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# PRAIRIE FIRE

... 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. *From Prairie's Bond Of Union*

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## **OUR SOCIETY**

### **Thanks For Your Pledge!**

Pledges for our 1998 Prairie Budget have been continuously coming in! Our sincere thanks to each of you for your continued commitment to our Prairie community. As of our Sunday Annual Meeting, \$32,750 has been pledged. Our goal is to get \$880 more in pledges to assure that we can meet the budget for 1998. If you are one of the few who has not yet made your pledge, or if you feel you can make an increase in your pledge, please contact Aileen Nettleton, Finance Chair, 238-6053.

### **And,,Final Reminder For 1997 Payments**

Please send the remaining amount for your 1997 pledge to Treasurer Judy Skog, 626 Orchard Dr.

by December 5th, if possible. This will give us the funds we need to complete the financial year, plus save the Finance Committee the need to send you a final reminder.

If you wish to send an additional contribution to Prairie before the end of the year, this would also be greatly appreciated. Thanks. Finance Committee.

### **Prairie On Line**

FYI Prairie's computer is now on line. All e-mail for Kate should be sent to the Prairie e-mail address which is:

prairieu@execpc.com Please, if you are on line send me your articles as attachments to an e-mail or get me a disk. It saves the Society and me lots of time and money in the editing of the newsletter.

Also, check out Prairie's website at com/~prairieu . A big hearty thanks goes out to Lee and Anne Urbanski for all the time and energy spent on creating the Prairie website. Good job!

Also, as always, thanks to Al Nettleton for his work in getting the Prairie computer on line and set up for e-mail capabilities. What a techno wizard!

Now we have time to get that office cleaned out, right?

### **UNICEF**

UNICEF Christmas greetings, note cards, puzzles, etc., will be available here at Prairie on Sunday, November 30th.

### **Our Chosen Faith**

If you borrowed the book Our Chosen Faith, please return it. One of our members purchased it for Prairie so that it will be more widely read.

### **Religious Education**

Prairie R.E. is collecting toiletries and money to buy toiletries for the Allied Drive neighborhood. We ask adults to match the amount of money that the kids collect downstairs. This collection will be going on until March 22nd, but we would appreciate things sooner than that. There will be a collection jar upstairs and a bin for toiletries. Thank you for your support!

About twenty Prairie youth and friends attended the Fall Frolic celebration on Saturday October 25. After group activities and a pizza dinner, Susan Vennard showed the kids how to make plaster masks

and molds. The rest of the evening passed by quickly as some helped with baking while others played games upstairs and downstairs. Everyone was probably grateful for the extra hour of sleep afforded by the time change. In the morning, Dean Schroeder arrived to cook eggs for everyone. Attendance at RE that Sunday was the best it's been all year. Thanks to all the Parents who participated and especially those who stayed overnight.

**NIFTY GIFTY** is coming up! December 14 is the date. So if you have been hoarding balls of string, chunks of wood or any other valuable items all year, now is the time to bring them in. We also are in need of brown paper shopping bags. If you would like to participate in Nifty Gifty by leading one of the projects (artistic aptitude is optional) call Robin at 286-9165.

### **Please note the Bullen's New Address**

Lee & Alice Bullen  
Tel Hai Retirement Community  
Lakeview #406  
Beaver Dam Rd.  
Honey Brook, PA 19344

### **Truck or Big Van Needed**

At Last there is an agency to which my family can give a modern electrically operated hospital bed for a needy person. We need a way to transport it on a business day to International Lane near the airport. Call Barbara Rames at 231-1871 if you can help out.

### **Attention All Voters (Everyone!!)**

Support the **Sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill SB 3/AB 70**. This bill is coming to ballot sometime between now and January for vote. This bill is prohibiting a sulfide mine (Crandon Mine) until it

determines that a mine has operated in a similar ore body in the U.S. or Canada for 10 years without polluting groundwater or surface water and that a mine operated in similar conditions has been closed for at least 10 years without polluting ground/surface water. Let's not sacrifice our clean air, water and \$6 billion tourist industry. Call your WI representative toll-free on the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-362-9472. Ask him/her to vote for the Mining Moratorium Bill SB 3/AB 70. For more info contact Menominee Nation Treaty Rights & Mining Impacts, P.O. Box 910, Keshena, WI 54135. Ph) 715-799-5620, Fax) 715-5692. Email)nomining@mail.wisc.net. website) <http://www.menominee.com/nomining/> .

### **The UUA Video Library is Moving.**

Beginning Jan. 1, videos will be distributed by The Etc. Co. There will be a \$15 charge for each video rental. Videos will not be available during November and December while the library is being transferred from the UUA to The Etc. Co, but you can make reservations now for shipments beginning in January. To reserve videos contact Kathy Rogers of The Etc. Co. at 716-229-5325. Her e-mail address is uuavideo@juno.com . Her Fax # is 716-229-2857. The address for The Etc. Co. is 8080 Pierpont Rd., Bloomfield, New York 14469-9714.

We apologize for the inconvenience this transition will cause some of you. However, we believe these changes will improve service and provide a greater selection of videos for your use.

### **More Table Graces**

*\*Oh great earth, we thank you*

*for the abundance that is ours.*

*\*Bless our hearts to hear in the breaking of bread the song of the universe.*

*\*Give thanks*

*For each new morning with its light,*

*For rest and shelter of the night,*

*For health and food, for love and friends,*

*For everything this good life sends.*

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **November 30**

#### **Thanksgiving Intergenerational Program**

Toby Pachciarz-Wacker, Nicholas Rosebear-Ace, Mei Lien Converse, Judy Pachciarz-Wacker, Robin Carre, Mike Sheehy and friends will be presenting this program.

### **December 7**

#### **Christmas Eve: From the Outside Looking In**

Rosemarie Lester will be presenting a German view of the American celebration and the American immi-grant's view of a German celebration.

### **December 14**

#### **El Nino**

More details later.

### **December 21**

#### **Intergenerational Solstice and Symbol Tree Celebration**

More details later.

### **December 28**

#### **Christmas & Holiday Brunch**

We will be singing Christmas carols at Prairie and then go out for a holiday brunch.

# Inner Peace

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### **Shaarei Shamayim Calendar**

**November 29**-Havdallah service, 6:45 PM.  
Service followed by potluck dessert.  
**December 12**-Shabbat Seder, 6:00 PM.  
**December 20**-Shabbat morning service,  
9:30 AM.  
**December 23**-first night of Hanukkah.

### **PRAIRIE CALENDAR**

#### **Tuesday, November 30**

7:00 PM; Prairie Orientation - what U.U's believe.

#### **Sunday, November 30**

9:00 AM; Prairie Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM; "Thanksgiving Intergenerational Program".  
UNICEF sale after program.

#### **Sunday, December 7**

9:00 AM; Prairie Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM; "Christmas Eve: From the Outside Looking In", presented by Rosemarie Lester.  
11:45 AM; Study Group: Working for a Just Economic Community.  
Prairie Fire Deadline.

#### **Monday, December 8**

7:30 PM; Prairie BOD Meeting.

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

6:00 PM; Madison Urban Ministry: Beyond Violence: A Shared Dialogue on Judgement, Guilt and Forgiveness. Professor Beverly Flanigan of the U.W. School of Social Work will speak on "To Err Is Human; Isn't Forgiveness Human Too." Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2019 Fisher Street. \$5, payable at the door, includes a light supper. Because

the church is small it is suggested you phone 256-0906 early for advanced reservations.

#### **Sunday, December 14**

No Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM; "El Nino".  
-Nifty Gifty  
-Prairie Bus Trip to Chicago for Renoir Exhibit.

#### **Sunday, December 21**

No Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM; "Intergenerational Solstice & Symbol Tree Celebration".  
11:45; Prairie Women's Group

#### **Sunday, Decmeber 28**

No Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM; "Christmas & Holiday Brunch".

#### **Sunday, January 4**

No Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, January 23**

3:00-9:30 PM; Prairie Directory  
Photographs being taken by Olan Mills at Prairie.

#### **Saturday, January 24**

10:00 AM-5:00PM; Prairie Directory  
Photographs being taken by Olan Mills at Prairie.

### **Prairie Picture Directory**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> an Olan-Mills photographer will be at Prairie to do family portraits. For having your picture taken, Prairie will receive a quantity of picture directories and your family will get one. There is no obligation to buy photos (though you may). We did this ten years ago and the response was terrific. Put Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. More details later.

**Next Prairie Fire deadline is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.**