Prairie Smoke (Sieversia flava)

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE WILL
BE SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH. SUBMIT NOTICES
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 2ND - JULY 16TH.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 21
9:00 AM - POTLUCK BREAKFAST
10:00 AM - "REFLECTIONS ON THE CHURCH
NEXT DOOR" (see story below)

Sunday, June 28
10:00 AM - "LIVING WITH RELIGIOUS
DIFFERENCES" - Carla Blum-
Aslam & Sahail Aslam.

Monday, June 29
7:30 PM - BOARD MEETING AT PRAIRIE

Sunday, July 5
11:00 AM - Interfaith Service at Olin
Park, part of the Peace Fest.

Sunday, July 26
4:00 PM - Theatre Party and Picnic at
American Players Theatre.
(see related story)

Potluck Breakfast

There will be a potluck breakfast at 9:00 AM every Sunday that Prairie meets
this summer. Come and break bread with
us, and bring a dish to pass.

Reflections on the
Church Next Door—

Could be you took the opportunity last
Sunday to stay home and enjoy a summer
day. That’s no excuse for not attending
this Sunday’s service at Prairie.

Because if you’ve attended (or watched
on TV) any other church’s regular
service or even a wedding or funeral
during the past several years, your
experience will be particularly valuable
to Prairie’s June 21 service. (Even if
you’ve only attended Prairie, come
anyway.) The service will be a sharing
of experience called “Reflections on the
Church Next Door”. It’s a chance to
talk about your reactions to another
group’s rituals and the reasons for the
degree of inclusion or exclusion you
felt. Even if you weren’t comfortable
or stimulated in general, was there
anything of value you received or
perceived as valuable to those
attending? There will also be plenty of
opportunities to tell how this visit
made you appreciate Prairie more or what
you might like Prairie to borrow for our
own services. This service should give
us ample opportunity to express
our experiences. It may also aid us in
our individual search for spiritual
growth and acceptance of one another.
Please come.

Social Action Notes

Support the Drop In Shelter
You can aid the homeless of Madison by
being a Prairie volunteer at the shelter
on the fourth Monday of each month
(evening or morning shift). Please call
Lance Green, 249-5979, to sign up. We
still need people for our next turn on
Monday, June 22nd.

Interfaith Service at Olin Park
Prairie folks are once again invited to
attend the Interfaith Worship Service, a
traditional part of the July 4th Peace
Festival, being held outside this year
(inside it needed) at Olin Park. As
before, the expressions of several
religions will give us a chance to
"broaden our awareness". Call Lance
Green at 249-5979 for more information.
World Neighborhood Race Unity Conference
The 4th annual Race Unity Conference is being held on SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1:30 PM, at the Civic Center Marquee Room. Participants include Bobbie Raymond of the Oak Park, Illinois Housing Center; Patty Loew of Channel 27 News; Huong Lee of Dane County Social Services; Francisco Silva of the Affirmative Action Office; the Rev. Tenolian Bell of Mount Zion Baptist Church; and Morris Taylor, Business Consultant, of Evanston, Ill.

Hands Across Madison
Hands Across Madison is an event aimed at helping the hungry and homeless right here in Madison. At noon on Saturday, July 4, a 2 mile long line of participants (about 2,500 people) will join hands around the part of Lake Monona from Olin Park to Law Park.

Money raised from the $10 donation from each person in the chain will be used by the Dane County Community Action Commission to support projects like the Dane Co. Food Pantry Network and SHARE-IT (Self-Help and Resources Exchange). Scholarships will be available so that no person who wishes to join the line need be turned away.

Every congregation in Dane County is being asked to pledge at least 25 people for the line and to raise money for scholarships. If you're interested in this worthwhile cause, please fill out and mail the registration form printed in this newsletter and also tell Social Action Chairperson Shirley Grindrod at 238-4432. We'll get publicity as a co-sponsor if 25 of us participate.

Shut-In Seminar
"When It's Just You and Me", a seminar to improve your congregation's ministry to the shut-in population, is being offered on Wednesday, June 24, from 8:30 to 10 AM at the Madison Convalescent Center, 7908 University Avenue. Any Prairie member or friend interested in attending please contact Mary Mullen at 271-5192.

Try a U. U. Camp This Year!
Looking for something new to do this Summer? Why not try a U. U. Camp? Young and old, singles and families, all can take part in Unitarian Camps and Conference Centers this summer and fall. For information on the following camps - Perry Beach (Maine), Unistar (Minnesota), The Mountain (North Carolina), and Lake Geneva (Wisconsin) - call Fredericka Schilling, 271-5192.

Picnic Theatre at APT
Make your reservations and mark your calendars for an all-Prairie theatre party on Sunday, July 26. The American Players Theatre production of "HAMLET" will be starring Randall Duk Kim and will be directed by our own Ted Swetz. We'll meet at 4PM for a picnic on the grounds at Spring Green and the play will begin at 6PM.

Please contact Dorothy Wetherby at 255-3596 to reserve tickets for this date, which is likely to sell out soon.

Teachers Needed
The RE Committee still needs teachers for the 87-88 school year. The K-1-2 group (7-9 children) will be using "The Adventures of God's Folk", a curriculum based on Biblical and North American folk traditions. The 3-4-5 group (14 children) will be using "Holidays and Holy Days", a curriculum based on the origins and meanings of different holidays and holy days. The 6-7-8 group (6-9 children) will be working with "World Religions", a new UU curriculum. Please contact Alison McKee (238-3302) or Barb Golden (231-1490) or Aileen Nettleton (238-6053) if you are interested in teaching.

R. E. Corner
R. E. needs Volunteers
During the summer months, there are no formal classes for the children of Prairie. Children do come to Prairie and need supervision during the services. This is a great time to volunteer to be with the children as not many of them come on given Sundays. The children range in age from 5 to 11 or 12 and are quite enjoyable beings. Come and share a Sunday with them. They enjoy going to the park, playing games, doing crafts, just about anything. (A list of suggested activities is on the R. E. office door to help spark your interest.) If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sign-up sheet for any Sunday you have available between now and Sept. 13 or call Alison McKee at 238-3302.

Nursery Helper Wanted
Beginning July 12, the nursery will be looking for a high school student to take care of children in the nursery. This is a paying job and has possibilities of continuing to be open for the 87-88 school year. If you are interested, please call Alison McKee at 238-3302 for details.
The following list of Officers and Committee Chairpersons should be inserted in your Prairie Directory in place of the old list.

**President**
Mary Mullen

**Vice President**
Pat Watkins

**Treasurer**
Barb Park

**Secretary**
Cheryl Robinson

**Finance**
Faye Glessner

**Religious Education Program**
Peg Stevenson

**Social Action**
Jim Novak

**Housing & Property**
Pat Meller

**Denominational Affairs**
Fredericka Schilling

**Membership**
Rita Reffner

**Long Range Plan**
Jack Jallings

**Publicity**
Lee Bulen

**Hospitality**
Fran Remelka

**Ceremonies**
Aileen Nettleton

**Comm. on Committees**
Dodie Chapru

**General Assembly Delegates**
Cinda LaMar

**Lay Ministers**
Linda Lewis:
"Children of Change"

Lance Green:
"Secular Humanism"

Julie Bonser:
"Alcoholism / The UU Concept of Evil"

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**Good News from Chicago**

Dear Prairie Friends:

After almost two years in the Chicago area, Lee and I have decided to return home to Madison. Lee will begin a new job July 1st as a computer programmer for a data processing firm (Grant Thornton Company) near the Edgewater Hotel. I plan to continue working for Qualified Remodeler magazine in Chicago until July 24th and move back to Madison July 31st. I am still looking for a job, preferably in journalism or the building industry (e.g., doing PR for a remodeler, home builder, architect, engineer, etc.). We also need to find housing for ourselves and our 2 cats. We would like to rent a 2 bedroom flat or apartment on the near east side (Tenney/Orton/Marquette areas preferred) or the near west side (Monroe/Dodge, West/Lakeside, or near VA hospital areas preferred) for $450 mo or less including heat, starting Aug. 1st. If you can help us with housing or employment, please contact me, Anne Urbanski (312/968-7751), or Lee Urbanski (Madison # 257-6761, his temporary shelter). Thanks, and see you soon!

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Anne Reardon Urbanski

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**HANDS ACROSS MADISON OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM**

**YES** I want to be on the line. Enclosed is my $10.00 entry fee. This will reserve a place for me "On the Line" at noon on July 4th, Independence Day, 1987.

**NO** I cannot be on the line, but I will sponsor [1, 2, 5, 10 or more] scholarships for people who otherwise could not afford to be on the line. ($10 each)

**I** want my family on the line. I am enclosing $10 for myself and $5 for each additional family member.

**I** want to be on the line and request a scholarship.

**I** want to assist at the event.

**I** Please keep me informed about this and future CAC projects.

**first name**   **last name**   **phone number**

**street address**   **city**   **state**   **zip**

Total amount enclosed $ Please send "On the Line" Badges (1 for each person) to Community Action Commission, a tax deductible contribution.

Mail to: Hands Across Madison, CAC, 1045 East Dayton Street, Rm. 308, Madison WI 53703