

# 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

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

4-5 p.m.--Free introductory JOURNAL-KEEPING Class by Stephanie Edwards at Prairie. Please bring writing materials.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

10:00 a.m.--JU SERVICE COMMITTEE--WHAT WE'RE DOING. Leland Bullen

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 p.m.--SPRING PARISH MEETING, at Prairie. YOUR ATTENDANCE IS ESSENTIAL.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

4-5 p.m.--Free Saturday class: Alexander Technique - A western technique of body-mind integration by Debbie Thomas. At Prairie.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

10:00 a.m.--WHAT'S ON THE MINDS OF YOUNG ADULTS? Representatives of Channing-Murray group will provide a program and music on a theme of their choice.



### NOTICE

If you didn't set your clock ahead the night of the 26th, you'd better plan to get to Prairie at 9:00 a.m. on the 27th.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

7:30 p.m.--Spiritual discussion group at Prairie: Myths and Legends - Your Life Story.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

4-5 p.m.--Polarity: Learning to attune to the energy flow of your body by Emily Meyer. Last of Saturday classes. At Prairie.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

10:00 a.m.--WHERE ARE THE ANSWERS? Prairie pilgrims travel long distances to add to their knowledge. A panel will describe their travels and how their world view has been altered.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

9:00 a.m.--Old and new board meets with the Rev. Gordon Gibson, extension minister.  
1:00 p.m.--Long Range Planning committee meets with Gordon Gibson.  
evening --Prairie members and friends meet with Gordon Gibson.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

10:00 a.m.--"A JU HOME COMPANION" Gordon Gibson  
12:00 noon--Pot luck luncheon.  
1:00 p.m.--"GROWTH WORKSHOP #II" with Gordon Gibson.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: MAY 4

IMPORTANT DATE FOR PRAIRIE MEMBERS: APRIL 27

Please don't forget to attend the Spring Parish meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 27. Bring with you the April 12 Prairie Fire, which contains the agenda, the minutes of the last parish meeting, and the proposed bylaw amendments.

YOUTH GROUP OVERNIGHT

The Youth Group will be having an overnight at Prairie on Friday, April 25. Come at 7:00 Friday evening and disperse about 10:30 Saturday morning (after clean-up time).

Everyone must bring a sleeping bag, pillow and either a snack food or drink. Optional things to bring: tape cassettes, frisbees, shaving cream, cards, games. Friends are welcome. You must RSVP to Erin Bosch, 238-6285, preferably by Thursday, April 24. When you call tell her if you're bringing a friend and what food you're bringing.

Our thoughts are with Metje Butler, who at the time of mailing of Prairie Fire, is at St. Mary's hospital awaiting surgery on Wednesday. She expects to be in the hospital about five days.

PRAIRIE SENDS SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO:

Mary Beth O'Halloran whose father, Jim O'Halloran, died on Saturday, April 19 at East Moline, Illinois.

Elisabeth Jones and her husband, Tom Jones, whose mother died on Friday, April 18.

KK Anderson whose son died on Monday, April 7. A memorial service was held at his father's home in McFarland on Sunday, April 13. Rick Ruecking and other Prairie people were able to attend the service.

UNITARIAN WOMEN'S ALLIANCE TO BE AT PRAIRIE

The Women's Alliance at First Unitarian has planned its usual monthly supper at the Prairie Society Meeting House Thursday, May 1. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. and leave the building for a walk to Dunn's Marsh with Mary Mullen along to tell us something about the history of the neighborhood and the marsh and current efforts for protection of one of Madison's favorite birding areas.

Supper will be about 6:30 and cost \$4.00. We hope Prairie people will want to join us, especially some of the friends we made at the retreat last fall in Lake Geneva. Call Diana Cottam, 233-9509, to help us judge quantity.

NORTH CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL MEETING: GREAT

Thirty people from eight societies in Wisconsin and one from the Upper Peninsular joined together to enjoy the Ethnic Connection, listen to speakers and discuss--lots and lots of good talk! The North Central Area Council Meeting held at Prairie on April 18 & 19 was a great success.

I want to thank all the people who helped the event go so smoothly - Mary Mullen, Lee and Alice Bullen, Shirley Grindrod, Ann Forbes, Rick Ruecking, Mary Beth O'Halloran, and Rachel Siegfried. Also thanks to all who offered home hospitality. Next year the NCAC meeting will be in Appleton. I hope we can be represented by a large Prairie contingent to renew the friendships made this past weekend.  
Barb Park

At the annual meeting of the conference Saturday afternoon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

"We, representatives of the eleven Unitarian Universalist Societies of the North Central Area Council, meeting at Prairie U. U. Society in Madison, Wisconsin on April 19, 1986, wish it to be known that:

"We deplore international terrorism as an unacceptable means of achieving the ends desired by those condoning or encouraging acts of terrorism.

"We also deplore the bombing of Lybia by the United States as a means of combatting terrorism. In our eyes, this was an immoral action that was taken without first declaring war or exhausting all peaceful means of resolving the conflict with Lybia.

"We believe that one unintended consequence of this bombing will be an erosion of respect for the United States as a nation that is guided by moral principles."

EMERGENCY CLIPBOARD INFORMATION

There is no one signed up for R.E. snacks after today, April 20. So please sign up on the clipboard for a date in May.

If you've never brought snacks before, you need to bring 2 gallons of juice and enough snack (crackers, cookies, fruit, etc.) for 50 kids. Trays with snack and juice are to be prepared for each class according to the numbers in each room. Ask questions, get involved with the R.E. in this simple way.

Kitchen clean-up has a slightly less serious emergency as it has Annis and Henry Pratt signed up for April 27 but no one for any of the dates in May which will come soon!

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

This is National Volunteer Recognition Week, and on Sunday, April 13th, Lance Green spoke about his volunteer involvement with the Peace Project, Julia Bonser about hers with the Shelter for the Homeless, and Lu Kummerow about hers with the Alliance for Animals. In the discussion groups afterwards, we learned that Prairie folk donated more than 600 hours per month to many and varied volunteer activities. Knowing these activities and interests help us know each other better. Our hats are off to our volunteers and the following activities they are involved with:

American Cancer Society, Women's Crisis Hotline, Sanctuary Movement, American Civil Liberties Union, Drop-In Shelter, Alliance for Animals, National Task Force on Sexual Discrimination, Political Action Committee, Parent Teacher Organization, United Way, and the Madison Literacy Council. Response to Hunger, Girl Scouts, Women's Transit, Amnesty International, Common Cause, Soviet American Friendship, Arthritis Society, Wisconsin Women's Network, National Organization of Women, Board of Family Services, UNICEF, the County Board, Madison Library Board, Fitchburg Police and Fire Commission, Equal Opportunity Commission, Task Force for Sexual Equality in Nicaraguan Constitution, Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association Board, Regent Neighborhood Association Board, Midvale Neighborhood Association Board, Women's Political Caucus, YMCA Board, Humane Society Board, Peace Project, Community Action Comm., Legislative Committees, Lion's Club, Hospice Work, Teaching English to foreign students and families, drug and crisis intervention, editor of How To Change Society, Prairie work, finance counseling, soccer coach, Channing Murray, providing music, baby-sitting, co-op housing, teaching, tutoring, library work, school work, and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Golden, who has been helping in the nursery occasionally, and has been listed in the Prairie directory as "Friend," should now be labeled "Member," having signed the membership book April 20. Barbara's three children are Elia, who is a regular helper in the nursery, and Devin and Samantha who are both members of the nursery group.

Chris Smith, who has recently become an active member of our Social Action committee, also became a member of the society on April 20. Chris lives with the Talliaferros.

Marcia and David Johnson, whose address is P.O. Box 186, Coloma, Wis. 54930, have also recently become members.

## SANCTUARY CASE GOES TO JURY

The testimony in the federal government's case against the seven people being tried for sheltering refugees who crossed the border into Texas has been completed, and is now in the hands of the jury. Because of the illness of one of the jurors, it is not known just when their deliberations will begin.

Locally, Sanctuary supporters are planning a candlelight march from the City-County building to the federal court house, honoring the city council for establishing sister city ties with Arcatao, El Salvador, and expressing solidarity with the defendants whether they are convicted or acquitted. When the verdict is in, a phone tree will notify people known to be interested in the issue that the march will take place two days later.

Participants in the march will meet on the Monona Ave. side of the City-County building for an orientation session, then march with lighted candles to the federal court house, where an enlarged quotation of the 1980 law giving protection to refugees of oppression abroad will be posted on the building. Following this the procession will move to one of the nearby churches, still to be selected, for an ingathering service.

## ANNUAL CANOE TRIP NEARS!

Barb Barley and Peg Stevenson, this year's organizers, have found a campground right on the Sugar River, called Camp Crazy Horse. (So, we have cancelled the reservation at New Glarus State Park.) We have 10 campsites reserved at Camp Crazy Horse for Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26.

Two days of group canoeing on the Sugar are planned - Saturday's trip will start up-river from the campground and Sunday's trip will start from the campground. Canoes may be rented right at the campground, and horseback riding is available. There is a small playground, showers, a play field, and woods to hike in.

We have group rates for both the camping and canoeing; prices per person will be figured out once we know how many people we have participating. Horseback riding is \$10/hour. So, be thinking about what nights you'll be there, whether you need to rent a canoe, and whether you want to ride horses. Full details and a reservation form will be in the next Prairie Fire. Call Peg or Barb if you have questions that can't wait.

## UU SUMMER CAMPS

There are several announcements on the bulletin board of Unitarian Universalist summer camps. The camp at Williams Bay on Lake Geneva, Wis. usually attracts several Prairie individuals and families.

## ANNUAL UPHAM WOODS RETREAT

Prairie's traditional weekend at the University of Wisconsin-Extension 4-H camp north of the Wisconsin Dells is scheduled for the weekend of October 10-11-12.

## UUA 1987 NOMINATIONS

The UUA Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of nominees for the 1987 election. Eighteen (18) elective positions will be filled at General Assembly in Little Rock, Arkansas. Unitarian Universalists across the continent are being asked to suggest names for nomination to these positions of leadership. Brochures describing the position and terms of office are available on the bulletin board. See the April 15th issue of the UU World for more complete details or write to the UUA Nominating Committee, % 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

We adults need to be aware and considerate of the children stacked in a full-house situation downstairs, and of those who have volunteered their services as teachers.

It is difficult and disappointing for people in charge of the adult meeting to have to break off or condense a planned service because of a late start or because some part of the program ran long, but it is demoralizing for the children to be turned loose for a period of unplanned, unsupervised activity. From experience, I can say that it is discouraging to try to conduct a service while children are bursting through every opening, looking for their parents.

Leland Bullen

## PRAIRIE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Mary Mullen: business phone 267-3516.

## MORE PHONE NUMBERS YOU MAY WANT TO USE

Sen. Kasten	(202) 224-5323
" Proxmire	" 224-5653
Rep. Kastenmeir	" 225-2906
" Aspen	" 225-3031

## GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

The garden plots are located at the north end of Marlborough Park - ½ block from Prairie

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>YEARLY FEE</u>
50'x50' . . . . .	\$20.00
25'x75' . . . . .	16.00
25'x50' . . . . .	12.50
25'x25' . . . . .	8.25
12'x25' . . . . .	5.00

Contact Scott Anderson at 274-0181 if you are interested.

Gardeners are asked to participate in garden clean-up scheduled for the same day as neighborhood clean-up, Saturday, April 26.

Anyone is welcome, in or out of our neighborhood. Enjoy gardening!

## FOOD PANTRY

We plan to take the Prairie contributions of food to a food pantry Sunday. We hope Prairie people will add to it. An envelope is available for donations of money if you prefer. Alice and Lee Bullen

## MADISON PEACE CO-OP TO SPONSOR MOVEMENT LAW RESOURCE CENTER

The Madison Peace Co-op is working to establish a resource center providing information and referral to persons who are arrested during civil disobedience or other protest activities.

The Center will house a library with information on defending oneself in court, trial strategy in political cases, international law and necessity defenses, and other relevant issues.

In addition, we are now seeking the names of Wisconsin attorneys who would be willing to advise or represent defendants in civil disobedience or protest-related prosecutions. Please call Gillam or Gloria at 257-7562 if you are interested, and we'll send you a questionnaire asking you to indicate the types of cases you would be most willing to handle.

Donations to help purchase materials for the library may be sent to the Madison Peace Co-op, 731 State Street, Madison, WI 53703.