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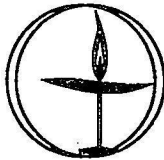
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, November 17. Submit items for November 21—December 5, 1991.

Thursday, November 14

7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the Meetinghouse.

Thursday, November 28

7:00 PM
THANKSGIVING DAY. No Men's Group meeting.

Friday, November 15

7:00 PM
FRIDAY NIGHT VIDEOS at the meetinghouse.

Today's Quote:

"The optimist thinks that this is the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist knows it."

—J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 6

7:00 PM
FRENCH SPEAKERS POTLUCK at the Sheehys, 629 Piper Dr., 273-3895

Saturday, November 9

6:00 PM
PRAIRIE WHITE ELEPHANT & SERVICE AUCTION. Bring a friend to this Festive Fundraiser and get a ball (or whatever...)!

Sunday, November 10

10:00 AM
"IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF W. A. MOZART," with music by members of the congregation, coordinated by Warren Hagstrom.

Monday, November 11

7:00 PM
SPANISH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK at the Prairie meeting house. Bring food to share if you can; if not, your own sweet self is entirely welcome without. (See related story)

Sunday, November 17

10:00 AM
"NATURE SPIRITUALITY," presented by Selena Fox.
11:30 AM
POTLUCKLUNCH at the Meetinghouse.

Monday, November 18

7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the Meetinghouse.

Saturday, November 23

7:30 PM
PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Dick & Julie Bonser, 5213 Milward Drive. Call 274-3248 for more information.

Sunday, November 24

10:00 AM
"GANDHI AND ECO-FEMINISM" presented by Lynette Delgado.

Tuesday, November 26

7:30 PM
PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets at the Meetinghouse. If you cannot attend, please inform Warren Hagstrom of suggestions for future programs.

NEWS & VIEWS

White Elephant News

Prairie's Annual White Elephant Sale will be held **Saturday, November 9**, starting with supper in the meetinghouse at **6:00 PM**. Come and bid on your favorite items. Better yet, BRING A FRIEND! There will be pizza, apples, dessert, and beverages for sale as well. Bidding begins at 7:00 PM. Come early to scope out the best buys. The building will open at 5:00 PM to receive White Elephant donations and other items. Bring your calendars—some of the services are available only on specific dates.

This year we are printing the services being offered ahead of time in the **Prairie Fire** so that if you cannot be at Prairie on November 9, you will still be able to bid on the items or services of your choice. If you want to bid, please

...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

Donor's Name	Services/Items Donated	Max. # of Users	Minimum Bid.
Fredericka Schilling	Hand Knitted Socks	1 Pr.	\$10.00
Mary Mullen	2 Hours of Window Washing	2	\$20.00
Terry Krause	Brand New CD Player	1	\$25.00
Jim Dickey & Claudette Richards	Complete Massage	1	\$18.00
Peg Barratt	Japanese Dinner—Sat. January 18th. A second dinner could be arranged at another time if there is enough interest.	8	\$8.00
Bob Nelson	Home-Baked Bread	6	??
Marty Drapkin	Black & White Portrait	unlimited	\$15.00
Al Nettleton	Coach-House Chocolate Cake (a Chocoholic's Delight)	1	??
Diane Derouen	Warbler Walk in May	8	??
Glenn Chambliss	Pound Cakes	many	\$3.00
Pat Cautley	Arboretum Wildflower Walk—May 16	10	??
James Vink	1) Single Tarot Class after service on December 8—1 1/2 hours	unlimited	\$5.00
James Vink	2) Astrological Horoscope—time of birth is needed	unlimited	\$25.00
James Vink	3) Astrology Class: How to cast and interpret horoscopes. 4 weeks, 1 hour each, after service beginning February 2. There will be \$20 of materials to purchase.	unlimited	\$7.00

call Judy Skog as soon as possible with your bid. Her phone no. is 273-4813.

Services Wanted at Service Auction

I need 5 or 6 able bodied persons to help with burning a prairie area invaded by berry bushes or sumac. I will have all necessary equipment (water tanks and flappers). The land is 1 1/2 hours drive from Madison so, if burning requires 3 hours, at least 6 hours time will be required on a Saturday in late April or May. I will pay up to \$15 per person and provide lunch.

-Pat Cautley

Mozart Program

This fall we will have a musical service featuring the life and music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on this 200th anniversary of his death in 1791. The program will be held on **November 10** and will be coordinated by Warren Hagstrom. Musicians of all ages are invited to perform. Think about pieces you would like to perform and let Warren know

about them. If you can perform but need an accompanist, you can ask Warren about arranging for one.

Memorial Service For Infants

Meriter Hospital (South Park Street) will hold a memorial service on **Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 PM**, for all the babies that died at the hospital between January and June 1991. Our daughter, Sharon Lee Urbanski, will be one of the babies remembered. If any of our friends is interested in joining Lee and me at the memorial service, please call me at 258-8269 by Sunday, Oct. 27. The service will be held in the hospital's Manfred Swarsenky Chapel.

-Anne Urbanski

Spanish Speaking Potluckers

In October we had our first experience (in 3 years!) of what-if-you-gave-a-Spanish-speakers'-potluck-and-no-one-came. Actually, two people showed, but they had both had harrowing weekends

and had really pushed themselves to get there, so they decided not to meet con solamente dos personas.

This brings up a problem we are currently having. We don't seem to be able to come up with a day and time that suits everyone. So, we need in-put on when is best for you. Orton has already polled about half the group. If you haven't heard from Orton or Rosemary, would you call one of us (Orton: 273-4041; Rosemary 238-4382) and tell him/her your time preferences? We may well end up having two regular meeting times and alternating the months accordingly. But it seemed to us better that everyone get a chance to come at least once every two months than that any one person be excluded entirely because of time problems.

There are now between eight and ten people who have either expressed interest in attending, or who attend nearly all the time. We can juggle times, offer rides and/or help with food if we know what's holding you back. So please call.

Meanwhile, we are going to try to meet on Monday, Nov. 11th, at the Prairie meeting house. Bring food to share if you can; if not, your own sweet self is entirely welcome without. We always have loads of food! See you at 7 p.m. on the 11th.

Friday Night Videos! Friday Night Videos!

Come join us on **Friday, November 15th at 7:00 PM** downstairs at Prairie for a night of movie viewing, discussion and munchies. We will be showing a video related to lesbian/gay/bisexual issues as a part of our commitment to becoming a Welcoming Congregation. We welcome (and need) a diverse audience to have a dynamic discussion and to start building a bridge between people of all sexual orientations. Call Fredericka at 271-5192 to get the specific title of the movie. Please feel free to bring munchies.

Y.R.U.U. Needs Your Help

The junior YRUU (Prairie's and First's youth group for 7th and 8th graders) is looking for someone from Prairie to assist the two advisors from First with the group's activities. The group will

meet twice each month, once for an outing and once at either First or Prairie for a business-activity meeting. Experience with this age group is not a requirement. All that is needed is a sincere interest in and appreciation of young teens and a willingness to share some time with them. Anyone interested in considering this possibility may call Jim Jaeger, one of the advisors, at 273-1035.

Coming Events

- Nov. 9-10:** CMD Annual Meeting at Champaign/Urbana, IL.
Jan. 24-26: W & R Womanspirit Conference, Evanston, IL.
Jan. 31-Feb. 2: Chicago Area UU Council Winter Retreat, Lake Geneva, WI.

Back in the USA

After 10 years in Germany, Terri & Tony Prudlo have returned to the USA. They'll be living in Montgomery, Alabama and will be glad to hear from old friends. Their new address is:
 Terri & Tony Prudlo
 4001 Ray Drive
 Montgomery, AL 36109

Board Retreat Report

The Prairie Board held a retreat Nov. 2nd and 3rd at Rick Ruecking's farm near Prairie Du Chien. Nine of the board members were present. The participants agreed that the retreat was a good way to get to know each other better and an effective team building

process. Most members felt they learned more about how Prairie is organized and how the various functions are interconnected. The board identified problems, brainstormed actions to take, and set action priorities. Members of Prairie will be hearing more about this as the year goes on.



Caring Hands

The October 27 session was led by Metje Butler with the theme of "Appreciating Differences." Through song, discussion and demonstration, the differences in people were explored. Examining the differences in insects via a fascinating insect collection also served the topic.

The following Sunday's session was led by Heidi Oliverson who focused on "Peaceful and Un-peaceful Experiences and Things." The group made individualized peace doves, read "The Hating Book" by Charlotte Zolotow, and had several insightful discussions about their ideas on the story, about peaceful and un-peaceful places and activities.

Many thanks to Carol Wilson and Bob Philbin for their assistance with the sessions.

Time Travels

The October 27 session, led by Aileen Nettleton, was the last in the series on ancient Egyptian religion. Egyptian ideas about gods was the focus, with the climax being a costumed performance of the play "Judgement of the Dead" for parents.

The following week, Mike Sheehy began the next section of the course, which will focus on the Zhu Twa si (Bushman) of southern Africa. The food and language of this group were the main points of introduction. The group talked and worked around a fire (candle),

made digging sticks, shared tools, and ate roots (carrots) dug up by Mike.

In Our Hands

This group, let by Jim Harvey and Rosemary Dorney have had two weeks of lively and thought-provoking discussions on the important topics of hunger and poverty, and war and peace.

Nifty Gifty Coming Up Soon

We're looking ahead to Nifty Gifty and are soliciting craft and project ideas. Ideally, the materials used are easily and cheaply obtainable, or are trash waiting to be recycled into a great holiday gift. If you have any ideas for such, please pass them along to Anne Pryor of Linda Nelson.



Surveys

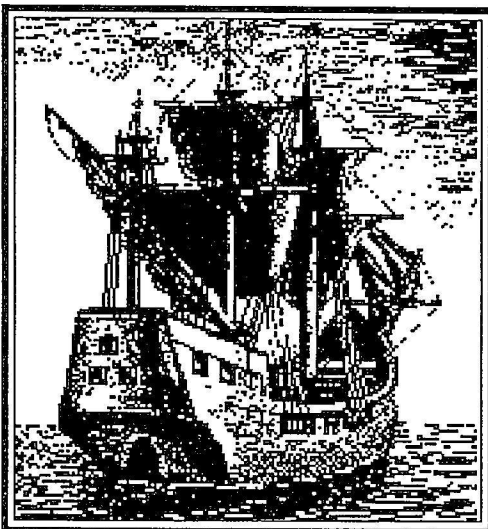
Many completed "Social Action Concerns Surveys" have now come in and the responses have been interesting and useful. Please bring your completed form to Prairie within the next week or two so that we can start tallying the results. Blank questionnaires will be on the table in Prairie's foyer for about two more weeks. Please phone Sharon Scratfish at 233-1118 if you would like one mailed to you.

Food Pantry

Please continue bringing canned goods and other nonperishable items for the food pantry. Place your donations in the box just outside the men's bathroom. Money, too, is always welcome. We'll buy food that is needed. The food pantry is located in the Allied Community Center and serves those living in the Dunns Marsh/Allied Drive neighborhoods.

Earth Care Paper

If you wish to order any Earth Care Paper items, please return the order forms to Judy Skog no later than Sunday, November 10th.



The good ship "Mayflower"

