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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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PRAIRIE CALENDAR

Saturday, November 7

Chicago Art Institute Bus Trip to the exhibit "Mary Cassatt: Modern Woman." Full Bus.

5pm Sat. - 9am Sunday; **Fall Frolic for RE**

Sunday, November 8

9:00am; **Choir Rehearsal**

10:00am; **"Poverty in Dane County"**, presented by Steve Pierce of Community Action Coalition.

After the service **UNICEF cards & materials** will be available for purchase.

Monday, November 9

7:30pm; **Prairie Board Meeting** at Prairie.

Tuesday, November 10

7:00pm; **Social Action Committee Meeting** at Prairie.

Thursday, November 12

7:30-9:00pm; **Prairie Orientation (2nd Session).**

Saturday, November 14

7:30pm; **Prairie Play Readers** at the home of Jean Matos, 324 S. Mills St., 255-2209.

Sunday, November 15

9:00am; **Choir Rehearsal**

10:00am; **"Doctor/Patient Relationships."** Part II in Cindy Haq and Gary Giorgi's lay ministry series.

11:30am; **Prairie Board Budget Meeting.**

11:30am; **Potluck Lunch following service.**

12:30pm; **Fall Parish Meeting**

UNICEF cards & materials for sale today.

No Prairie Womens Group Today.

Monday, November 16

7:00pm; **Spanish Speakers' Potluck** at the home of Ema Pachon, 1130 Williamson Street, Apt. B. Call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 with questions.

Thursday, November 19

7:30-9:00pm; **Prairie Orientation (3rd Session).**

Sunday, November 22

10:00am; **"Art and Religion"**. Anne Pryor introduces her lay ministry series.

After the service; **Welcoming Congregation**

Committee will meet to plan the program for December 13th.

Wednesday, November 25

7:30pm; **First Unitarian Society Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service.** Sermon by Max Gaebler. Music, liturgy and refreshments done jointly by First Unitarian, Prairie, James Reeb and Free Congregation of Sauk City.

Sunday, November 29

10:00am; **Thanksgiving Intergenerational Service** led by Randy Converse.

Sunday, December 6

10:00am; **“Death and Dying”**, presented by Cindy Haq and Gary Giorgi.

Sunday, December 13

10:00am; **“Prairie as a Welcoming Congregation”**, led by Mary Mullens, Deb Phelps, Pat Watkins and Nancy Schraufnagel.

Next Prairie Fire Deadline is November 15th.

OUR SOCIETY

Pledge Drive

Thanks to all of you who have already returned your pledges for 1999. The rest of you – please return your pledge to Aileen Nettleton by Sunday, Nov. 8 at the latest. Save us, and you, a phone call.

Many thanks to all who assisted with the Kick-Off Lunch - the teens who helped serve, all who brought food, especially the soup cooks, (Kathy H., Barb P. and Jean M), to Jose for arranging and delivering the pizza, Orange and Jose for the presentation, and a hard working committee helping with arrangements and clean-up.

Your Presence is requested! Parish Meeting November 15th.

Please join other Prairie Members in congregating to discuss and democratically decide the business of our society and hear and appreciate the works and plans of our Committees and Officers. We will be voting on our Budget for 1999 (get those pledges in), electing a Secretary, and revising our Bylaws. In order to transact business, **we need your presence at Parish business meetings**. One of the proposed Bylaw revisions has been previously postponed for two years. Please read the Bylaws information in the two prior Prairie Fire issues. This is your congregation, our community. We need to move forward with the health, including, financial, and works of our Society.

Thanks for your time, thoughts, works and contributions. See you after the potluck!

Nancy Schraufnagel, Your Prez

Pint Size Facts

Laurie Larson, Phoenix Wardell, Kay Frazier and Dick Bonser have each given blood in the past month. What a way to celebrate one's good health!

If you do know someone who needs your pint right now, make your concern for that person a tangible gift, from the heart. Hours at the Sheboygan Avenue Donor Center are Mondays, 12-4pm, Tuesdays, 12-6pm, Wednesdays, 9am-1pm, Thursdays, 12-7pm, Fridays, 9am-1pm and Satur-days 8am-noon.

“You’re much more interesting than the ferns were.”

- From service program **“Sidney and God”**

Golden Contribution

Did you notice in your daily newspaper that it was Barbara Golden, a Prairie Society member, who organized a recent workshop and conference to improve parent participation in public schools? She is a consultant for Family Enhancement, and president of her own local PTA. Parent involve-ment in school life has been identified as a signifi-cant influence in raising student achievement. Bravo Barbara!

Food Pantry

Our basket and box for food pantry gifts looks neglected. Have you written “food pantry” on your weekly market list lately?

Volunteer Schedules

Hospitality Helpers:

Nov. 8: Greeting Visitors: Orange Schroeder

Coffee Set-up: *Need Volunteer*

Coffee Clean-up: *Need 2 Volunteers*

Nov. 15: Greeting Visitors: *Need Volunteer*

Coffee Set-up: Kathy Helm

Coffee Clean-up: *Need 2 Volunteers*

Program Taping:

Nov. 8: Paula Pachciarz

Nov. 15: Pat Cautley

All Souls’ Day Memorials

These deceased Prairie Members were memorialized in the service Nov. 1st:

Ran Cautley

Roland Parrish

Avis Parrish
Bill Caldwell
Lois Hagstrom
Betsy Roberts
Rebecca Clark
Les Lyons
Dorothy Wetherbee
John Dorney
John Grindrod
Marv Woerpel
Carol Dopp
Mike Sheehy

Help Wanted

Madison Interfaith Hospitality Network needs a Social Worker/Executive Director. Send resume to 6907 University Ave., #345, Middleton, WI 53562. Deadline for applying is November 7th.

Global Express Birthday Sale

. You are invited to a **Special Sunday Open House** on November 8th from 10am to 3pm to celebrate the Sixth Birthday of Global Express. Hand-crafts from around the world in the train at the Depot at 646 W. Washington Avenue.

Got Naked Windows?

This is a “Pro-Seeds to Prairie” offering.

I have two unused cellular window shades (a relatively new concept in insulated window coverings). They are double-celled, light beige, and were custom-made to be mounted inside window openings of 31” and 43”. They are a \$198 value, and are available for a donation to Prairie, whatever amount you want to give. Metje Butler (244-3659)

The Good Woodcutter’s Guide

If anyone wants a copy of my book and failed to get one at Upham Woods, they are available, postage paid from the following address. “The Good Woodcutter’s Guide”, P.O. Box 628342, Middleton, WI 53562 or phone Julie at 608-8827-6140. The are \$17 if mailed, \$15 otherwise.

Ethics and Justice

“Ethics and Justice” is an interdisciplinary public affairs journal covering topics in applied ethics, social and criminal justice and politics. The journal is

currently seeking manuscripts for publication in future issues, especially in the area of environmental ethics. Please e-mail manuscripts as attachments to editor@ethics-justice.org . The journal’s home page is at <http://www.ethics-justice.org> .

From the Administrator’s Desk

I wanted to let people know that my hours are now Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Sometimes this varies and if you need to talk to me instead of leaving a message please call me at home at 250-6512. Also, I have a newer computer at home now so if you need to email me there you can at heibercoobb@mailbag.com.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sunday, November 8

“Poverty in Dane County”, presented by Steve Pierce from Community Action Coalition.

Sunday, November 15

“Patient/Doctor Relationships”, presented by Cindy Haq and Gary Giorgi. This is the second session in a series dealing with concepts of health, equity and social justice. It will address the changing nature of patient-doctor relationships, education and collaboration for health.

Sunday, November 22

“Art and Religion”, presented by Anne Pryor. This is an introduction to her lay ministry series.

Sunday, November 29

“Thanksgiving Intergenerational Service”, led by Randy Converse.

Sunday, December 6

“Death and Dying”, presented by Cindy Haq and Gary Giorgi. This is the third session in their series dealing with concepts of health. It will deal with nurturing and healing the end of life.

Sunday, December 13

“Prairie as a Welcoming Congregation”, led by Mary Mullens, Deb Phelps, Pat Watkins and Nancy Schraufnagel.

Sunday, December 20

“Winter Solstice Intergenerational Service”.

QUOTE

“To be aware of a single shortcoming within oneself is more useful than to be aware of a thousand in somebody else. Rather than speaking badly about people and in ways that will produce friction and unrest in their lives, we should practice a purer perception of them, and when we speak of others, speak of their good qualities. If you find yourself slandering anybody, just fill your mouth with excrement. That will break you of the habit quickly enough.”

*-Dalai Lama
“A Policy of Kindness”*

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