

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 27TH. Submit notices for the period December 1st - December 15th.

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 17

12:00 AM - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on Today In The Union. The special guest will be Catherine Ramsey, who will speak on the Florida Everglades.

Sunday, November 20

9:30 AM - NIFTY GIFTY FOR THE R. E. KIDS
10:00 AM - "A FREE AND RESPONSIBLE SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND MEANING": led by Al Nettleton. We will meet at McConnell Hall, Brooks and Mound Streets.
12:00 AM - Coffee for Alison McKee at the home of Al and Aileen Nettleton. (See related story)
6:00 PM - CHANNING-MURRAY POTLUCK DINNER at the home of Sara and Alex Indorf, 7433 Old Sauk Road, #9. (See related story)

Thursday, November 24

CHANNING-MURRAY THANKSGIVING DINNER at the home of Catherine Ramsey. (See related story)

Sunday, November 27

10:00 - PRAIRIE'S OWN "HYDE PARK SPEAKERS' CORNER" - come prepared to speak on public issues that most concern you these days, and/or to heckle. Coordinated by Lee Bullen. We will meet at McConnell Hall (Enter ground level door closest to corner on Brooks.)

Thursday, December 1

12:00 AM - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on Today In The Union. The special guest will be Hal Rosenberg, Psychotherapist.

Thursday, December 1

7:30 PM - PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING at the home of Warren Hagstrom, 916 Shorewood Blvd. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, December 3

7:30 PM - PRAIRIE PLAY-READERS meet at home of Warren Hagstrom, 916 Shorewood Blvd. We'll read something by Pirondello. (Not 'Six Characters...') or by Sartre.

Thursday, December 8

12:00 AM - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on Today In The Union. The special guest will be Courtie Demarest, Dean of the Student's Office.

UNITARIAN, n. One who denies the divinity of a Trinitarian.
UNIVERSALIST, n. One who forgoes the advantage of a Hell for persons of another faith.
...from Ambrose Bierce, The Devil's Dictionary (1906)

Entertain This Thought:

The ENTERTAINMENT '89 coupon books are now available. These books have been sold by the Finance Committee as a fundraising activity for several years, and they are a splendid bargain. Many excellent area restaurants are included in the book and, with coupon values

ranging up to \$14.00 or more, you'll have your \$25 investment back in no time at all!

Get a book for yourself and pick up a few to sell to your friends, acquaintances, and co-workers. Our supply of books is essentially unlimited and Prairie will earn \$5 for each book sold. We'll also get a bonus of \$50 if we sell 25 more books than last year.

Call Pat Cautley at 238-5373 to pick up your supply of Entertainment 89 coupon books.

INTRODUCING: Our New R. E. Director

The R.E. Committee is please to announce the selection of Anne Pryor as our new R.E. Director. The committee chose Anne from among several qualified applicants who were interviewed on the basis of her work and commitment to children in a variety of settings. Anne has an academic background in education and an M.A. in anthropology with an emphasis on folk religions. Among her experiences she was the Educational and Program Director for the Greeley (Colorado) Boys' Club, founded a Girl Scout troop for daughters of migrant workers, and developed workshops on nonviolent parenting and peace education. We also learned through talking with her that Anne is married and has two elementary age children. Anne will be joining us beginning in December. Please join us in welcoming her on Sunday December 4. Her address and phone are:

Anne Pryor
4717 School Road
Madison, Wi. 53704
Phone 244-7099

Honors For Prairie Folk

Prairie member Carolyn DeJoie was the 1988 NAACP recipient of the Unsung Heroine Award at the Freedom Fund Banquet held in Madison. the honor was bestowed for her many contributions to the Madison community.

Prairie Member Barbara Barley has been selected for inclusion in Marquis' Who's Who Of American Women, 16th edition. Her many efforts on behalf of the peace movement, environmental protection and our retarded citizens undoubtedly contributed to her selection.

Congratulations to both women for their achievements and recognition!

In Hospital

Aza Snowdon, one of Prairie's R. E. students, has been admitted to the Hospital for an indefinite stay. He would really like to get cards and letters from his friends at Prairie while he is there. Please write to him care of his mother Linda Ellen at 2617 Madrid Lane #6, Madison, WI 53713.

Coffee For Alison

We invite you to join the R. E. committee for a chance to say "Thank you" to Alison McKee who has resigned as RE Director. Come to the Nettletons, 645 Sheldon St. after the service Nov. 20 until 1:00 PM.

Prairie Members In Print

Prairie members Pat Watkins and Linda Ellen both had articles printed during the week of November 6-12. Pat's article was published in Isthmus and Linda's article was published in Feminist Voices. The publication was a first for Linda.

They Miss Us...

The Stevenson family writes from Japan to say that they're having a wonderful time but that they miss Prairie. They'd love to get letters from other Prairie folk, and have asked to have Prairie Fire sent to them.

The Prairie Fire is on it's way, and their address follows for your use:

Rod and Peg Stevenson
Osaka University
International House A112
1-1 Machikaneyama-cho
Toyonaka-shi, Osaka 560
JAPAN

A Look At Giving Patterns

One role of the Information Office and Development Department of the UUA is to maintain historical records of our more than 1000 Congregations and compile statistics pertaining to our UU movement.

Giving is Up In Churches and Fellowships--

Total Congregational
Expenditures

Fiscal 84	Fiscal 88
\$49,068,187	\$66,532,690

Average Giving per member to
UU Church or Fellowship--

Fiscal 84	Fiscal 88
226	292

Average Giving per Contribution
Unit To UU Church or
Fellowship

Fiscal 84	Fiscal 88
472	590

Adult Members

Fiscal 84	Fiscal 88
138,110	139,859

RE Enrollment

Fiscal 84	Fiscal 88
35,588	42,058

Of total Congregational expenditures, approximately 20% comes from sources other than pledges, including endowments, rentals and special fund raisers.

The median UU household annual gross income is well over \$32,000 with more than half over \$41,000 and almost 15 % earning more than \$75,000 (1987 World Survey). We pledge on average about \$600 per family, or about 1.5% of our gross income to our local society.

CHANNING-MURRAY NEWS

Thursday lunches are scheduled every week, often with special guests and spirited discussion. Look for the room number on 'Today in the Union' under Unitarian Student Group.

Drop in for the Wednesday night dinners at Shanghai Minnie's on University Ave. near the MASCO art supply store (NOT the one in University Square). We meet at 6:00 PM and are usually done by 7:00 or 7:30.

Don't miss the Oriental Potluck Dinner on November 20th at Sara and Alex Indorf's home, 7433 Old Sauk Road, #9. Dinner will begin at 6 PM and will be followed by a slide presentation entitled "European Bicycling" presented by Rory Nelson. Call 833-8726 for information or directions.

Staying in town for Thanksgiving? Join Catherine Ramsey at her home, 2821 Monroe Street, on November 24th for Thanksgiving Dinner. Sara Indorf will be bringing her famous apple pie, and Cinda will be coming by with a special surprise! Call Catherine at 231-1414 for more information.

For further information on these events, or to arrange for a ride, call Cinda LaMar at 238-9884.

UUMN

The Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network is compiling a songbook of singable and uncomplicated songs, written by Unitarian Universalists or with UU sentiments. These songs are intended for use in camps, conferences, informal worship, for children, adults, and inter-generational singing. How do we gather material for such an undertaking? You send it to us, that's how!

Get the word out to the singers, the musicians, the composers, and to the RE people. If you communicate to those who might

have materials to be considered for this book, you would be instrumental in serving us, yourselves and the denomination.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING SONGS:

- They should be uncomplicated and easy to sing.
- They should be simple enough to be taught by rote or led by a song leader.
- The preferred form is melody line with chords.
- The songs must be gender and image inclusive.
- Do not send tapes.
- Please do not send songs readily available in other collections.
- Be sure to include the composers' name and address.

Deadline is March 1, 1989 for submissions. Entries should be sent to:

Helene Gersuny
83 Greenwood Drive
Peace Dale, RI 02879

R. E. CORNER

November 20 is NIFTY GIFTY! This very special annual event for Prairie's R. E. children will run from 9:30 to 11:15 at McConnell Hall. If you plan to attend this year, you must give Alison McKee a call at 238-3302 so we can purchase needed materials. Our attendance has been low since we've been meeting at McConnell Hall. We have no idea how many children want to take part, so this year all kids need to phone in their intention to come.

Please bring \$1.00 to cover the cost of materials that we must purchase.

If you could bring any of the following, it would be helpful, since all of our supplies are packed away at the meetinghouse!

glue scissors rulers
birch bark pencils crayons
markers paper bag scotch tape
ribbon school picture

small paint brushes
old Christmas cards
light weight cardboard
lids from juice cans
and
the Saturday/Sunday comics for wrapping paper.

UNICEF

Those children who went trick-or-treating for UNICEF should bring their filled boxes to Alison so that we can send in all of our donations together.

Y R U U

Y R U U meets at the First Unitarian Meetinghouse, 900 University Bay Drive, most Sunday evenings between 6 PM and 8:30 PM. Meetings usually involve food, games, and shared involvement in various activities. The next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 6th.

If you have concerns, need more information, or have transportation problems, please feel free to call Nancy Lynch between 9 AM and 9 PM at 244-3906. She'd like to hear from you!

UUA Service Finder

UUA Directory: You want information? It's in there!

Each year every congregation receives a free UUA Directory. You'll find it in the church office. Here's a sampling of what you'll find in it: UUA People/Service Finder, Listing of all UU Congregations, Ministers, Religious Educators, Music Directors, UU Associate and Affiliate Organizations, UU Camps and Conference Centers, General Assembly UpDate, Policies, Procedures...AND MUCH MORE!

UUA Bookstore and Audio Visual Library catalogs: Want to gain insight from some of the leading UU thinkers, religious leaders and writers of our time--F. Forrester Church, Dan Wakefield, James Luther Adams, Alice Blair Wesley, G. Peter Fleck--and dozens more?

Want resources, curriculum guides, lay leadership manuals, UU pamphlets, books? Interested in Worship, Administration, Congregational Growth, Church Finances, Education, UU Heritage, Famous UU's, Feminist Theology, Family, Music, Social Action?

To see for yourself, ask Prairie President Mary Mullen to show you the wealth of resources available to you! Or call the UUA Bookstore, (617) 742-2100, for your own free catalogs.

Have A Look Through Their WINDOWS

The UUA Publications Department produces 300-400 items each year! Call or write the UUA Bookstore in Boston, MA for their free quarterly newsletter, WINDOWS. It will keep you informed of what's new in our published materials. You'll be glad you did!

SOCIAL ACTION ISSUES

Excellent Volunteer Opportunity

The University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics is seeking new volunteers. Being a hospital volunteer is yet another way in which people can contribute their skills and knowledge to the community.

Openings are now available in these areas:

VIP (Visually Impaired Patient) program
OR/PAR (Operating Room/Post Anesthesia Recovery) program - this position requires nursing experience.
Courtesy Coffee Cart
Main Information Desk
Gift Shop

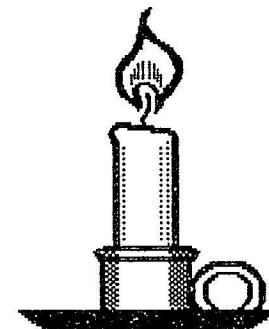
The Volunteer Service Office provides training and orientation for all volunteers. We hold a hospital orientation the third

Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Volunteer Services Office at 263-6046 for more information.

Holiday Cards Available

UUSC Holiday Cards are now available. There are five styles this year - a winter landscape scene with the message "Peace" inside (\$7 for 12 cards); a set of three Indian textile designs (\$7 for 12 cards); Toby Williams' paper-cut art "World Harmony" cards (\$7 for 10 cards); African textile designs (\$7 for 12 cards); and "Mother and Child" cards (\$6 for 12 cards). Anne Urbanski will take orders for these cards. Payment will be due on delivery of the cards. To order, call Anne at home (271-1349) after 6 PM.



It is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness.

ATTENTION RECYCLERS!

MADISON RECYCLING IS NOW BUYING THREE GRADES OF RESIDENTIAL WASTE PAPER!

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- 2) *Clean Newspaper* - no other paper products in this grade.
- 3) *Special Household Mix* - this grade includes non-separated newspaper, cardboard, magazines, phone books, books, junk mail, paper bags, school and office paper.

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Aluminum Cans, lead, stainless steel, aluminum, brass, and copper.
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