

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, MAY 25

NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE: CANOE & CAMPING TRIP

THURSDAY, MAY 29

7:00 p.m.--Long Range Planning Committee,
Home of Rachel Siegfried
5209 Tolman Terrace.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

10:00 a.m.--RECOGNITION SUNDAY
Intergenerational service

MONDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 p.m.--Prairie Board meeting, at Prairie

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

7:00 p.m.--Prairie Men's Group. Home of Rick
Ruecking, 5721 Elder Place,
238-2924.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

7:30 p.m.--Spiritual Discussion Group, at
Prairie. The Second Mystery:
Death (The first is Life).

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

10:00 a.m.--WORK AND SONG IN LITERATURE, fun
service of music and readings on
the theme of work. Pat Watkins.

1-4 p.m.--Work party at Prairie

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

8:00 p.m.--Playreaders Theater Party at
Isthmus Theater. See page two.

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RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 1 is Recognition Sunday. This intergenerational service is scheduled to be held outside. We will celebrate the personal involvement of all who contributed this year.

A QUOTATION APPROPRIATE OF "PILGRIMAGES"

Without going out of my door
I know all things on earth.
Without looking out of my window
I can know the ways of heaven.

For the further one travels
The less one knows.

The sage therefore
Arrives without travelling,
Sees all without looking,
Does all without doing.

from the Tao Te Ching
found and offered by David McKee

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The committee will meet Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Rachel Siegfried, 5209 Tolman Terrace, to follow up with the discussions with Gordon Gibson last weekend. All are invited.

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP

The Prairie Men's Group will meet at Rick Ruecking's home, 5721 Elder Place, June 3, at 7:00 p.m.

PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING

The Prairie Board will hold its monthly meeting at Prairie Monday, June 2, at 7:00. All are invited.

HELP TO PLAN FOR UPHAM WOODS

One or more volunteers are needed to plan the program for the Upham Woods Retreat in October. If you'd like to get in on this, let Rick Ruecking know.

Dear Prairie,

Thank you for all your wonderful support and many kindnesses during my recent ordeal. The rallying 'round of family and friends gave me much courage and hope, and helped me more than you can know; I think a lifted spirit must go a long way toward a positive outcome and successful healing, and I am very fortunate, for my operation has resulted in both of these.

I have survived well while many have not been so lucky, of course. Healing from the removal of a brain tumor takes time to allow things to go back to position after years under pressure (5 to 7, for me), and Prairie friends may still find me a bit fuzzy-thinking at times...from the trauma of surgery, as well; however, as it is so scary to have brain surgery, I would like to offer the sharing of my experience with any one for whom it might be a comfort to know more about it.

The less we speak of frightening subjects, the more taboo and scary they become. Ask me if you have questions, and thank you again for your loving and kind support.

Sincerely, Metje Butler

P.S. Wanna see my scar?

Dottie and Charles Polk, who attended Prairie for about a year while Charles was a visiting professor at the UW, will be in Madison for about a week and expect to be at Prairie on June 1.

Playreaders

Prairie's Playreaders will be having a theater party at the Civic Center's Isthmus Theater on Saturday, June 14. The Madison Civic Rep will present Christopher Durang's Beyond Therapy. Tickets for the event cost \$5.00. Call Pat Watkins, 233-5795 or 262-7960 after May 29.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE JUNE 1

The Clipboards

Lawn: May 25--Rick Ruecking

June 15--Faye Glessner

R.E.: Help needed June 1 and 8

Kitchen: June 1--Julia Broughten

HELP WANTED:

Your name on the clipboards would avoid taking time from the service to ask for volunteers for the jobs that need to be done.

Social Action Committee

ALCOHOL-FREE DANCE ROOM

The Madison Dance Room (every Friday night, 9:00-12:30 at the Civic Center) has now become an ALCOHOL FREE ZONE. Soft drinks are served and all ages are welcome to this weekly Peace Project benefit. --Lance Green

HELP AT DROP-IN SHELTER

Prairie volunteers are needed Monday, May 26. You can work on one of these shifts: 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. or 2:00-7:30 (new summer hours of shelter). Please call Lance Green, 249-5979.

The Social Action Committee's purpose is to keep the Society informed of local, state, national or international issues and to enable the Society and its members to exert influence in behalf of worthwhile civic causes. It has charge of coordinating the Society's service work with that of national and international service committees, including the UUA Service Committee.

We need more members. We'd like to have you volunteer!

JOIN THE WORK PARTY ON JUNE 8

There will be a variety of work for members and friends to do on Sunday, June 8, after the service.

Yard work will include raking, weeding, planting of annuals and trimming of shrubs.

Inside work is waxing, shampoo carpets, clean chairs and woodwork, storage areas and the kitchen.

Please bring cleaning supplies, paint rollers, trays or garden tools. Call Rachel Siegfried, 271-2173, if you have questions.