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, JANUARY 20
10:00 a.m.--VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION, Dan Saunders will discuss the roots of domestic violence.
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22
7:30 p.m.--R.E. Committee at Prairie
7:30 p.m.--Response to Jerry Falwell at Prairie

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23
7:30 p.m.--Planning for Valentine's Day Service (Feb. 10) at Rachel Siegfried's, 5209 Tolman Terrace

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
7:30 p.m.--Playreaders, home of Rosemary Dorney, 4205 Odana Rd.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
10:00 a.m.--FATHERS AND PARENTING --Panel of Prairie men discuss their attitudes
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

MONDAY, JANUARY 28
5:00 p.m.--Program Committee meeting to discuss meeting Prairie's spiritual needs at Mary Mullen's 4337 Milford Rd. All welcome. Call 271-5192.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
10:00 a.m.--ARTISTIC PRESENTATIONS: By and about men.
10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

R.E. CORNER
R.E. COMMITTEE MEETING
We will discuss follow-up from the Growth Workshop, especially space needs! We're crowded! Come help with some creative ideas.

INTERIM - Special thanks to the many people who made the interim so enjoyable! Teachers Marty Drapkin (photography), Kathy Lauk (cooking), Shirley Price-Marcus (art), and Vicki Swetz (sign language); and their willing assistants Barry Heist, Cindy LaMar, Robbyne Martin, and Sharrie Scratissch.

NURSERY - Teachers again are Cathy Butts and Beth Price-Marcus. On January 13 the little ones played a movement game (remember Red light, Green light?) and continued regular activities of group interaction and personal choice. Later in January they will work on a cooperative cooking project.

K-1-2 - Regular classes resumed January 13 with Betty Jallings, Bob Park, and Anne Reardon. These youngsters continue the Adventures of God's Folk by following the ideas of Martin Luther King (Jan 13), Mohandas Gandhijí (Jan. 20), Henry David Thoreau (Jan. 27), and Thomas Jefferson (Feb. 3). The teachers have added several famous UU's to the published curriculum.

3-4-5 - This class continues to study Holidays and Holydays with Karen Jackson, Al Nettilton, and Judy Spring. After finding out about Martin Luther King (the national holiday honoring him beginning in '86). They will study Africa Day and African culture on Jan. 20 and Jan. 27.

6-7-8 - The Middle Schoolers will find themselves intrigued by Crede, the curriculum (Continued on page 2)
R.E. CORNER, continued
written by Dayle Haglund and taught by Nina Mattarella-Micke, Linda Nelson, and Dave Zakem. On Jan. 20 and they will participate in preference voting about their values. On Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 they will start work on a survey of the beliefs and values of Prairie members.

HELP - When the Middle Schoolers contact you to share your beliefs and values, please spend some time helping them so they can learn to understand the ideas and values underlying the Prairie community. Also, please check your out-of-the-way closets and book shelves - we still have not found the Holidays and Holydays curriculum for the fall months or the set of large (1 1/2' x 2 1/2') laminated posters of famous UU's.

EVENTS - Some dates to think about:
--Meadville/Lombard Winter Institute, Madison, WI. "In The Beginning - Liberal Religion and The New Cosmology", February 11-14.
--TLC Conference - for people interested in R.E., Crystal Lake, IL. "I Can" - skills for personal and church development, April 16-18.

SANCTUARY UPDATE
Recently, Stacey Merkt and Jack Elder, two of the workers at Casa Oscar Romero in San Benito, Texas, who have been assisting refugees from the violence and oppression in El Salvador and Guatemala, were indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of transporting "undocumented persons." Hearings are set to begin February 4.

In response, the Madison Sanctuary Committee has prepared a statement of complicity and support for Merkt and Elder. The intention is to circulate the statement nationwide, gathering as many signatures as possible, and simultaneously to collect donations from signers and others. The money will pay for a full-page ad in the "Brownsville Herald" the day before the trial. The ad will include the statement of complicity and support, and the names of its endorsers (or as many as will fit). The objective is to demonstrate clear evidence of national support for and solidarity with the Central American refugee effort. The arrests may indicate the intention of the Reagan Administration with respect to the Sanctuary Movement, and the outcome of the case will set a precedent for other sanctuary workers arrested in the future.

A copy of the statement of complicity and support will be at Prairie for those who wish to sign it. It states in part:
"We the undersigned formally declare our complicity and solidarity with the actions taken by Jack Elder and Stacey Merkt on behalf of Guatemalans, Salvadorans and Hondurans seeking a safe haven in the United States from the terrors of war and violence. We are obliged to act by our religious and moral convictions to aid the oppressed and shelter the homeless. We assert that we are committed to respond to the needs of Central American refugees with the same kinds of acts as those taken by Jack and Stacey, and that, if we were in the same circumstances as they are, we would do as they have done."

Donations for the ad may be made to the Madison Urban Ministry, 1127 University Ave., Madison, WI 53715, and earmarked for R.G.D.C. (Rio Grande Defense Committee).

For further information, read the current issue of "City of Refuge" (copies available at Prairie), or contact me at 241-1386.

Les Lyons

ANA CARRIGAN TO SPEAK AT ST. FRANCIS HOUSE
Ana Carrigan, author of SALVADOR WITNESS; The Life and Calling of Jean Donovan (Simon and Schuster; Dec. 7, 1984) will speak at St. Francis House Episcopal Center on January 17, 1985, at 7:30 PM. SALVADOR WITNESS is the story of Jean Donovan who, along with 3 other North American missionaries, was murdered in a government ambush in December, 1980.

Ms. Carrigan grew up in Ireland and South America. Her distinguished career in film and television has included producing ABC/TV's "20/20" and the documentary about Jean Donovan "She's Nobody's Baby" for which she received a Peabody Award in 1982. The film which she co-produced on Jean Donovan, "Roses in December" won her a Christopher Award and an Emmy nomination. SALVADOR WITNESS is her first book.

Ms. Carrigan will discuss the current political and human rights situation in El Salvador. There will be no admission charge ... donations will benefit the St. Francis House Sanctuary program and Ms. Carrigan's travel expenses.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM FREDERICA SCHILLING
I wish to give a special thanks to all the R.E. teachers and other "big people" who helped with the "Nifty Gifty". You all certainly brightened my Christmas morning with my daughter Robin.
PRAIRIE CONFRONTS JERRY FALWELL

Jerry Falwell has announced a year long crusade to repeal the abortion amendment and has designated January 22, the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision making abortions legal, as a "National Day of Mourning."

In response to this threat to women's rights and to the 26 bombings to abortion clinics throughout the country last year and early this year, a meeting is being held January 22, 7:30 p.m. at Prairie.

There will be a slide presentation by Shirley Czoschke, coordinator for Pro-Choice, Madison; letter writing to President Reagan, the U.S. Attorney General's Office, and to U.S. legislators; and planning for the year ahead.

For more information call Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173.

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING WEEKEND

February 15-17, at Trees for Tomorrow Center, Eagle River, now has 12 people signed up. If interested, phone Vera & Gordon Cunningham before January 25. With 30 people, we can receive a 10% discount. Call 271-1246. The cost, including equipment for 5 meals, two nights, instruction, transportation to ski trails, and wine-tasting on Saturday evening is $87/person; with your own equipment it's $77/person....this is before the 10% discount. Gordon

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Our "Camp In" at the Annex is set for January 18, 5 p.m. We'll be ordering pizza and then having an all night movie marathon! Saturday morning will be a pancake breakfast, that is if any of us have room for pancakes! We'll also be discussing ideas and plans for the semester. Bring your sleeping bags and snacks. The cost should be about $5.00 per person. If there are any questions or if anyone needs a ride please call me, 238-9884.

Cindy LaMar

Our Thursday lunches at Memorial Union resume January 24. These begin at noon and usually end about 1:30 p.m. You can bring a sandwich or stop at one of the Union cafeterias and then join us. If you can't come for the whole time then stop by for the time you have available. Every week or so we'll have a special guest joining us. Check "Today in the Union" which is posted near all doors for the room where we'll be meeting.

Our guest speaker at our Thursday lunch, January 31 will be Mr. Tom Garver, Madison Art Center, who will speak on "Uses and Pleasures of Art In Our Everyday Life". Check "Today in the Union" for room number.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

At St. Benedict Center, Middleton, March 1-3, now has nine couples enrolled in the Marriage Enrichment Retreat. One more couple can be accommodated. The cost is $135/couple for everything: room, board, breaks, lead couple expenses, miscellaneous. If interested, phone Vera & Gordon Cunningham, 271-1246