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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
7:30 p.m.—By Laws Committee, home of Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Place.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
10:00 a.m.—DISCOVERING OURSELVES AGAIN
Guest speaker, Ilda Thomas, Director of Centro Hispano.
10:00 a.m.—R.E. Classes, baby & child care

MONDAY, MARCH 18
5:00-7:00 p.m.—Program Committee at 2320 Rowley Ave., call Mary Mullen for details; potluck supper.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
1:30-4:00 p.m.—Prairie Youth Group will cook treats for bake sale on March 24 at coffee table at Prairie. Questions, call Linda Lewis 271-2173.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
10:00 a.m.—WINNEBAGO HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES, Guest speaker: Janice Beaudine (Winnebago). Ethnic Studies Librarian, UW-Madison
10:00 a.m.—R.E. Classes, baby & child care

MONDAY, MARCH 25
7:30 p.m.—BEYOND WAR, at First Society Joint meeting with Prairie. See story.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
7:30 p.m.—BEYOND WAR. Joint meeting with First Society, at Prairie.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: MARCH 24

TO CHANGE ADDRESS OR STOP PRAIRIE FIRE, PLEASE CALL 838-8055

R.E. CORNER
Has everyone noticed the R.E. projects that have appeared upstairs recently—K-2 mural of "Martin Luther King", 3-4-5 "The Perfect President" and "I Believe" posters, 6-7-8 "Clara Barton" posters? Thanks to the kids and to the teachers who put their energies together so we could all enjoy the results.

PRESCHOOL — The little ones will be playing "post office"—learning to mail packages and letters while pretending to work in the post office. They will also continue group play, crafts, and motion activities regularly. Most of the babies are joining the older preschoolers for at least part of each Sunday morning.

K-1-2 — This class continues Sacajawea on March 17 and Chief Joseph on March 24. They are learning that God's Folk live in all cultures. Remember to mark your calendar for the May 11-12 overnight that will culminate this group's program for the year.

3-4-5 — On March 17 this class will, of course, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with song and dance but no snakes. On March 24 they look at the Iranian holiday of No Ruz.

6-7-8 — On March 17 the middle schoolers will find out about the significance of the Flaming Chalice. On March 24 they will dis-

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31
10:00 a.m.—CULTURAL SURVIVAL: BREAKING THE HIDDEN CYCLE OF CULTURAL DESTRUCTION by Dave Zakem & Lance Green.

7:30 p.m.—Spring Parish Meeting at Prairie. Submit any agenda items to Pat Watkins before March 22.
R.E. CORNER, continued
cuss heretics and martyrs in terms of what
beliefs are so strong that a person would be
will to die to defend those values. Several
weeks ago this class wrote to UU societies
around the country to ask for copies of news-
letters; on March 31 they will compare all
the newsletters to find the values expressed
in them.

LOOKING BEYOND WAR, WITH HOPE
Nuclear weapons have made all war
obsolete
We live on one planet with one interde-
pendent, interrelated life support
system.
The process of changing our modes of
thinking begins with decision.
There is a plan of action to build a
world beyond war.
These are the four basic points of the
Beyond War movement, whose program will be
presented at two joint meetings of members
and friends of First Society and Prairie,
March 25 and 28. The movement originated in
Palo Alto, California and includes more than
80 full time professional volunteers who
have left their careers or taken leaves of
absence to work on the Beyond War effort.
Currently, Rick and Regina Roney and Edie
and Jeff Schwartz are lecturing and leading
discussion groups in Wisconsin while living
in Madison. They speak at public meetings,
such as the ones which we will have this
month, then host smaller discussion groups
of people who have indicated an interest in
the movement. Finally, they conduct training
sessions for individuals who want to contin-
ue the work after the two couples leave the
state.
Briefly, their message is that in today's
world we have to stop thinking in terms of
us against them and start to work on the
problems that we and they have to solve.
The meetings at Prairie and First Society
will probably be led by local trainees in the
program. Refreshments will be available
during a break period.
We hope that Prairie people will attend
one of the two meetings of this movement
which is so much in tune with our own recog-
nition "that we share a common humanity,
that we need one another, and that our
futures are inescapably bound together."

WELCOME NEW PRAIRIE MEMBER
Elisabeth Jones has recently signed the
Prairie Membership Book. We are happy to
welcome her to Prairie U U Society.

ANNUAL MEETING: NORTH CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL,
CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT UU ASSOCIATION
Barb Park calls our attention to the
Annual Meeting of the North Central Area
Council, Central Midwest District UU Associa-
tion to be held April 19-20 at the First
UU Church, Wausau, Wisconsin. Our own Barb
Park is President of this Council and has
helped put together "a potpourri of relevant
topics..." for those who attend.
The deadline for registration is April 10.
Details of the program and registration will
be posted on the bulletin board at Prairie.

CAROLINE WERNER: APPRECIATION & QUESTION
We had a note from Caroline Werner asking
to be placed on the Prairie Fire mailing
list. Then she added, "I enjoyed the inform-
mality and the discussion of social issues
and how they affect/apply to our own personal
lives."
The question she asked is one that other
people have wondered about and the answer is
certainly no secret:"What goes on after
church and how does one get involved in it?"
The Pizza Hut on the access road just off
Verona Rd. has become the meeting place for
food and conversation of Prairie people after
Sunday service.

WINNEBAGO HISTORY & CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
On Sunday, March 24, our guest speaker
will be Janice Beaudine, a Wisconsin Winne-
bago, who grew up in the central part of the
state and is now Ethnic Studies Librarian
at UW-Madison.
The land we claim as our Prairie U.U.
"home" was once part of a vast territory
occupied by Winnebago people. A large parcel
of the Winnebago homeland, including the
area that is now Madison, was ceded to the
U.S. government in 1829. The remainder was
lost in two subsequent treaties.
Janice Beaudine will share personal ex-
periences related to her tribe's loss of
land, forcible removal and eventual return.
She will also discuss the historical impact
of the land cessions.

CLIP BOARDS
KITCHEN
3-17 Kathy O'Brien & ??
3-24 ?? & ??
3-31 McKee & ??
NURSERY
3-17 Linda McGraw
3-24 ??
3-31 ??