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, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 a.m. --TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY: A New Paradigm of Mind,* by Beth Wortzel and Jim Powell of the Harmonia Center for Psychotherapy

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

5-7 p.m. --Orientation for About Your Sexuality, parents only, at Prairie

5-7 p.m. --Youth Group activity (see story under R.E. Corner)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5-7 p.m. --Program Committee meeting, pot-luck at Mary Mullen's, 4337 Milford Rd. 271-5192 Everybody welcome.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 a.m. --CONNECTIONS: The Earth - The People - The Universe,* by Elisabeth Jones & Prairie members

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

1-7:30 p.m. --Youth orientation for the About Your Sexuality program, at Prairie

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:30 p.m. --PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING, at Prairie. Everyone welcome. (The Board meets the 4th Monday of each month, except that in November it will meet on the 24th and in December on the 16th.)

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

11:00 a.m. --(directly after Sunday program) R.E. Committee budget meeting. All are welcome. For information, call Sharon Scrattish, 437-5915.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

7-10:00 p.m. --Adult class for About Your Sexuality (see story). At Prairie. Meetings will also be held October 10, 17 & 24, same time & place.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Annual all-Parish retreat at Upham Woods.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. --FALL PARISH MEETING, at Prairie

* cassette recording of this program will be available for loan (Out-of-town Prairie Fire readers can receive a cassette recording of any program for $1.00.)

PLEASE NOTE:

The Bullens will be on vacation, with Elderhostel, in England for this and our next Prairie Fire. We will produce the newsletter in their absence. It's VERY important that you let us know immediately if you move -- undelivered mail will be returned (at first class postage per piece) to the Bullens' P.O. box, but it may be weeks before they get it. Meanwhile, you might miss 3-4 newsletters. Thanks!

Lynda (271-2173) & Rosemary (238-4382)

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: September 22

R.E. CORNER

Nursery - Since we do not yet have a preschool coordinator, each week's activities will vary with the leader. Last week the children played get-acquainted games and tape-recorded their own stories. It's important that weekly volunteers arrive with some structured activity in mind: a favorite book to read and discuss, a game to play, something to share. Beth Price-Marcus continues as regular nursery aide.

Grades K, 1, 2 - In the first class youngsters played get-acquainted games and discussed how and where people live. On Sept. 15 they will take a nature walk in the Arboretum -- DRESS APPROPRIATELY. On Sept. 22 they will do classroom activities based on their nature walk findings. Teachers are Bill Fetzner, Lindy McGraw & Barb Palecek.

Grades 3, 4, 5 - This group began the year by discussing what is evil and why evil happens. They began with the original sin stories of Adam and Eve, Prometheus and Pandora. On Sept. 15 they will consider evil as part of the cycle of reincarnation, and on Sept. 22 they will look at myths about evil as a result of wrong thinking. Teachers are Erin Bosch, Shirley Czoschke & Jim Lorman.

Grades 6, 7, 8 - In a unit called "The Church across the Street," middle schoolers will study many religions and have plans to visit churches of a variety of faiths. They will begin Sunday, Sept. 15, by seeing a film and holding a discussion on Amish society. Teachers are Jim Lake & Peg Stevenson.

Youth Group - The first activity for all middle and high school youth will be a pizza party at Rocky Rococo's, 694 So. Whitney Way. Meet at Rocky's at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15. Pizza and beverage will cost about $2.50. Parents may pick up party-goers at Lynda Lewis', 5209 Tolman Terr., between 7 and 8 p.m.

ABOUT YOUR SEXUALITY

Parent Orientation - Sept. 15, 5:00-7 p.m. at Prairie. Parents whose children will participate in AYS must attend orientation and give permission for their middle schoolers' involvement in the program.

Middle School Class - A youth orientation for the AYS program will take place Sunday, Sept. 22, from 1:00-7:30 at Prairie. Youth must attend the orientation in order to take the class. They may decide after orientation whether to continue.

Preschool Coordinator Position

Prairie still needs an adult who likes little kids to coordinate the preschool program. Hours are 9:30-11:45 a.m. on Sundays; pay is $12.00 per Sunday. Please refer any likely candidates to Robbyne Martin, 251-4630.

Rug for R.E.

We would like to find another large rug for the main R.E. room. 9 x 15 or larger, or a 6 x 18 runner.

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ARE ANY OF THESE LOST ITEMS YOURS??

This is your very last chance to claim items left at Prairie over the past year or so. Call Fran Remeike (845-7292) or Rachel Siegfried (271-2173) to claim items, or pick them up at Prairie Sept. 15. After that date, everything goes to Goodwill (or whatever).

- a pieced quilt w/lavendar print back
- small crockery bowl w/apple painted on it
- round, glass casserole dish w/cover
- 2 small woven baskets; 1 rectangular ditto w/handle
- 3 knit hats: green;cream w/pattern;brown
- 2 women's slacks: cream; rust
- 2 jackets: heavy brown leather suede; green lined w/plaid, child's
- sunglasses w/tortoise shell rims
- sweater: tan pullover
- 2 towels: aqua; yellow
- 2 scarves: tan plaid; lavendar knit
- child's turtle neck, pink
- Christmas dresser scarf; brown place mat
- woodchopper's mittens: heavy wool grey knit
- flashlight
- galoshes
- picture frame
- books: Beer Can Collecting; Romance Is a Wonderful Thing
- spices (Diane Derouen & Glenn Chambliss)
- assorted mittens, socks, children's toys, shirts (one is Bradley Jackson's)
- handkerchief

THANKS TO MARY MULLEN who patiently listed the above so we could reclaim (hint, hint) our stray possessions!

THE SPRINGS TAKE TO THE HILLS!

Judy and Kristi Spring have moved to Baraboo, but Judy still works at Omega in Madison. New home phone is 1-356-7325, and mail may be sent c/o Omega School, 254 W. Gilman, Madison 53703. Update your Directories!

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FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Our annual Prairie all-church retreat (where we renew our spirituality, commune with nature and with one another, sing, laugh, canoe, folk dance, get to know our own and others' kids better, and lots more) will be held at Upham Woods Friday, October 18 - Sunday, October 20. We try to make it financially possible for everyone to attend. PLEASE SAVE THOSE DATES!! Your next Prairie Fire will have registration forms, as well as details on housing and costs.

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ADULT SEXUAL CLASS

An adult class of About Your Sexuality will meet the first 4 Thursdays in October. The class will discuss facts, values and feelings related to sexuality. An optional section will consider how to discuss sexuality with your children, especially middle schoolers taking AYS. This adult class is for singles, couples, parents, --any age, any lifestyle, not just those who will have youngsters in the middle school AYS group thiss fall. It will be coordinated by Dan Laux and Mary Beth O'Halloran.

Preregistration is required (see form below). This course will not work with fewer than 8 or more than 20 participants, so register now.

FROM SOCIAL ACTION CHAIR LEE BULLEN

Some of you may recently have received an urgent message from the UUA about the need for medical supplies in Nicaragua. The U.S. trade embargo and continuing war make medical equipment, replacement of X-ray machine parts and especially adequate dosages of medicine for suffering civilians impossible to obtain. UUSC workers have returned from distribution of church-based relief with horror stories of growing numbers of elderly, children, the sick at risk. A second medlift is planned, of medical supplies already donated. Funds are needed for shipping costs. Our help is requested. Checks may be sent to the UUSC, c/o Richard S. Scobie, Exec.Dir.

* SEND ANNE OFF TO CHICAGOLAND *

Prairie friends of Anne Reardon are invited to party with her Saturday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m., at Rachel Siegfried's, 5209 Tolman Terr (call 271-2173 for directions). A snack or beverage would be appreciated. Y'all come!

PARTING MESSAGES FROM ANNE REARDON

Because of the Chicago move, I'll have to resign as Membership co-chair. Judy Spring will continue as chair but will need help, especially as she now lives in Baraboo and may not make it to Prairie every week. She'd like helpers to meet-and-greet at Sunday services, count heads, update membership files, and to work on the Prairie Directory. This is a great opportunity to get better acquainted with Prairie's friends and members. If you are interested in <u>any</u> of the above, please call Judy at 255-6879 (work) or 1-356-7325 (home), or Anne (until Sept. 28) at 271-2173. Work on the Directory will begin in November.

I also will need help loading my stuff into the U-Haul on either 9/28 or 9/29. If you can lend a hand, please call me.

Anne

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR ADULT SEXUALITY CLASS

I (We) plan to participate in the adult AYS class on Thursdays in October.

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Return registration form to Dan Laux or Mary Beth O'Halloran as soon as possible.

THINKING ABOUT A PLACE IN THE COUNTRY?

Peg and Rod Stevenson are looking for people to share ownership in an 88 acre farm on the north side of the scenic Baraboo hills. The property has a farmhouse, pond, woods, and fields; this could be shared by 2, 3 or 4 families. For more information, please call us in Madison at 233-6449.

BETTY JALLINGS calls our attention to social action concerns outside Prairie:

The Madison Apartheid Coalition meets Sept. 18, 7 p.m., at 731 State St. It will be working on divestment, nuclear weapons, etc.

The Peace Research Center at UW-Madison needs contributions to its newsletter. Prof. Peter Dorner, 14th floor, Van Hise Hall, is their contact person.

A caravan of 25 Salvadoran refugees from L.A. will parade around the Square Sept. 25. Rally is at 1 p.m., with a dinner later. For night of 9/25 housing is needed. They leave 1 p.m. 9/26, and cars are needed to drive them to Chicago. Co-ordinator: Kate Thompson, 251-5627 or 251-1309.

Salvadoran children's drawings will be on exhibit at the Lutheran Campus Center Sept. 22-28. They were brought out of Honduras by Ken Lawrence who will speak on his experiences.

Edith Ballentine of WILPF will be here (in Madison) Sept. 30-Oct. 1. A meeting with her is planned.

Contributions are still needed for Friends of AMES Day Care Center in Managua, Nicaragua. For further information, call Donna Vukelich (251-5859), Maureen Dolan (233-1034) or Chris Galloway (238-6225) in Madison. Among items still needed are crib linens, eating utensils, cloth diapers, building blocks, writing materials (paper, crayons, paints, paste), simple games that are NOT English-language based, small rubber balls.

Don't forget the annual TAKE BACK THE NIGHT rally. Meet at Webster and King Sts. at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17. Women of Color are coordinating.

U-U WOMEN'S FEDERATION FALL RETREAT

Prairie women are invited to join women from First Unitarian Society in a Fall Retreat of the U-U Women's Federation, November 1, 2 and 3, at George Williams College in Lake Geneva (see attached yellow flyer). Cost will be $35. for Madison women, $50. for those outside. It is also possible to help with program tasks (driving, registration, etc.) and have fee waived. If you have any questions after reading the flyer, call Rachel Siegfried for details (271-2173).

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

September	15	Marty Drapkin
"	22	Mona Birong
"	29	??
October	6	Pat Cautley
"	13	??
"	20	UPHAM WOODS

If you haven't signed up yet, please check the clipboard soon and schedule a Sunday to volunteer. ALL Prairie adults may share this opportunity, not just those with kids currently in the R.E. program.

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MEA CULPA . . .

At this last, harried moment of laying out the Prairie Fire, I confess I didn't get all the clipboard lists of volunteers for Prairie upkeep (sorry, Lee, you DID remind me): washing coffee cups after our Sunday service, lawn mowing, trimming, etc. As of Sun., Sept. 8, more able bodies were needed. PLEASE check the clipboards this coming Sunday to see where you can lend a hand -- now that we have a cleaning person, demands are fewer, but some tasks (just like home) still have to be done!

Your stand-in editor, Rosemary