

# Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY  
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... As the prairie stretches out flat becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to each other and be one with the natural world and with one another. PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

Prairie Smoke (Sieversia flora)

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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 was 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  
all of 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 if 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, 7308 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 - Ferry 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 255-3536 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 any given Sunday. 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.

## Directory Update

## Good News from Chicago

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
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	Dodie Chapru
	Cinda LaMar
	Jack Jallings
	Pat Meller
General Assembly Delegates	Cinda LaMar
	Judy Spring
Lay Ministers	Linda Lewis:
	"Children of Change"
	Lance Green:
	"Secular Humanism"
	Julie Bonser:
	"Alcoholism / The UU Concept of Evil"

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 an accounting 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/Dudgeon, 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!

-Anne Reardon Urbanski

HANDS ACROSS MADISON

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

[FROM: PRAIRIE UNITARIAN]  
[UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY]

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.

Please keep me informed about this and future CAC projects.

Your On the Line badge will be sent to you if you mail your registration by June 26. If mailed after the 26th, pick up your badge at the Olin Park check-in desk by 11:30.

first name

last name

phone number

street address

city

state

zip

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

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