



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 Thamas,
Director of Centro Hispano.

10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care

MONDAY, MARCH 18

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

1:30-4:00p.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

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R.E. CORNER

Has everyone noticed the R.E. projects that have appeared upstairs recently -- K, 1-2 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 willing to die to defend those values. Several weeks ago this class wrote to UU societies around the country to ask for copies of newsletters; 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 interdependent, 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 continue 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 recognition "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 Association 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 informality 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 Winnebago, 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 experiences 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
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