

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

SUNDAY, JULY 7

NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE

10:00 a.m.--SPIRITUAL BRIDGES TO PEACE, a universal worship service to open the PEACE FESTIVAL at the Gates of Heaven Synagogue, James Madison Park (see story)

SUNDAY, JULY 14

9:00 a.m. --Breakfast potluck at Prairie
10:00a.m. --SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING with Paul Olson (see story)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

10:00 a.m.--WORK SUNDAY. Come in old clothes ready to work, see story.
12:30 p.m.--Potluck lunch

SUNDAY, JULY 28

NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE

10 & 10:30 a.m.--Bikers start up the Military Ridge Trail for outing to Sharon Scattish's Mt. Hor-eb home. Motorists, plan to arrive at 12 noon for pot-luck: 403 N. 4th St.

WORK-SUNDAY IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21

The WORK-SUNDAY scheduled for July 21 will start at 10:00 a.m. and include a pot-luck lunch. There will be plenty of jobs available for as many as can be there. A partial list: weeding flower beds, mowing, shrub trimming, cleaning chairs and windows, cleaning and waxing any floors that need it. For more information call Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173 or Dan Laux at 274-0916.

Bring tools for jobs listed above if you have them.

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SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL INVESTING

On Sunday, July 14, the Prairie service will be on the topic, Socially Responsible Financial Investing by Paul Olson.

For Prairie members who have extra funds to invest and want to "put their money where their mouth is," there are some good alternatives to supporting socially irresponsible enterprises.

The Pax World Fund which "endeavors through its investment objectives to make a contribution to world peace..." and the Calvert Social Investment Fund which "seeks to provide growth of capital or current income through investment in enterprises that make a significant contribution to society through their products and services and through the way they do business" will be discussed July 14.

Madisonian Paul Olson, a consultant in socially responsible investing, will present these options and provide time for questions.

SPIRITUAL BRIDGES TO PEACE

Prairie members are invited to attend the universal worship service opening the 6th annual July PEACE FESTIVAL at James Madison Park on July 7. Members of the B'Hai, Buddhist, Catholic, Native American and Sufi tradition will share their forms of expression to broaden our spiritual perspectives.

Please feel welcome to stay or return to the festival which will include 20 workshops, 13 slide shows, 40 information tables, ethnic foods, music and other activities ending with a candlelight walk to the capitol rotunda at 9 p.m.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: JULY 14

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NOTES

(Your name may appear here. If not, it could next year.)

We are recruiting new members to join Chairperson, Mary Mullen and members Shirley Czoschke, Rosemary Dorney, Elizabeth Jones, Lynda Lewis, David McKee and Dorothy Wetherby. We extend a special invitation to Prairie men. Women are welcome too.

We meet monthly. Next meeting is Monday, July 22, 5-7 p.m., 4337 Milford Rd (half a block from Prairie), a potluck. Agenda items include:

1. scheduling of this year's 3 lay ministers; suggestions include:
 - (a) a different lay minister each Sunday;
 - (b) each lay minister serving a month at a time;
 - (c) two 4½ month ministries with the other interspersed;
 - (d) the traditional 3 month ministry.

2. planning August Sunday services

3. hearing about the lay ministry planned by Judy Spring and Shirley Price-Marcus.

4. critique of recent services/activities

The Program Committee plans many Sunday services and other activities as well as assisting the lay ministers who organize about 25 services each year. This is an opportunity to see your ideas implemented, so if you have some ideas -- or opinions -- please join.

Many Prairie services are taped, most recently Rosemary Dorney's June 7, "Coming of Age" service. Tapes are kept in a box on the back table, or ask Bob Park about them.

The past year's services tallied as follows:

- 25 planned by lay ministers Les Lyons; Rick Ruecking and David McKee; Dodie Chapru.
- 14 organized by other Prairie individuals: Mike Briggs, Mary Mullen, Rosemary Dorney, Joan Hall, Rachel Siegfried, Barbara Park & Les Lyons, Bob Park, Dave Zakem, and Lance Green.
- 5 intergenerational services usually planned by a subcommittee of the Program Committee with 1 or 2 others
- 2 carried out by UU people from elsewhere
- 1 work Sunday
- 5 Sundays away from Prairie: canoe trip; visits (2) to other religious communities; Grindrod picnic, and Upham Woods

52 Sundays

Mary Mullen

FIRST INVITES PRAIRIE CAMPERS TO WYALUSING

Prairie campers - come join UU's from First Society in Madison and Peoples in Cedar Rapids, IA for a campout Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien. Contact Faye, the double agent from Iowa at 251-5427 or Bill at 273-4843 for more information on the fun.

SIDEWALK GARDEN NEEDS VOLUNTEER CARETAKER

We need someone to take responsibility for the front flower garden between the sidewalks. Please call Rachel Siegfried (271-2173) if you are willing to volunteer for that job.

A couple of Jehovah's Witnesses took time out from their convention to let me and some other McFarlanders know that the Second Coming was imminent. We were able to agree that there are some worrismatic things going on these days but we didn't reach any mutual conclusion about the outcome. I was able to tell them a little about Unitarianism, but when we parted they were still Witnesses, and I expect to continue at Prairie until further notice.

Lee Bullen

Shirley Grindrod has volunteered to represent Prairie with the Sanctuary movement, replacing Les Lyons who has been doing it for several years and wished to discontinue.

I am seriously looking for a new job. If anyone knows of any jobs available for a writer (i.e., me), please call and let me know. Thanks for your help.

Anne Reardon (271-2173)

I am interested in baby-sitting this summer. Whether it's during the day or night. I'm 12 years old and I love kids. Please call me at 257-7056. Jenny Drapkin