nobody knows
Where her secret hiding place is;
That's HER secret.
My little brother doesn't know,
And it's a good thing;
But I know.
Mommie doesn't know I know,
Cause then she'd change it;
That's MY secret.

from Sixes and Sevens, by Gladys Brazie