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... As the prairie stretches sky, let us reach out to one another, to be one with the natural world and with one another. —PRAIRIE’S BOND OF UNION
Prairie Smoke (Sieversia flora)

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CALENDAR

Friday, January 16
6:00 PM - Channing-Murray "Camp-In" at First Unitarian Society.

Sunday, January 18
9:00 AM - Choir Practice.
10:00 AM - "Politicians and Bureaucrats" with Stan York, who has been both. —Barbara James
2:00 PM - Youth Group Outing at Elver Park: sledding & skating.

Wednesday, January 21
7:00 PM - Shapenote singers meet at the Briggs home, 2259 West Lawn. Basses and Sopranos needed!!

Thursday, January 22
12:00 AM - Channing-Murray brown bag lunch - Memorial Union.

Sunday, January 25
9:00 AM - Choir Practice.
10:00 AM - "Bureaucracy, Inside and Out"—What goes wrong between people inside trying to give service and people outside trying to get some of it? —Barbara James

Wednesday, January 28
7:00 PM - Shapenote singers meet at the Briggs home, 2259 West Lawn.

Thursday, January 29
12:00 AM - Channing-Murray brown bag lunch - Memorial Union.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE WILL BE SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH. SUBMIT NOTICES FOR THE PERIOD JAN. 30TH - FEB 12TH.

Channing-Murray News

Channing-Murray's annual "Camp-In" is Friday Jan. 16th at First Unitarian Society. The event will begin at 6:00 PM in the West Living Room. We'll order out for pizza, watch movies, and play games. Bring a sleeping bag and some munchies.

The regular brown-bag lunches resume on Jan. 22nd at the Memorial Union with UW Dean of Students Paul Ginsberg as guest speaker. The guest speaker on Jan. 29th will be UW Chief of Security, Ralph Hansen. For more information, call Cindy at 238-9884.

Politicians and Bureaucrats

Stan ("Eggy") York has worked in government agencies, including chairing the PSC, and has been a legislator. He was Governor Dreyfus' top aide. He is presently Executive Director of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. He is a minister, a Republican, a thoughtful person, and a friend of mine. He has a wicked dry wit, and I think you'll like him. —Barbara James

Youth Group Outing

The Youth Group will go to Elver Park for sledding and/or ice skating on Sunday Jan. 18th. They will meet at Elver Park at 2:00 PM and finish at 4:30 PM. Bring sleds, ice skates, some soda for the cooler and some munchies to share. Bring a friend too if you want. If you need a ride, call Erin Bosch at 238-6285.
Housekeeping

The following have signed up for kitchen cleanup - our thanks to them for caring for the rest of us...

Jan. 18th - Janet Battista, Judy Skog
Jan. 25th - Anne Wiecki, ??
Feb. 1st - Aileen Nettleton, ??
Feb. 8th - Pat Cautley, ??
Feb. 15th - ??, ??

Two people are needed each Sunday. If you'd like to know these people better, why not sign up to work with them? They deserve our help as well as our thanks...

House Sitter Needed

This is a test of the Prairie Networking System. I'll be recuperating in Minnesota for the next 4 to 6 weeks. I am in urgent need of a temporary apartment sitter/cat companion/message taker, with an option for long range apartment sharing. My 5 room flat is next door to the Doty School condominiums - downtown but an easy walk to campus. It's a pleasant place with a large porch overlooking Lake Monona. Free parking is included.

If you know of a responsible non-smoking adult whose need for housing matches my need for assistance and future cost sharing, please call Pat Cautley at 238-5373 and I'll get in touch.

-Dorothy Wetherby

Attention Musicians

In early March we will have a music program to celebrate the 302nd anniversary of the birth of George Frederic Handel (b. Feb. 23, 1685). Music will be performed by members of the congregation. If you can perform, or need an accompanist, call Warren Hagstrom and let him know what you will perform or to ask him for suggestions. Warren's talk will focus on Handel's life in London. He is interested in suggestions about cultural life in London in the first half of the 18th century.

Donations Policy

Persons who wish to donate goods or property to Prairie should contact President Rick Ruecking or Building and Grounds Chair Rachel Siegfried prior to leaving items at Prairie. We cannot tell whether items that mysteriously appear at Prairie are "donated" or just forgotten by the owners! Donated items that are not of use to Prairie, while appreciated, will be disposed of appropriately through resale or donation to another charitable group.

-Executive Board

Propaganda (?)

If anybody has any form of propaganda that they would be willing to let the middle schoolers look at on Jan. 25th, please contact Alison McKee (238-3302). Any media is welcome. You need not participate in teaching the class to make a loan of material.

Video Camera Needed!

R. E. middle schoolers need the loan of a video camera and recorder for their Feb. 8th class. There will be capable adult supervision of the equipment. Please contact Alison McKee (238-3302).

A Gift

Thanks to Katie Catino for donating a 'grandfather' clock to Prairie R. E. It was greatly needed by those working downstairs.

Another Gift

K. K. Anderson, in memory of her son Barry, has donated a V. C. R. and Color TV to Prairie and Prairie R. E. We are all very appreciative of this most generous gift.

And A Request

Our new video equipment needs a cart to be stored and transported on to minimize the risk of damage. If you have such a cart (or a stand to which casters could be attached) that you would like to donate to Prairie, please contact Rick Ruecking, Rachel Siegfried, Alison McKee, or Barbara Golden.

Under Control

Thanks to a lot of hard work on the part of Al Nettleton, Prairie finally has a programmable automatic thermostat timer. This will let us set a schedule each week for warming up the building. There are two thermostats on each floor (one for high temperature and one for low temperature) and the timer switches between them at the preset times. A little light on each thermostat shows which one is in control at the present time.

Please contact Al Nettleton if you want to learn how to program the timer. It's really quite simple (if you are a computer programmer like Al).
Nursery and Pre-School
On January 18th and January 25th, those of you in these classes will begin to talk about winter. Most of us think about winter as a cold time. It is! There is lots to enjoy about winter too, so come and discover all that this season has in store for you. Be sure to dress warmly, because we may explore outside during the coming weeks.

Grades K-8
January 18th will be the second and last Sunday in Winterim. The activities that will be available to you will be: printing with Alice and Lee Bullen, cooking with Barbara Barley, photography (grades 4 and up - bring your own camera and film) with Jim Novak, carpentry with Brent Haglund, and knitting (grades 3 and up) with Frederika Schilling.

Grades K-1-2
January 25th will mark the beginning of your second semester. You will continue with the same curriculum, Celebrating Our Roots and Branches. This semester you will have the opportunity to study and learn about the many different people who have come to make America their home.

Grades 3-4-5
January 25th will mark the beginning of your second semester. You will have the same curriculum as you did in the fall, but the lessons will take a different direction. For the next few months, you will be looking at many of the famous UU's who make up our history. (Many of you will remember who some of them are from our Unitarian Universalist Christmas service.)

Grades 6-7-8
January 25th will mark the beginning of quite an exciting semester for you all. You will be looking at and discussing propaganda and how it effectively blocks many peace-making efforts. During your study of propaganda, you will have to write and video your own propaganda!

Teachers Please Note-
Please return to the R. E. office any of the R. E. materials that were used in the fall and are not currently in use.

Holiday Observance
January 19th, the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated beginning at 6:00 PM in front of the City-County Building. Monona Ave. will be renamed Martin Luther King Boulevard in honor of Dr. King. The ceremony will be followed by a march to the Civic Center for a program in the Oscar Meyer Theatre beginning at 7:00 PM. The program will feature Dr. William A. Jones Jr. speaking on "Magnificent Martyrdom." Dr. Jones is pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY. Music will be provided by the Interfaith Choir.

Interracial Dinner
People of all colors are invited to 'break bread together' at the fourth monthly gathering of the "Friendly Supper Club". Come to McKee's Family Restaurant, 1414 S. Park Street, at 6:00 PM on Monday, Feb. 2nd. Bring a friend, meet a friend, or make a friend of a different color. -Lance Green

Nuclear Testing
On Jan. 29th, the U. S. will test another nuclear device. This will be the 26th since the USSR stopped testing nuclear devices on Aug. 6th, 1985, and the one that will end the Soviets' unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing. WE MUST NOT ALLOW THIS! The administration must join the Soviets in their peace overtures or there is no future for humanity. We have got to live together or we will perish together.

Jan. 27th is the anniversary of the first atomic test. On this day mass protests and civil disobedience will be staged at the Nevada test site and in Washington, as well as across the nation. A mass protest is to be held at the Capitol in Madison to voice our demand that the Reagan administration join the Soviets and stop nuclear testing immediately, with the aim to rid the world of mass annihilation weapons by the end of the century. The protest will start at 10:00 AM and last until 5:00 PM.

Jan. 27th will be too late to stop that test. Could a flood of letters to our representatives have any effect? Let's give it a try! -Leland Bullen

"Eyes on the Prize"
This PBS series on Civil Rights will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 21st at 9:00 PM on Channel 21 and will be continued on Jan. 28th, Feb. 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. Don't miss this landmark series on a crucial period in our history. See the last issue of Prairie Fire for a brief description of the series.