

# 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, JULY 6

11:00 a.m.--PEACE FESTIVAL UNIVERSAL WORSHIP SERVICE--an interfaith service with representatives from Sufi, Hindu, Bahai, Judaism, and Christian faiths at the Gates of Heaven in James Madison Park.

### MONDAY, JULY 7

7:00 p.m.--Prairie Board Meeting, at Prairie. Everyone invited.

### TUESDAY, JULY 8

7:00 p.m.--Long Range Planning Committee meeting at Rachel Siegfried's, 5209 Tolman Terrace, 271-2173.

### SUNDAY, JULY 13

9:00 a.m.--POTLUCK BREAKFAST  
10:00 a.m.--FROM POGO TO TOSCA--Does Narrative do more than entertain us?  
Elisabeth Jones.

### SATURDAY, JULY 12

7:00 p.m.--GOING AWAY PARTY for Elisabeth Jones and Mary Beth O'Halloran. Bring hors d'oeuvres and drinks. 4337 Milford. Call 271-5192 for more information. Everyone welcome.

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

10:00 a.m.--BUILDING BRIDGES WITH THE SOVIET UNION THROUGH CHILDREN'S ART with Anne Stoll, Elementary Librarian.

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### PEACE FESTIVAL

The 7th Annual Peace Festival takes place July 5&6, 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. in James Madison Park. Both days will feature international stage music and food, peace group information tables, and a body healing tent (try a massage for personal peace!). From 1-6 both days, try out fun activities for all ages, including juggling, new games, storytelling, puppets, face painting, magic, balloon animals and more.

Saturday will open with a special Native American ceremony at 11:00 a.m. to provide spiritual support for the 15,000 Navajo's and Hopi Indian people being forcibly relocated by our government. From 7-9 p.m., Dance Room DJ's will spin their favorites for an outdoor Dance for Peace.

Sunday begins with the Universal Worship Service at 11:00 a.m., with all Prairie folks invited. From 1-6 p.m., 22 workshops will address all levels of peace, including such topics as dreams, Yoga, sexuality, co-counseling, intentional communities, the arms race, world hunger, ecology and more. At 8:30 p.m., a Candle Light Walk to the Capitol Rotunda for closing ceremonies and a "World Hug" will end the Festival. Hope to see you there! Sponsored by The Peace Project. Call Lance Green for further information, 249-5979.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: JULY 13

## Social Action

We received a letter last week addressed to the Social Action Committee which may be of interest to many Prairians and could provide a way to express our opposition to continuance of the nuclear arms race.

Dear Fellow UUers:

"As a 30-year member of the Ann Arbor UU Church, and a member of its Social Concerns Committee, I was delighted by the Action of the UU Board of Trustees on October 20, 1985, following the lead of the Prairie UU Society on Jan. 23, 1983, in declaring all property of the Unitarian Universalist Association to be a nuclear free zone.

"Following an unsuccessful referendum in November of 1984 to have Ann Arbor declared a nuclear weapons free zone, members of local groups that had supported the referendum began meeting to discuss what might be done to keep that momentum going.

"One of the outcomes, formally launched in July 1985, was the "Covenant for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons," co-sponsored (as of April 1986) by twenty groups, including the Social Concerns Committee of our church. A sample packet of Covenant materials is enclosed. ... Covenant endorsers select companies among the 30 U.S. corporations with largest contracts for nuclear weapons systems, and they pledge to refuse profits from these companies and purchase of their consumer products, and to write the company president explaining why.

"The Socially Responsible Buyer's Guide provides concrete ways to translate this pledge into action, by showing what products are marketed by the top 30 nuclear weapons companies, and by others among the top 100 military contractors, and by listing alternative products by companies without military connections. Thus the Covenant (a) shows how nuclear weapons intrude into our daily lives through consumer purchases and investments, and (b) offers specific ways in which individuals and groups can express their opposition to the nuclear arms race through tangible actions.

"It would be gratifying if the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society would wish to become a co-sponsor of the Covenant, and/or if members of your society would like to take action as individuals under the Covenant.

"Although purchase of materials is not necessary (the enclosed sample kit can serve as a guide), those who wish their own copies can obtain the complete kit for a donation of \$5, or the Buyer's Guide alone for \$3. A co-sponsoring group may obtain multiple copies at \$3.50 each for complete kits and \$1.50 each for Buyer's Guides. When these are sold at full price, the co-sponsoring group keeps the difference of \$1.50 as fund-raising or to cover distribution expenses. Checks should be made payable to "Covenant Fund" and sent to me at the above address. The materials are not copyrighted and may be reproduced.

"Your comments would be welcome.

"In peace,

Donald C. Pelz"

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The Social Action Committee would like to ask Prairie members and friends to suggest social issues they would like the committee to address. Call Lee Bullen, 838-8055 with ideas or drop him a note at 5313 Main St., McFarland 53558.

### FOTO DIRECTORY OF PRAIRIE?

To help us get to know one another better, there is an opportunity to have a photo directory published if 40 families wish to have their pictures taken. A free 8 by 10 photo is also given to each participating family.

Appointments will be set up from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. on a Tuesday or Wednesday of a week convenient to Olin Mills and us. A 60% overrun of directories is available if done before September 1. Please contact Rita Reffner, Membership Chair if interested, 231-1816.

### CRANE FOUNDATION TRIP

About 30 adults and several children had a wonderful tour of the International Crane Foundation and a potluck picnic on the tables provided on the grounds. Our guide was very knowledgeable and answered questions and related stories with assurance. The cranes were visible so we could see what we came to see and it is easy to see that the people of the Crane Foundation love their work and care about the birds they work with.

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"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder ... he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in."

Rachel Carson