

Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
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... As the prairie stretches far and wide, in 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

Prairie Smoke (Sieversia flora)

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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 1

9:00 AM - Choir Practice.
10:00 AM - "Global Theology in a Pluralistic Age" - Sunrit Mullick
11:30 AM - R. E. Committee Meeting at Prairie
4:30 PM - Vespers Service, at Prairie. Bring a candle & holder. Child care provided. Finger food meal afterward.

Monday, February 2

7:30 PM - Executive Board Meeting at Prairie

Thursday, February 5

12:00 AM - Channing-Murray brown bag lunch - Memorial Union.

Friday, February 6

5:30 PM - Fish Dinner Circle at Irishman's Bay Restaurant

Saturday, February 7

7:30 PM - Playreaders meet at Birong's
599 Glen Drive
NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE!

Sunday, February 8

9:00 AM - Choir Practice.
10:00 AM - "Humanizing the Workplace - How to survive on the inside" - Barbara James, Lay Minister
4:30 PM - Vespers Service, at Prairie. Bring a candle & holder. Child care provided. Finger food meal afterward.

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Monday, February 9

7:00 PM - A Discussion Group - Further exploration of bureaucracy and us. Bring snacks.

Thursday, February 12

12:00 AM - Channing-Murray brown bag lunch - Memorial Union.

Sunday, February 15

9:00 AM - Choir Practice.
10:00 AM - "Elm Farm Ollie Day Celebration" - come to Wisconsin's oldest Bureaucratic Fiesta. -Barbara James, Lay Minister
11:30 AM - Potluck Dinner at Prairie - Bring Dairy Products to share
4:30 PM - Vespers Service, at Prairie. Bring a candle & holder. Child care provided. Finger food meal afterward.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE WILL BE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH. SUBMIT NOTICES FOR THE PERIOD FEB. 13TH - FEB. 26TH.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker on Sunday, Feb. 1st will be Sunrit Mullick, who is an intern minister at First Unitarian Society of Madison. A native of India, Mr. Mullick left a business career to obtain a Master's Degree in Comparative Religion. He was attracted to Unitarian Universalism at the 25th Congress of Religious Freedom in Tokyo, where he was a presenter. In September of 1984, Sunrit moved to Chicago to begin a four year course of study at Meadville-Lombard Theological School for a Doctorate of Ministry. His current responsibilities are in religious education development and campus ministry. We are fortunate to have Mr. Mullick bring his thoughts on religious plurality to Prairie Society.

Fish Dinner Circle

This informal circle dinner group will meet at 5:30 PM on Feb. 6th at the Irishman's Bay Restaurant, 7436 Mineral Point Road. Call Pat Watkins for reservations before 4:30 PM on Wed. Feb. 4th at her office (262-7960).

Playreaders

The Prairie Playreaders will meet at the home of Jack and Mona Birong on Saturday, February 7th. The play will be The Vietnamization of New Jersey, by Christopher Durang, if sufficient copies can be found. Call 233-5995 for directions and other pertinent information.

Kitchen Cleanup

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

Feb. 1st - Aileen Nettleton, ??
Feb. 8th - Pat Cautley, ??
Feb. 15th - ??, ??

Two people are needed each Sunday. I know I missed some names from the clipboard this time - my apologies to those whose names are missing.

Reminder to Musicians

Sunday, March 1 will be devoted to George Frederic Handel, his music, and his life in London. Music will be performed by members of the congregation. Call Warren Hagstrom, 238-4970(h) or 262-6585(w), to let him know what you will perform or to ask him for suggestions.

Welcome!

We have two new members! The first is Jennifer Parker, whose address is 5 Walter Street, Madison, 53714. Her phone # is 246-4304 and her children are Emilie and Aaron Dickson. The second new member is Anne Wiecki, whose address is 501 Clemons Ave., Madison. Her phone # is 241-8923.

And Farewell

Prairie friend Carol Ives and her son Clinton Warner have moved to the Minneapolis area. Their new address is: 1301 Hwy 7, #141 Hopkins, MN
Carol says she really enjoyed her time at Prairie, and hopes that you will call her if you are in the Twin Cities area.

Want to go "Out on a Limb"?

Shirley McLaine presented some fascinating "spiritual evidence" in her recently aired movie Out on a Limb. We're wondering if any Prairie folks would be interested in viewing the 5 hour video (all at once or in parts) and sharing their thoughts about it with us. Call Lance or Barb at 249-5979 if you're interested.

New Directories

1987 Prairie Directories are here and will be distributed at Sunday services. Transfer the business phone numbers from the old directory to the new one. New members can be added to the list in the back of the book. Please call Rita Reffner (231-1816) if you have a new address or other changes to be made in the directory.

Directory Corrections

Please correct the following phone numbers in your directories:

Alison McKee (RE Dir.) 238-3302
Alison & David McKee 238-3302
Lu Kummerow 233-9121

Memorial Fund

The Lois Hagstrom Memorial Fund was used to help purchase a print by Mortimer Menpes, "Whistler with the White Lock [of hair]", about 1890. It's a rather happy picture, one that makes one like Whistler more.

- Warren Hagstrom

Vespers Notes

To study The Way is to study the self.
To study the self is to forget the self.
To forget the self is to be enlightened by all things.
To be enlightened by all things is to free one's body and mind and those of others.

- Eihei Dogen

Since September, a group of us have been gathering at the meeting house on Sunday afternoons for an hour of music, readings, silent meditation, and voicing of personal concerns. Judging from the stable attendance, these services are well on their way to being a regular part of Prairie's adult program. As part of that process, this column is being added to Prairie Fire. If you have something you would like to share with the fellowship, whether of your own creation or someone else's, it may have a place in this column. Just give your contributions to David McKee in time to meet the newsletter deadline.

R. E. Corner

Nursery and Pre-School

On Feb. 1st and 8th, you will continue to look at the season of winter through various art activities, stories, and possibly a walk or two outdoors. Come with your snow suits so that you will be able to join us outside if the weather permits.

Grades K-1-2

On Feb. 1st, Alice and Lindy will help you continue to explore the Hispanic culture. You will have a chance to do some art with tissue paper, see a film strip and hear a special story.

On Feb. 8th, Lindy and Shari will begin sharing with you some of the European influences on our culture. You will have a chance to make patchwork wastebaskets, see a film strip, and hear some stories.

Grades 3-4-5

On Feb. 1st, Marty and Linda will tell you about Bela Bartok, who was a Hungarian musician and a UU. You will have a chance to hear some of his music written especially for children.

On Feb. 8th, Mary Beth and Linda will tell you about another famous UU, Fannie Farmer. Fannie Farmer wrote a now famous cook book, so be prepared to do a little cooking and taste her delights.

Grades 6-7-8

On Feb. 1st, your class will continue its exploration of propaganda. Last week you saw a movie that was a form of propaganda. This week you will begin writing the script for your own video. You will try to create your own propaganda.

On Feb. 8th, your class will continue with the writing of your video and possibly begin the filming process. Come and share in the writing, directing, and acting.

Thanks to Interim Helpers

Interim, held on January 4th and January 18th, was a great success. The children enjoyed all of the classes that were offered and had a wonderful time. Thanks to Barbara Barley and Cinda LaMar for a cooking class, Alice and Lee Bullen for printing with the children, Jim Novak for teaching children about photography, Brent and Dayle for carpentry and the blocks that they and their helpers made for the young children, Andrea Torres for teaching children how to make tofu, Fredrika Schilling for teaching children (and an adult or two) how to knit, Allan Nettleton and Anna for sharing the slides of their summer trip to Europe, and Linda Lewis and Betty Jallings for a class on Russian culture and wonderful Russian tea cakes! A wonderful time was had by all.

Social Action Notes

Citrus Fruit Sale

Get your winter supply of oranges and grapefruit! The Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) is again holding a citrus fruit sale fundraiser. Small boxes (40 - 50) of navel oranges are \$11, Temple oranges are \$10. Large boxes are \$18 and \$16 respectively. Small boxes of red grapefruit are \$9 and large boxes are \$14. Get your order to Barb Barley (245-5579) by Feb. 8th. Delivery will be Feb. 22 at Prairie.

Three Down - Seven to Go!

Three Prairie members have agreed to donate blood regularly to form a "One-A-Week" Red Cross Club. To meet the minimum 52 pints of blood each year, we need yours!

A few facts:

- o 95% of us will need blood sometime during our lifetime.
- o All blood collected here is separated into components to help more than one patient.
- o 85 hospitals in the Badger Region receive their total blood supply from Red Cross Volunteers.
- o You can donate regularly once every two months - 6 times each year.

For information, call Lynda Lewis (271-2173)

A Personal Concern

Roy Schenk has become a member of Prairie. Many of our female members have expressed strong opposition to his sexual politics and his book. He is still a thinking, feeling human being, whether you agree with him or not, and I am concerned about our treatment of him. I have noticed that many people consistently ignore him after services and seem to wish he'd go away or just not be present. Roy's presence is obviously making some people at Prairie very uncomfortable, and it's easy to pretend not to see him - yet the Bond of Union which proudly hangs in my house says that "...we share a common humanity, ... together we would expand our intellectual horizons, ...". Now, I know that there are a lot of people at Prairie who express moral concern about the U. S. military budget. Well, if some of you want a non-sexual issue to talk to Roy about, you might ask him about the six months he spent in jail for refusing to pay taxes that supported the Vietnam War. I hope we can "... deepen our emotional sensitivities, ..." and, after Roy Schenk, maybe we'll be able to accept Republicans, Right to Lifers, and others who don't think exactly the same as we do on every issue.

-Jim Novak