

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, DECEMBER 22

9:00 a.m.--Choir practice
9:45 a.m.--INTERGENERATIONAL HOLIDAY
SERVICE: "A SEASON FOR CELEBRATION". CHOIR CONCERT.
Bring: Guest at Your Table Box
Symbol to hang on tree
Breads, fruit or beverages to share.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 p.m.--Playreaders at Rachel Siegfried,
5209 Tolman Terrace: Albee's
Tiny Alice or McCuller's Square
Root of Wonderful. Call Rachel
at 271-2173.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

10:00 a.m.--GET RID OF THAT GUILT, with
Marty Drapkin
10:00 a.m.--No R.E. classes but program of
films for K-8. Baby & child care

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 a.m.--BACK TO THE FUTURE led by Pat
Watkins
10:00 a.m.--Interim program for K-8.
Baby & child care available.
After service: R.E. Committee Meeting

BRING SONG BOOKS BACK. WE'RE GETTING SHORT
FOR SUNDAY SERVICES.

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HOLIDAY R.E. SCHEDULE

Dec. 22 Intergenerational Service, baby
care only. Children will partici-
pate in service.
Dec. 29 No R.E. classes, baby & preschool
as usual. Films for K-8.
Jan. 5 Interim - special projects kids
can sign up to attend. Baby and
preschool as usual.
Jan. 12 Interim - a 2nd set of projects
to sign up for. Baby & preschool
care as usual.
Jan. 19 R. E. classes resume as scheduled.

R.E. COMMITTEE MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

The R.E. Committee will have its next meet-
ing on January 5 directly after the 10:00 ser-
vice.

There will be no R.E. classes on December
29 for the K-8 kids, but there will be
childcare for the preschoolers and infants.
There will be a program of movies offered
for all the K-8 students. Robbynne Martin
R.E. Co-chair

FOOD TO THE SALVATION ARMY

We took 4 shopping bags of food to the
Salvation Army Headquarters where they were
greatfully received. Thank you.

The box will remain in the lobby at
Prairie for more contributions. The winter
is starting out very full of problems for
many people.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: DECEMBER 29

SUNDAY, DEC. 22, INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

The intergenerational service on Sunday, December 22 will begin fifteen minutes early at 9:45 a.m. (You may even like to come at 9:00 to hear the choir practice!) It is important for the adults to be seated before 10:00 to be out of the way of the children's procession with lighted candles.

The service will be woven around the theme "A Season for Celebration". At 9:45 the Prairie choir will present some holiday music. There will be a children's candle-light procession (parents, please help your child decide if s/he is old enough to manage a candle alone). We will decorate a Symbol Tree, as in the past. Those who wish should bring an item that has meaning for you in the past year -- be prepared to hang it on the tree during the service and briefly explain its significance. Also bring your "Guest at Your Table Box" to place under the tree, and some fruit, holiday bread or beverage to share after the service.

There will be baby care available but all other children will participate in the service.

OUR SYMPATHY TO RACHEL SIEGFRIED

Rachel Siegfried's mother, Bertha Lee McCutchen, died December 3 at Wagoner, Oklahoma.

BOB WEST APPEARS IN SCIENCE DIGEST

In a listing of "The Top 100" innovations in the fields of lasers, Extraterrestrial assays, and Hardware/software, the December issue of Science Digest cites Prairie's Bob West for synthesizing polysanes (polymers with backbones of silicon rather than the usual carbon) which have low melting points and are soluble. These polysanes can be molded or drawn into fibers and are useful in the manufacture of coatings and high strength ceramics.

FAREWELL, SHIRLEY & NADINE CZOSCHKE

Shirley and Nadine will be leaving on December 28 for the warmth of Texas. Shirley has a teaching job in the Rio Grande Valley. Peter will be staying in Madison with his father. We will miss Shirley and Nadine -- good luck and we will hope to see you on a visit back in Madison in warmer weather.

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND UNITARIAN SERVICE

We attended the service at the New Unitarian Church in Birmingham, England the Sunday we were there. The program speaker was a Sikh professor from the Birmingham community. He was accompanied by a family of Sikhs who stayed after the service to visit with the people in the congregation.

The speaker thanked the New Unitarian Church for allowing the Sikh community to meet in their building. He said they had not been able to find any place where they could meet together for services until the Unitarians offered their building. The mother of the Sikh family gave a reading from Sikh religious sources.

We found the service to be considerably different from the ones we are accustomed to: It was taken (apart from the contributions by the Sikhs) entirely from a book of services, one for each Sunday of the year, and the president of the congregation read it all including the responses.

The church had been without a minister for about a year but was expecting a new one the following week.

We asked where the R.E. met and were told there is no program for children as there are very few children in the group. Several children sat through the adult program.

Alice & Lee Bullen

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING NOW?!

No, not now. But a U.U. cross-country weekend is being planned for February 14-16, 1986 at Trees for Tomorrow Resources Education Center, Eagle River. Cost will be \$65 (or less) per adult (\$36 for under 12) for 6 meals, 2 nights lodging, instruction, trails, an evening on equipment & clothing, wine-tasting, and lots of skiing. If about 40 of us from Prairie and First Societies go, a Badger Coach would cost about \$20 per person (and save a long winter drive). Rental equipment is available (\$10/adult, \$7.50/child): under size 4 & over size 14, bring three-pin shoes. If interested, please phone Vera & Gordon Cunningham at 271-1246. Adult Programs Committee, First Society.

THANK YOU, AL NETTLETON

Prairie thanks Al Nettleton for the furnace repairs of last week. Rick Ruecking handed tools and kept Al amused as he labored. Good work!