



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 28

7:30 p.m.--BEYOND WAR. Joint meeting with First Society, at Prairie.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

10:00 a.m.--CULTURAL SURVIVAL: BREAKING THE HIDDEN CYCLE OF CULTURAL DESTRUCTION by Dave Zakem and Lance Green.

PARISH POLL: Voting on resolutions for GA Final Agenda. Discussion and voting after regular service.

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 a.m.--FLOWER COMMUNION: INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE.

11:30 a.m.--Pot-luck lunch

EASTER EGG HUNT for children after lunch.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 p.m.--Prairie Youth Group Spring Party. Call Linda Lewis, 271-

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 p.m.--Playreaders at Birongs, 599 Glen Dr., call 233-5995 for info.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

10:00 a.m.--"TOUGHING IT OUT" ON THE COLORADO PLAINS by Dodie Chapru

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 p.m.--SPRING PARISH MEETING AT PRAIRIE

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R. E. CORNER

Preschool - The youngest children are enjoying art activities, especially finger painting. The pouring and measuring pan was so popular it will be a permanent addition; every few weeks material will be changed to give varied sensory and pouring experiences. They will also continue cooking by making scrambled eggs.

K-1-2 - On March 31 this class will study all children's favorite, Beatrix Potter. On April 7 they will participate in the inter-generational service. Remember to save May 11-12 for their overnight.

3-4-5 - On March 31 this class will experience Buddha's birthday. Then the next week they will celebrate Easter in the Prairie tradition with everyone upstairs.

6-7-8 - Don't miss this class! On March 31 they will survey the newsletters from UU churches around the country to discover their values and concerns.

PRAIRIE YOUTH GROUP & PARENTS

Please inform Gail Ostler or Linda Lewis whether your Prairie Young person is interested in a week-end camping trip July 13-14 at Governor Dodge State Park. We need to make a reservation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome new members Anne Forbes and Jim Lorman who live at 516 Wingra Street, Madison 53715. Their telephone number is 257-3485.

NEW ADDRESS

Fredericka Schilling and her daughter, Robin Zinthefer, have a new address: 4337 Milford Rd, Madison, 53711. Phone: 271-5192. Please change this in your directory.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: APRIL /

1985 PARISH POLL

This coming Sunday, March 31, will be a decision time at Prairie. In a meeting following the Service, we will be voting on which of the Tentative Agenda resolutions we wish to appear on the Final Agenda for consideration in Atlanta. Please save the insert from your Feb. 15 issue of the UU World and familiarize yourself with the resolutions. A copy of the insert will be posted at Prairie in case yours has disappeared mysteriously. To expedite the Poll we will presume an affirmative vote on each resolution, and not have a formal vote unless there is a resolution that someone disagrees with.

According to UUA Rules, a resolution must receive a majority of "yes" votes from societies responding to the Parish Poll in order to be eligible for inclusion on the Final Agenda. Thus, even if the Tentative Agenda contains fewer than the number of Business (8) or General (6) Resolutions allowed for the Final Agenda, Prairie's vote is crucial. Please take part.

Les Lyons

EASTER SERVICE: FLOWER COMMUNION

The April 7, Easter intergenerational service will feature a Flower Communion, pot-luck lunch and Easter egg hunt for the children following the lunch. Please plan to bring one flower per person to share, colored eggs and, of course, a dish to share for our pot-luck. Any questions can be answered by Elisabeth Jones, 233-5373 or Rachel Siegfried, 271-2173.

WAUSAU, ANYONE?

"Of Theology and Things" is the theme of this spring's meeting of the North Central Area Council of the UUA Central Midwest District, to be held Friday evening, April 19, and Saturday, April 20, at the First UU Church in Wausau, WI. Workshop titles include "A Process Guide to Philosophy-Making", "Parents as Resident Theologians", "UUSC Update", and "Board Retreats". Home hospitality is available as well as reasonably priced motel accommodation not far from the church. A trifling \$10 covers registration, wine and cheese on Friday evening, and two meals on Saturday. Look for brochures at Prairie. For more information, ask Barb Park (NCAC President) or Les Lyons.

"A. D." TELEVISION PROGRAM

On the NBC television network there will be a miniseries called "A. D." beginning Sunday evening March 31 to April 4; check for exact time.

This series covers the years A.D. 30-69 "when Romans, Jews and Christians were caught in a world convulsed by social, political, cultural and religious change."

The folder telling more about this series of programs will be posted on the bulletin board.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1985

The 24th Annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association convenes in Atlanta, Georgia, on Monday, June 17 at 2:00 p.m., with the opening Plenary Session at 7:00 p.m. that evening. The Assembly will end at noon on Saturday, June 22, with the recognition of incoming and outgoing officers and committee members. During the week there will be the election of our new President and Moderator, adoption of the proposed new statement of Principles and Purposes, adoption of Business and General Resolutions and bylaw revisions, and a wealth of opportunities for worshipping, studying, dancing, sharing ideas, listening to lectures, and making new friends.

Prairie Society, as a member of the UUA, is entitled to send two official delegates and alternative delegates, and as many observers/participants as wish to attend. One potential delegate has surfaced already: that intrepid YRUU-er, Casey Steinau, who is rumored to be moving heaven and earth to get to Atlanta.

For more information about GA, read your March "UU World" and talk to denominational affairs chairperson, Les Lyons.

A PRAIRIE BANNER AT GA?

The opening celebration in Atlanta will include a parade of banners representing the UU societies participating at GA. The banners, with their diversity of colors and logos, will be on display at various events during that week for all to see and admire.

If there is going to be a Prairie banner at GA (I hope there will be), we need to start planning now. Full instructions are on hand (32" x 54", both sides), and there is \$39 in the budget for that purpose. Instead of having a competition to design a banner, I think we ought to collect a group of interested, loving people who are willing to work on the project cooperatively and democratically. If you would like to participate please let me know and we'll put together a 1985 Prairie GA-Banner Committee. Remember, the banner will just be for the 1985 GA; it will not be Prairie's permanent, eternal, once-and-for-all banner.

Les Lyons

DEAR U-URSULA:

Our group has a problem. We are unable to begin our Prairie services on time or run them uninterrupted because of people who come late. Is this a U-U tradition? Or is this our own local color?

--Seeing Red

Dear Red:

You are ignorant. Why don't you come late and learn to enjoy drowning out the speaker.

TOUGHING IT OUT ON THE COLORADO PLAINS

Dodie Chapru's parents were home stead-er's kids. The movie Heartland could have been the story of their childhood.

On April 14 with slides, photos and the words of her mother and father, Dodie will share some of the events that shaped the lives of her own "Prairie family."

Other Prairie UU members will swap tales of their grandparents' life on the home-stead.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORTS

The Committee on Committees has completed its slate of nominees for Prairie offices, to be presented at the April parish meeting. They are as follows:

President: Rick Rueking

Vice president: Barbara Park

Secretary: Pat Watkins

Treasurer: Megan Christensen

Denominational affairs: Casey Steinau and Barbara James

Finance: Brent Haglund

Housing and property: Rachel Siegfried and Dan Laux

Long range planning: Jack Jallings

Membership: Ann Reardon and Judy Spring

Program: Mary Mullen

Religious Education: Sharon Scrattish and Robynne Martin

Social action: Leland Bullen

Committee on committees: Ann Reardon

Ceremonies: Dorothy Wetherby

Publicity: Barry Heist

Hospitality: Fran Remeika

CULTURAL SURVIVAL: BREAKING THE CYCLE

The existence of many cultures around the world is being threatened by the life-style needs of the modern world. There is a hidden cycle in which some nations enjoy the "good life" at the expense of subsistence level people who are just trying to stay alive day by day. There are other ~~cases where the tribal groups are "just in the way"~~ of "progress" and political expediency.

The Cultural Survival program on March 31 by Dave Zakem and Lance Green will provide an insightful look at some of these cultures through a provocative "sight and sound" program from The Cultural Survival Foundation, an advocacy group for the rights of indigenous cultures.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is working to "Break the Cycle" of the cause for human cultural destruction. Some current projects and concerns will be presented in the program.

PLAYREADERS MEET AT BIRONGS ON APRIL 13

The Playreaders will meet at Birongs, 599 Glen Drive, on Saturday, April 13, 7:30. This date has not been changed. Call 233-5995 for more information.

PRAIRIE UU 1985 SERVICE AUCTION

What is your talent that you'd be willing to share with Prairie people? Cake baking? Painting? Gardening? Home repairs?

Whatever it is, plan to auction it off to eager buyers on Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at Prairie. Marty Drapkin will be the auctioneer.

Refreshments plus a cash beer and wine bar will be available. (The beer to be donated by Jim Novak.)

Please call Brent Haglund (837-0713) with the facts about your service to be auctioned.

A SEDER AT PRAIRIE?

Bennett Stark, a Prairie attender and friend is interested in arranging a Seder, the Jewish dinner celebrating the Passover, for Prairie people, whether of Jewish heritage or not. It could involve individuals or families. ~~The event would take place on Friday or Saturday evening, April 5 or 6.~~ Anyone who is interested should call Bennett at 249-8215 as soon as possible.

SANCTUARY

A Salvadoran refugee who has been bonded out of a detention center and is awaiting further legal proceedings is seeking work. Roberto Hernandez arrived in Madison in mid-March and is being tutored in English. He can do painting, vacuuming, cleaning, yardwork, and other odd jobs. The wages are negotiable and short-term employment (even just a few hours of work in each place) would be just fine. If you'd like to learn more about Roberto, to meet him, or to hire him, please call Annie Piper at 231-3897, or Joy Aruguete at home, 256-1056, or at work at the Majestic Theater afternoons and evenings at 255-6798.

CHANNING-MURRAY NEWS

The March 28, Thursday noon Channing-Murray luncheon guest speaker will be Hannah Lee, MSSW, speaking on "Dreams: A Look In ~~The Mirror~~". Check ~~"Today in the Union"~~ for room number. Everyone welcome.

The April 4 Channing-Murray Thursday noon brown-bag lunch at Memorial Union will have as its guest speaker, Marilyn Garbaty-Wade and Terry Little from Briarpatch. The topic will be "Teenage Suicide". Check "Today in the Union" for the room number. Everyone welcome.

Cinda LaMar

MARTY DRAPKIN AND ERICA NAPOLI HAVE PLANS

On Saturday, May 18, I'll be pledging my troth (whatever that means) to Ms. Erica Napoli, a highly-regarded local nurse. We'll be having a small family wedding followed by a big party that night at Prairie, featuring dancing, eating and general celebrating. All are invited. More later. Mark your calendars. Marty Drapkin