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

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
7:30 p.m. -- Playreaders meet at Elisabeth Jones, 4715 Sheboygan Ave #112, 233-5373; Wilder’s Skin of Our Teeth or Eliot’s Cocktail Party.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
10:00 a.m. -- WHAT COMES NEXT? How death of a relative or friend influences us? What happens after death? Continuation of Judy Spring’s Lay Ministry.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
6-8 p.m. -- Program Committee and Potluck at 4337 Milford. Anyone welcome, THIS IS A NEW TIME!
6:30 p.m. -- Long Range Planning Committee at Prairie (1-1½ hour meeting)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7:30 p.m. -- Prairie Men’s Group Meeting at Boyce Totz, 746 W Main, #308, 255-2464.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
10:00 a.m. -- WHERE DOES CREATIVITY COME FROM? A child (Christopher McKee), a chemist (Bob West), and a feminist writer (Annis Pratt) will describe their creative projects and their thoughts about the source of these ideas. Art work to be displayed.
10:00 a.m. -- R.E. classes, baby & child care
11:30 a.m. -- 9th grade youth and families meet to plan mentoring program.
12 noon -- COMPUTER FAIR - see story

R.E. CORNER

Preschool - The preschoolers continue their crafts and individual and group play. We are trying to have 3 adults in the preschool each week; you can help by volunteering to work one (or more) Sunday mornings. Call Andrea Torres (273-8659) to offer a day.

K-1-2 - This class has a serious schedule this spring, but the teaching activities will make the classes enjoyable. On February 16 they will talk about bodies with their teachers, and about reproduction with their teachers and Mary Beth O’Halloran on February 23. They will discuss embryo development and see

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slides, and they will learn about birth with their teachers and Fredericka Schilling.

Parents are welcome to attend with their children.

3-4-5 - This class moves on to Spanish culture for the next two weeks. Among other activities and foods, they will make Spanish style musical instruments on February 16 and join the Ethnic Connection (what a treat!) in Hispanic songs on February 23.

6-7-8 - These youth continue to study religions other than UU and to visit other local churches.

YOUTH GROUP - The Youth Group will go sled-ding at Elver Park (far west side) 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, February 16. If you need a ride call Erin Bosch. 238-6285. This will be the Youth Group's chance to say goodbye to Gail and Ryan Ostler.

HAVE YOU TRIED YOUR HAND
AT DRAWING OR PAINTING?

On February 23, members and friends of Prairie, especially children and youth, are invited to display art work they have made. Please bring a card that tells the age at which you made the artwork, your name and a title, if you wish. Plan to arrive at least fifteen minutes early to put the item(s) on display. This is part of the service for that morning.

THEATER PARTY

The Prairie Playreaders have scheduled a theater party for March 8. It is a University Theater production of Churchill's Cloud 9 (a farce). For more details call Pat Watkins at 262-7960 (days).

SENSITIVE SERVICES

Some services, such as this Sunday's 'What Comes Next', involve difficult and sensitive presentations. Please plan to arrive early and be seated on time so that the speakers are not disrupted. Our children need to be aware of this also, especially the K-1-2 youngsters who will be joining us briefly at the start of the morning.

PARKING AT PRAIRIE

Please park as close to the snowbanks as possible and leave driveways and the corner plenty of clearance. The city bus is having a problem getting enough clearance to get around the corner and through the street.

Barb Park

SOCIAL ACTION: PRAIRIE HELPS THE HOMELESS

On January 27, several Prairie members and friends (Barb Barley, Rick Ruecking, Mike Briggs, Nancy Steele, Jim Cook and Lance Green) helped operate the Drop-In Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church. Working alongside shelter staff and other volunteers from the Seventh Day Baptist, we did such tasks as guest greeting and check-in, serving food, distributing blankets, and often just providing a friendly ear or smile. The shelter was home for 62 guests on that very cold night.

If you would like to volunteer on the fourth Monday of this (February 24th) or future months, please call Lance Green at 249-5979.

Need another way to help? The shelter has no kitchen facilities, but welcomes, fruit, sandwich fillings, desserts and soft drinks. Specially needed now are toothpaste and brushes, razors and shaving cream, deodorant, and men's gloves, socks and flannel shirts. Bring these items to the Shelter (or to Prairie) or send a check made out to the Drop-In Shelter. Lance Green

PRAIRIE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Committee on Committees is looking for volunteers for board members and lay ministers. Please contact Marty Drapkin at 256-1239, or Mary Mullen at 271-5192.

COMPUTER FAIR

Is there fun in home computers beyond the video games? Come to the computer fair and see. If you have never laid a finger on a computer keyboard, this is your chance to write and run your first program (with a little help from your friends). If you already use computers at school, home, or work, this will be a chance to compare notes with others who do too.

Computers coming include (so far) Apple IIIC, Zenith, Atari 800, and Commodore Vic 20. Programs using sound, color, animation, and custom designed characters will be shown and explained by their creators.

It is suggested that the parents of children who are anxious to try computers bring sandwiches or fingerfoods to Prairie. These young enthusiasts can have first crack at the computers soon after they are set up around noon. We will want to give those sitting from the Pizza Hut a chance at the keyboards a bit later.

If you have something to share at the Computer Fair, please contact Bob Park at 635-7519.
NEW GROUP ANYONE?

Is there an interest in a new Circle Dinner group? Let Ruth Calden, 233-5717, or Dorothy Wetherby, 255-3536, know about your desire. Groups may be organized with 6-8 or more.

S.O.S.

A Prairie Circle Dinner group is in special need of singles to round out their group. Call Ann Forbes, 257-3485, or Ruth Calden, 233-5717.

TO HELP AMERICAN PLAYERS THEATRE

To anyone wanting to know if there's someway of helping to reopen American Players Theatre: a trust fund has been established at the Bank of Spring Green. All money will be returned to supporters if APT indeed does not reopen. Also, there is a very active campaign to reopen APT in Madison and Spring Green. We need your help. Please call Vicki Swetz, 1-588-2705, or Orange Schroeder at 256-8813 if you'd like to help.

BENEFIT TICKETS FOR THE YWCA

Anyone planning to go to "Of Mice and Men" on March 6 at the Civic Center - a benefit for the YWCA - please get your tickets from Betty Jallings.

FROM THE CLIPBOARDS

KITCHEN CLEANUP
2-16 Alice & Lee Bullen
2-23 Betty & Jack Jallings
3-2 Julie & Dick Bonser
3-9 Les Lyons & ?

NURSERY HELPER
2-16 ?
2-23 ?
3-2 Judy Skog

R.E. Snacks
2-16 B. Jallings
2-23 Anne Forbes
3-2 Judy Skog

MARITAL PROPERTY REFORM

On March 5 at First Society, the Womens Alliance invites Prairie women to a dinner meeting. Our Gretchen Vetzner will lead a discussion on the new law and the decisions that will likely follow it. For the dinner ($4) at 6:30, please call 233-9774, to make a reservation. The program for which there is no charge will begin at 7:30. Invite your friends. Call Dorothy Wetherby at 255-3536 if you have questions.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23