

Prairie Fire

newsletter of

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

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE
WILL BE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST. SUBMIT
NOTICES FOR THE PERIOD NOV. 5TH-19TH.

C A L E N D A R

Saturday, Oct. 24

8:00 PM THEATER PARTY: MEDEA

Sunday, Oct. 25

10:00 AM INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE:
UNITED NATIONS CELEBRATION

(see related story)

2:30 PM YRUU Outing at Vitense
Golfland

5:30 PM Channing-Murray

6:00 PM YRUU (7th to 12th grades)
meets at First Unitarian
Soc. West Living Room. Call
Diane Derouen (238-3766)
for information.

Friday, Oct. 30

6:30 PM FISH CIRCLE DINNER -- at
Washington Host. Call Pat
Watkins (262-7970) by Wed.
Oct. 28 for reservations.

Sunday, Nov. 1

10:00 AM "SPIRITS OF RENEWAL -
PRAIRIE PASSAGES" -- with a
panel of Prairie members
(see related story)

11:15 AM YRUU Donut Sale

6:00 PM YRUU meeting at First
Society.

Sunday, Nov. 8

10:00 AM Panel of International
Students

11:15 AM YRUU Donut Sale

Noon Fundraising canvassers'
potluck, followed by fund-
raising blitz (see related
story)

4:30 PM Vespers at Prairie. Child-
care provided. Finger-food
potluck follows.

5:00 PM Spanish-speaking potluck at
Rosemary Dorney's.

6:00 PM YRUU at First Society

TURNING POINTS SERVICE SET FOR NOV. 1

For most of us, personal growth and change can set our lives in new directions. "Spirits of Renewal--Prairie Passages," the Sunday service for Nov. 1, will offer a chance for Prairie members to share some significant turning points in their lives: family and community contributions, work and careers, training and education, retirement, and travel and recreation.

Traditionally, services on Nov. 1st--All Saints' Day--honor the memories and achievements of those close to the group who have died in the past year. However, Prairie Society belongs to the living tradition. Our current series of services about changes and choices in the lives of children and youth reinforce the realization, especially in current times, that learning and making transitions are a lifelong endeavor. Come and share your

experiences with a panel of Prairie members who will be telling us of meaningful changes they have made in their lives.

FUNDRAISING DRIVE GATHERS STEAM

The drive for pledges to finance the \$85,000 remodeling project approved at the recent parish meeting already is gathering steam--and it isn't yet officially underway! The Fundraising Committee reports that through Sunday, Oct. 18, members have already pledged **\$10,560** toward our goal of a down-payment of at least \$25,000. By **Sunday, Nov. 8th** we hope to contact all Madison-area members **in person** to seek their pledges.

To help keep the ball rolling, an All-Parish Fundraising "Blitz" is scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Nov. 8th. On that day you can expect a member of the Fundraising Committee to visit you in your home (if s/he hasn't already done so) to solicit your pledge for the remodeling fund. Canvassers will meet at Prairie at noon Nov. 8 for a potluck lunch to kick off the fund drive.

Spanish Speakers' Potluck

The Spanish-speaking potluck will meet again from 5 p.m. until "8-ish" on Sunday, Nov. 1st. To avoid conflicting with the 6:00 YRUU meeting at Prairie we will meet at the house of Rosemary Dorney, 4205 Odana Rd. Please bring a dish to pass; plates and silverware will be provided. People who didn't attend the first potluck are welcome, as are any guests; no need to call in advance unless you're bringing a huge number of people! Our initial gathering and potluck last month were a great success. We had nine people (3 with dictionaries) and a nice variety of food, both Hispanic and non-. For info call Rosemary Dorney, 238-4382 or Faye Glessner, 251-5427.

Halloween Party

All Prairie folks (adults, kids, adult-kids, and ghosts) are invited to the

Madison Dance Room's Halloween Party on Friday, Oct. 30, 9 PM to 12:30 AM at the Civic Center. Costumes are welcome; DJ will be Bill Clark. For more info call Lance Green, 249-5979.

Channing-Murray

The Channing-Murray group has two upcoming activities of interest to Prairie members. On Oct. 25 a potluck is planned at 5:30 PM at First Society, followed at 6:30 by a 60-minute video about the Christic Institute's lawsuit against 29 people allegedly involved in a plot to assassinate "contra" leader Eden Pastora in 1984. On Friday, Nov. 6, the group will meet for wine and cheese at Cinda LaMar's, 2418 Kendall Ave. Afterwards the group will go to Paisan's for dinner. For more info call Cinda at 238-9884.

Nifty-Gifty Set For Sunday, Dec. 6

Prairie's annual gift-making session for children is set for Sunday, Dec. 6 from 9:00 until 11:30 AM. At the Nifty-Gifty our kids, with the assistance of some helpful adults, make 3 or 4 holiday gifts to give to family and friends.

The planning committee will meet at 11:30 AM following the Nov. 1st service. Please bring your ideas for easy-to-complete craft and gift projects.

-- Dayle Haglund (233-5199)

A Second Chance

We are planning to issue a revised Prairie cookbook for people who missed getting one of the first editions, those who are new to Prairie, and for relatives who have been coveting your copy of the first edition for years. IF YOU WANT TO GET ONE OR MORE COPIES OF THE REVISED COOKBOOK, PLEASE CALL Faye Glessner (251-5427) or Rachel Siegfried (271-2173) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so we can plan the printing order.

Friendly Supper Club Meets Again

This monthly, interracial dinner will take place at 6:30 PM on Monday, Nov. 2 at the Ponderosa Steak House, 1605 S.

Park St. Please come and make a friend of a different color.

Recyclers Needed For Nifty-Gifty

Attention: Prairie Recyclers! Please save the small plastic centers from your empty rolls of Scotch tape and bring them to the R.E. office downstairs for use in the Nifty-Gifty on December 6th. Thanks--Dayle Haglund.

Daycare Available Near Prairie

Beth Thompson, a member of 4C's and Satellite child care, has two daycare openings in her home, only a block from Prairie. For info call Beth at 271-0489.

"How to Survive White-Water Rafting, or Making Sense of Life's Changes"

The fall retreat for women sponsored by CMD and the UUA Women's Federation will be held Nov. 13-15 at George Williams College, Williams Bay, Wis. The focus of the weekend will be "Transitions," using Necessary Losses by Judith Viorst as a reference. You can take part in workshops on self-respect, parenting, and chemical dependency--or skip all the formal gatherings and just enjoy a weekend of doing what YOU want to do. The scenery is beautiful, the company's great, and the price is right. "I highly recommend it as a getaway weekend." For info or an application call Fredericka Schilling, 271-5192.

C.M.D. Annual Meeting

Plan to attend the annual meeting of UUA's Central Midwest District (CMD) November 6, 7, & 8 in Evanston, IL. This is the time when the CMD conducts its business and offers training workshops designed to help serve the needs of individual con-gregations like ours. Home hospi-tality and limited hotel space are available on a first-come-first-served basis, so your reservations should be mailed NOW. Get a blue brochure at Prairie for more information. If you plan to attend, contact Mary Mullen at 271-5192.

Lutefisk Dinner

Burke Lutheran Church, 5720 Portage Rd. (near I-94 and Hwy. 151) is holding its annual Lutefisk & Ham Dinner and Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 7. Serving times are 11 AM-2 PM and 4-7 PM. Prices are \$7.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 6-12; children under 6 are free, and senior citizens (65+) get a 50-cent discount at the midday meal. The building is handicapped-accessible.

Pledgehammers' Anthem

(Our Church Is Getting Seedy) (sung at the Upham Woods talent show Oct. 10) to the tune of "Little Old Sod Shanty on My Claim":

Oh our church is in Skunk Hollow
And it fits in really well
'Cause it's tacky and the paint and
plaster peel
And our kids are packed like anchovies
No room for show-and-tell
And the adults don't have room to wheel
and deal

CHORUS

Oh our church is getting seedy
And the weeds are getting tall
And we have no place to heat our
potluck hash
But this Frank Lloyd Wrong construction
Could become the Taj Mahal
If you'll only send us in a lot of cash

Oh we come to church on Sunday
And we barely jam inside
And we rub our elbows fiercely jowl by
cheek
If we only had some space to move
We might not get so fried
And we might have room to hear each
other speak

Repeat CHORUS

-- lyrics by Barbara James

**Call for Agenda Items For
Nov. 22 Parish Meeting**

Items of business for the fall parish meeting should be submitted NOW! Submit them before Nov. 1st to President Mary Mullen or Vice-President Pat Watkins,

preferably in writing.

This is the easy way to arrange for Prairie to discuss concerns you feel we should be dealing with. New business items not submitted prior to the Nov. 1 deadline may be raised at the parish meeting ONLY at the request of 10 members. However, by-law changes can be considered only if the written agenda carries a full statement of the proposed amendment. The main business of the fall parish meeting is adoption of the 1988 operating budget. Committees also will report their activities.

"Prime the Pump" With Your G.A. Resolutions

Prairie is entitled to submit one social justice resolution to the UUA Commission on General Resolutions. The Commission chooses up to 10 resolutions for all parishes to consider in the Parish Poll. The 3 "winners" are placed on the 1988 General Assembly Agenda. Individuals are now invited to submit resolutions for Prairie to consider.

Sacred Harp Singing

Madison's first annual Sacred Harp (shape-note) Singing will take place Saturday, Nov. 14, at Gates of Heaven Synagogue, 302 E. Gorham St. in James Madison Park. This American form of folk singing consists of "3- or 4-part harmony in an energetic, uninhibited style, and without accompaniment. The fervent religious or patriotic lyrics date usually from the 18th century and are set to primitive and powerful tunes using ancient scales, unusual voicings, and unexpected harmonies." ALL ARE WELCOME to join in. The afternoon sessions is 1-5 PM; evening session probably will resume about 6:30. For information call Jim Page, 255-3245.

For Parents Of Teenagers

For parents of teens ages 11 to 17, Briarpatch offers a new parent group, "How to Survive Being a Parent of a Teen-ager." Two four-week sessions are offered. The first session is on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, starting

Oct. 24. The second is on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 PM starting Oct. 27. For details call Rose or Judy at 251-1126.

Love, Inc.

Love, Inc., is a networking model for organizing the religious community to enable churches of all denominations to cooperate to meet social needs. An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 PM at First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin St., to discuss using this networking model in Madison. Dr. Virgil Gulker, founder and director of Love, Inc., will speak.

YRUU News

The joint Prairie/First Society YRUU group for 7th-12th graders is off to a good start. Twelve of our youth joined 31 other young people and 8 adult advisors for a successful fall retreat at Camp Upham Woods the weekend of Oct. 3. The regular Sunday evening (6-8:30) meetings at First Society have also been fund and well-attended. October activities include an Animal Food Drive service project (see related article) and a Halloween party.

Donut sales after Sunday services, a YRUU fundraising project, began Sept. 27 and will continue on Sunday on which no potluck is scheduled. Thanks go to recent volunteers Sylvia Jackson, Christine Chambliss, Brian Sheehy, and Eben Martin. Donut sellers earn "Donut Dollars" which they can use to offset the personal cost of YRUU functions such as retreats and the newsletter dues (see below). Sign-up to sell donuts at the donut table or at the Sunday evening meetings.

All 7th-12th graders should have received a blue YRUU newsletter for September. Let Diane Derouen (238-3766) know if we missed you or someone you know.

YRUU Animal Food Drive

YRUU will hold a food drive for hungry animals in Dane County on three consecutive Sundays, Oct. 25th and Nov. 1st and 8th. YRUU will accept money and/or canned or dry dog and/or cat food for donation to the Dane County Humane Society. The collection box will be at the front entrance of the church.

And Now, the YRUU Newsletter...

YRUU News is a newsletter serving the Prairie/First Society youth group, Madison Unitarian-Universalist Youth. Important: If youth or parents want to continue to receive the "YRUU News" the rest of '87-'88, they should fill out the form below and give it to Diane Derouen or any of the adult advisors, or mail it to YRUU, First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Dr., Madison, WI 53705.

1987 Service Auction Scheduled

The creative, homey services of many good Prairie people will be auctioned on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 6:00 PM at the Prairie Society building. Pizza, light drinks, and snacks will be available for purchase, and entertainment will be scattered throughout the evening. All proceeds will go to Prairie's operating budget.

Typical services to be available include: dinners at your home (or elsewhere); holiday baking (to free up your busy schedule); yard work (put on the storm windows yet?); and income-tax assistance (remember, April 15 is just six months away).

Other services are vital to create a diverse, fun auction. Perhaps you have talents to share with others, that will also help Prairie's budget, in areas such as knitting, baking, painting, child care, household repairs...Please call Brent Haglund at 233-5199 or Barb Barley at 249-5979 with your ideas.

Details will follow in the next Prairie Fire!

R.E. CORNER

Preschool & Nursery: Halloween is coming soon so on Oct. 25 Sue will talk to you about scary things. You will all have a chance to make and put on masks. Remember the masks can be scary, but it is your friends who are behind them.

On November 1, Sue will help you explore the many feelings you have. She will read two books about feelings to you: I Feel and The Hating Book.

K-1-2: Oct. 25th is U.N. Sunday and will be celebrated with a special intergenerational service upstairs.

On Nov. 1 Lee will be back with you as you celebrate all of the people you have learned about during the past Sundays. You may celebrate these people through the form of a mini folk-masque. A masque is a celebration which gives people a chance to celebrate ideas they agree on as a group.

3-4-5: On Oct. 25 you will all be involved in the intergenerational service upstairs celebrating United Nations Sunday.

On Nov. 1st Peg will introduce the Hindu story of Ramayana to you. This is an ancient tale of the importance of loyalty and the triumph of good over evil. You will have a chance to make stick puppets to help tell this story.

6-7-8: On Oct. 25 you will join your families and friends for a intergenerational service commemorating United Nations Sunday.

On Nov. 1st Al and Cinda will continue discussing with you issues of how you know what to believe. Of course, you can also look forward to the group photo at the end of the class!

3-4-5 Class Field Trip

On Nov. 8th the children of the 3-4-5 grade class will go on a field trip to the Children's Museum as a way to wrap up their study of Hindu traditions. Friends and family are invited to join the class for a picnic at Prairie (bring your own lunch) at 11:30. Following the picnic, at 1:00 PM, you will all gather at the

(cut on line and return form)

I wish to continue receiving the YRUU NEWS each month in the mail. Enclosed is my \$2.00 dues.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

Children's Museum to see the Indian exhibit.

THIS SPACE FOR RENT??

Love and Help Badge Anyone?

In 1981 the UUA published a new version of Religion in Life, a UU identity program which was designed for use as an emblem award program for Boy Scouts. A year later a similar program was written for Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts. You may recall that Dan Stevenson received this emblem last May at Recognition Sunday.

The program is designed so that any child ages 7-11 may earn the emblem, whether or not they are involved in scouting. The material comes in a workbook format and is designed with independent work in mind. Children should not have difficulty completing the requirements, and I am willing to help them in this work. Anyone interested in working toward this emblem (or having questions about it) should contact me by Dec. 1 so I can order the materials for you. (The cost of the booklets is \$5.00.)

-- Alison McKee, R.E. Director

Ninth-Grade Mentoring Group

Ninth graders are invited to meet with Barb Park for breakfast at McDonald's on Verona Road (near Prairie) on November 8 at 9:00 AM. We will be discussing the topic of the morning service. Afterwards we will attend the morning service together.