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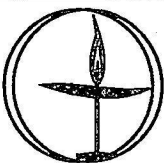
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, December 1. Submit items for December 5-December 19, 1991.

CALENDAR

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.

Thursday, November 28

7:00 PM

THANKSGIVING DAY. No Men's Group meeting.

Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM

THANKSGIVING INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

Sunday, December 8

10:00 AM

"HEALTH FOR ALL: Reflections On A Year In Pakistan" presented by Cindy Haq.

"WILD WINTERING" The RE children will choose a special activity today.

11:30 AM

POTLUCK DINNER following the meeting.

12:45 PM

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

Sunday, December 15

10:00 AM

TO BE ANNOUNCED.

"NIFTY GIFTY" a time for all RE children to make gifts.

Today's Quote:

"Both the cockroach and the bird could get along very well without us, although the cockroach would miss us most."

-JOSEPH WOOD KRUTCH

NEWS & VIEWS

Annual Fall Meeting Set

The annual fall meeting (late fall, this year) will be on **December 8 at 12:45 PM** after the Sunday service and potluck dinner. The major agenda items will be the proposed 1992 budget and reports from officers and committee chairs.

Cancel Your Prairie Fire?!

If you are throwing this away without reading it because you don't want it anymore, let the editor know! Save yourself some time and save us some money. It cost us \$10 per subscription last year to create and mail the Prairie Fire and postal rates have gone up twice this year along with the bulk mailing permit fees.

We want to send Prairie Fire to people who want and use it. We can reduce costs by reducing the number of copies we mail. **Please call 274-3248 to cancel your subscription** if you don't want it.

Service Auction Kudos

Thanks to the hard work of a lot of people, the Service Auction was a lot of fun—and we made a lot of money, too: \$1,076.75 to be exact! Special thanks go to Marty Drapkin for his great job as auctioneer, and to both Susan Hagstrom and Judy Skogfer recording transactions and keeping it all straight. We also give a special vote of thanks to all of the service donors and to those who gave their used but serviceable treasures for the auction. We couldn't have done it without you!

Budget News...

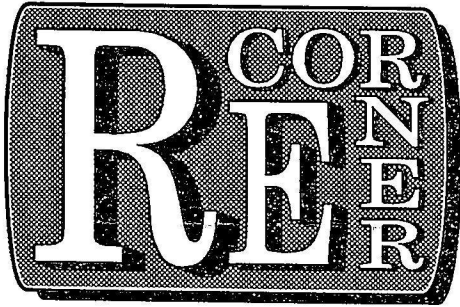
After reviewing the preliminary budget, the Executive Board has concluded that members will need to increase their pledges by at least 25%. We need to catch up with previous repair and maintenance needs that have been left

...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

languishing. We also have program and denominational obligations (our fair share) that must be met.

Coming Events

- Jan. 24-26:** W & R Womanspirit Conference, Evanston, IL.
Jan. 31-Feb. 2: Chicago Area UU Council Winter Retreat, Lake Geneva, WI.



Caring Hands

Continuing with the peace and justice theme of the curriculum, the topic two weeks ago was "fair and unfair." Stories of unfair experiences were shared and a grab bag game that was very unfair was played. The children thought of several ways in which to remedy the game and the experiences, making them more fair. They also made a collage from pictures of unfair experiences. Metje Butler led this session with help from Ken Skog.

Last week found the group taking a break from the curriculum with a "day off." There was a brief discussion of Thanksgiving, a story was read, the ever popular marble game and pictionary were played and drawing and bubble art took place. This session was led by Heidi Oliverson with help from Cindy Haq.

Time Travels

The past two Sundays found this group traveling to the Kalahari desert to visit the traditional lifeways of the Zhu twa si (Bushmen). They viewed the film "Man the Hunter and Gatherer" which gave an overview of the culture and society of the Zhu twa si of 40 years ago.

The following week they traveled back 200 years to see the rock art of the Zhu twa si and then painted similarly styled depictions on the walls of their room. This was an exciting project! The results look great, too! Come down to

view it next Sunday! These sessions are being led by Mike Sheehy.

In Our Hands

Looking at the UU link with peace and social justice has been the focus of the past two weeks for these middle schoolers. A card game that linked people and events with UU principles was played and enjoyed. Some role playing was done on the same theme. Short dramatic presentations about Susan B. Anthony and Henry D. Thoreau and their personal links to social issue were used by the group, again with enjoyment. This group is being led by Jim Harvey and Rosemary Dorney.



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.



Coffee Service Volunteers

The following persons have volunteered to set up the coffee service on Sunday mornings.

- Nov. 24 ??
 Dec. 1 Barbara Rames
 Dec. 8 ??
 Dec. 15 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

- Nov. 24 Pat Cautley & Kathy Converse
 Dec. 1 Cinda LaMar & Al Nettleton
 Dec. 8 Aileen Nettleton & Jennifer Parker
 Dec. 15 ??

The following have signed up to greet visitors on Sunday mornings.

- Nov. 24 Randy Converse
 Dec. 1 Barbara Rames
 Dec. 8 ??
 Dec. 15 ??

Any volunteers who cannot work on the day they've signed up, please let Anne Urbanski know so she can locate a substitute.

Please Schedule Your Building Use!

Members wishing to use the Prairie building for activities should check with Julie or Dick Bonser to reserve the building. They need advance notice, preferably two weeks, to schedule the use of the building. Building use rules are posted in the kitchen.

