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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, June 17. Submit items for June 21–July 31, 1990.

Sunday, June 10
10:00 AM
"SACRED SPACE, HOLY GROUND"; led by Julie Bonser.

Wednesday, June 13
7:00 PM
HISPANIC POTLUCK at the meeting-house. (See related story)

Saturday, June 16
7:30 PM
The PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS will meet at the home of Margaret Lawrence, 7438 Old Sauk Road, in the Wexford Crossing Condominium complex.

Sunday, June 17
10:00 AM
"PEOPLE OF THE BOOK"; (songbook) led by Mike Briggs.

Sunday June 24
10:00 AM
SERVICE OF THE LIVING TRADITION at the General Assembly in Milwaukee, probably at the MECCA center. Call Jack Jallings for more information.

Today’s Quote:
The most common of all follies is to believe passionately in the palpably not true. It is the chief occupation of mankind.
-H.L. Mencken

...As the prairie stretches out until 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
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composed of musicians from throughout our Central Midwest District to sing on June 21 at the opening ceremony of the upcoming GA in Milwaukee. This should be a really exciting event—the choir will be performing 3 selections, 2 of which have been commissioned especially for this occasion. The Opening Service will set the tone for the remainder of GA, and will include a Banner Parade and an address from Betty Allen, director of the Harlem Arts Project.

All UUs who love to sing are encouraged to join in as part of this choral union. You do not have to register for GA in order to participate. Nor do you have to be a member of your church choir. However, you will need to attend 2 rehearsals. For the first rehearsal, you have a choice of attending a rehearsal at the Mequon, Wisconsin Church, 13800 N. Post Washington Road, scheduled for Monday night, June 4, at 7:00 PM (Call 414/375–3890 for directions) or attending the rehearsal scheduled for Monday night, June 11, at the North Shore Unitarian Church in Deerfield, IL, 2100 Half Day Road (708/234–2460 for directions). Please attend whichever of these 2 practices that is most convenient for you.

The second rehearsal will be held just prior to the Opening Ceremony, and will be the only opportunity to practice together as a total choir. It will begin promptly at 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 21st.

If you are interested in being one of the musicians, please contact duRee Bryant by phone at 708/529–1505 (W) or 708/359–2053 (H) or by note at 1210 Del Mar, Palatine, IL 60067.

Many thanks to all the teachers who devoted their time and energy to the RE program this year:

Erin Bosch
Peg Stevenson
Linda Nelson

Sharon Scrattish
Dean Schroeder
Karen Gross
Anna Nettleton

Also, many thanks to the outgoing R.E. chair, Aileen Nettleton, for all her guidance and leadership during the past year.

Summer Volunteers Needed

Because there are no regular Sunday school classes during the summer, the R.E. committee is looking for volunteers to help downstairs each Sunday we meet at Prairie. We need one volunteer to plan an activity (if you need ideas, Anne Pryor has resource materials) and one to take care of the children who can’t participate in the activity. Please call Linda Sheehy if you can help any of the following dates: June 3, 10, 17; July 1, 15, 29; August 12, 26.

How Did We Do?

The Religious Education Committee is in the process of evaluating the past year’s program. The Committee welcomes any comments from parents with children in the program or from any other interested adults. Please contact Linda Sheehy, Ken Skog, Alice Bullen, or Maria Ogren with comments.

The Social Action Committee has ongoing projects in the following areas (and we need your help in all of them):

• The Drop-In Shelter for homeless men (we staff it on the 4th Monday of the Month.)
• The Once a Week blood donors club (Red Cross Blood Bank.)
• Recycling (containers are in the garbage can area in back.)
• Food pantry (we collect food for 2 families in our neighborhood. The collection box is in the foyer outside the men’s room.)

From time to time, we also do letter writing after the service on topics of concern and sometimes pass the hat.

For more information on any of this stuff, call Judy Skog at 273–4813.

Foster Care Needed!

"Jonathan," a 10 year old boy, is in need of respite foster care every other weekend and in emergencies. He is intelligent, likes animals, and is very interested in the natural sciences and fishing. "Jonathan" does display some behavioral challenges; however, he responds well to clear consequences and a structured environment.

A foster parent can be single or a couple. Someone who is accepting and has an understanding of Paganism and Goddess religions is needed. Foster parents are part of a professional team working together to meet "Jonathan's" needs. Reimbursement will be $35 a day. Please call Retta Kanthak at Dane County Human Services, 273–6642, for more information.

Looking Ahead—

June 21–30: SOUND THE CHORUS OF FAITH: UUA General Assembly, Milwaukee, WI.

June 24–30: LAKE GENEVA SINGLES WEEK combine personal growth workshops with fun in the sun. Brochures are available at Prairie or call Sharon Spencer (312/973–2715) or John Halbeck (708/447–4534).

July 14–20: UU Bayside Camp: Around the World in 80 Ways, on Lake Geneva at Williams Bay, WI.

Oct. 5–7: CAMP UPHAM WOODS Retreat for Prairie UU Society at Wisconsin Dells.

They’re Flying The Coop Again...

And they have a house for rent (cheap) from June 11 to August 17, just 1/2 block from Prairie. Talk to Mary Mullen or Fredericka Schilling at 271–5192 for details.
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