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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
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PRAIRIE CALENDAR

Friday, October 8 and Saturday, Oct. 9

7:00pm; Reid Miller will perform "Ghost Stories Into the Night" at Prairie. General Admission is \$4.

Partial proceeds will go to Prairie.

Sunday, October 10

No Choir Rehearsal in October.

10:00am; "A Dramatization of the Life of Olympia Brown," presented by Rose Stephenson.

Social Action Committee Fall Bake Sale.

-3pm; **Rabbi Arthur Waskow**, a leading figure in the renewal of Jewish spirituality, will speak in Madison at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive.

-**Solidarity Sunday.** Wear the rainbow in solidarity with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender individuals and in opposition to violence.

Tuesday, October 12

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

Thursday, October 14

6:30pm; **Spanish Speaker's Potluck** at Prudence Barber's home, 1050 Jenifer St., 251-0852.

Saturday, October 16

Empty Bowls, a benefit to fight area hunger.

11am-2pm at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W.

Washington Ave. 4-7pm; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd. (See article under "Our Society" for more details.)

Denominational Affairs Committee Meeting at the

home of Karen Gross. Please call Karen for time and more info.

Sunday, October 17

No Choir Rehearsal in October

10am, The second program in Marilyn and Rick Ruecking's "Hunting for Hope" series.

11:45am-12:30pm; **PRAIRIE'S PLEDGE DRIVE KICK-OFF.** (See article under "Our Society" section for more details.)

Prairie Fire deadline.

7:00pm; **UpWith People** performance at West High School Auditorium. (See article for more details.)

Tuesday, October 19

6-8pm; MUM's "Who Are Our Prisoners, And Why Are They There?" at St. Bernards Catholic Church at 2450 Atwood Avenue.

Saturday, October 23

7:00pm; "Ghost Stories Into the Night", performed by Reid Miller at Prairie.

Sunday, October 24

No Choir Rehearsal in October

10:00am; **UN Sunday**, coordinated by Pat Watkins. Speaker to be announced.

11:45AM; **Prairie Womens' Group** meets for a finger food potluck.

Thursday, October 28

7:00pm; "Ghost Stories Into the Night", performed

by Reid Miller at Prairie.

Friday, October 29

1:00pm and also at 7:00pm; “**Ghost Stories Into the Night**”, performed by Reid Miller at Prairie.

Wednesday, November 24

7:30pm; **First Unitarian Universalist Society Joint Thanksgiving Service** with all five Madison area UU congregations participating.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sunday, October 10

10:00am; “**A Dramatization of the Life of Olympia Brown**,” presented by Rose Stephenson. When Olympia Brown (1835-1926) entered the ministry of the Universalist church around 1863 she became the first American woman to be ordained by a regular denomination. While she served churches in New England as well, most of her ministerial career was in Wisconsin. She became a friend of Susan B. Anthony and a vigorous advocate of women’s suffrage. She married a printer and newspaper publisher and managed the business after his death. Rose Stephenson has prepared a dramatization of her life that she has presented already at a number of UU congregations. Among other things, Rose is a member of First Society, teaches German at the UW Extension, and is the wife of the talented local pianist Trevor Stephenson. She has visited Prairie in the past and we welcome her again.

Sunday, October 17

10:00am; The second in Marilyn and Rick Ruecking’s “**Hunting for Hope**” series.

Sunday, October 24

10:00am; “**U.N. Sunday**” program. We are currently engaged in delicate and uncertain negotiations with a well-known and highly respected Sunday person to present our U.N. Sunday program, so no information is available at this time. This possible presenter is someone you’ll want to hear, so wish us luck and be sure to read your October 20th Prairie Fire.

Prairie Fire Deadline is Sunday,

October 17, 1999.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Hospitality Helpers:

October 10:

Greeting Visitors: Barbara Rames
Coffee Set-Up: Barbara Rames
Coffee Clean-up: Pat Cautley

October 17:

Greeting Visitors: Rita Reffner
Coffee Set-Up: Paula Pachciarz
Coffee Clean-up: Rachel Long

Program Taping:

October 10: Al Nettleton
October 17: Paula Pachciarz

OUR SOCIETY

PLEDGE DRIVE KICK-OFF LUNCH

Sunday, October 17th from 11:45am-12:30pm

Mark your calendars, check your budgets, bring your pens, and come to the annual Pledge Drive Kick-Off Lunch! Sub sandwiches- Brownies- Proposed Prairie Budget- and Pledges for 2000! This is your chance to learn about goals and needs of our society and how your finances are a part of it. Your giving keeps Prairie alive and able to serve. Join us!

Ghost Stories Into the Night

On October 8th, 9th, 23rd and 28th at 7:00pm and on October 29th at both 1:00pm and 7:00pm Reid Miller will perform “Ghost Stories Into the Night”. Partial proceeds will go to Prairie. Snacks will be available. The show features tales, songs, advice on how to keep scary things away, and is recommended for adults and youth. Need more information? Give Reid a call at 437-3388.

Social Action Committee Happenings

The Social Action Committee will hold its **fall bake sale** Sunday, October 10 after the service. You are all encouraged to bring baked goods or other goods (In the past we’ve had home-brewed beer, soup mixes,

garden produce, etc.) and the currency with which to purchase other goods, if you wish. If you are planning to bring a food item, please contact Robin Carre or Paula Pachciarz just so we can estimate how much we will have.

The committee will primarily use the money to purchase groceries once a month for the Men's Homeless Shelter, to make donations to the Eviction Prevention Fund coordinated by Joining Forces for Family at the Allied-Dunn's Marsh Community Center, to make donations to the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and to purchase gifts during the winter holidays for Allied-Dunn's Marsh neighborhood kids.

We'd also like to make a plug for the upcoming **Empty Bowls** meal . An empty bowl can be a powerful symbol of hunger and need. This month on Saturday, October 16th, the Grace Episcopal Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are hosting the annual Empty Bowls meal. You pay \$10.00 for a ceramic bowl that is made by a local potter and filled with a simple meal. Your donation benefits Dane County Food Pantries, Community Meal Program and Partner Shares and you get to take the bowl home with you. This is a worthwhile project that boosts the local food supply network at a time of year when it is needed.

Denominational Affairs Committee

Denominational Affairs committee meeting will be on Saturday, October 16 at the home of Karen Gross. Please call me to find out more about how you can be involved in D A, to get directions to my home, or just to let me know you are coming- RSVP Oct 15. Also if you are interested in service as the new D A chair please let me know for if my plans go as scheduled Prairie will need a new chair in the near future. Thank you.

Karen A Gross/259-0556

New Prairie Addresses and/or Phone Numbers For Your Prairie Directory

Robin Carre and Beth Potter
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Osh Anderson
280-9792

Diane Derouen and Glenn Chambliss
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Madison, WI 53715
258-9140

Cindi Haq and Bob Lawrence
2494 Spring Rose Dr.
Verona, WI 53593
Robert Reuschlein
3264 Stonecreek Dr.
Madison, WI 53719
848-5248

Sharon Scratish
280-8050

Choir Rehearsals in November

Prairie's Choir is not rehearsing in the month of October, but will begin meeting again on November 7th, 14th and 21st.

Thanks to Prairie People from Arleigh's Friend Roberta

A special letter of thanks from Arleigh Birchler's friend, Roberta Zardecki - mother of Tony, to all who sent she, and her son Tony, good wishes, prayers and thoughts can be found on the bulletin door at the entrance to the meeting room. He has been released from the hospital and is doing much better. His prognosis is for a 100% recovery. Go Tony!

"Up With People" Coming to Madison

Up With People is coming to Madison. Their Broadway musical type performance will be held on Sunday, October 17th at 7pm at West High School Auditorium. Tickets are Adults \$10 and Students/ Seniors \$8 and can be purchased through the University Book Store and Ward-Brodt Music Mall.

The cast of 140 international students will arrive on Friday evening, October 15th and leave on Monday morning, October 18th. They need host families to stay with while they're in town. If you can open your home to one or some or are interested in more information call 232-2038.

“An Arboretum Walk”

Eleven Prairie kids and six adults set off on a brisk hike to the Arboretum on the cloudy, cold morning of October 3rd, aiming to hear more than they ordinarily would have.

The walk was punctuated by periods of silence, times when we cupped our hands to our ears “the better to hear,” and times when we shared what the sounds “sounded like.”

The walk was led by Mary Mullen, The eleven kids were Xena Anderson, Lushana and Vincent Peterson, Judy and Toby Wacker, Eric Santarus, Eleanor Owens, Madelaine Long Arnold, Mai Lien Converse, Kevin Glueck and Isaac Lawrence. Their adult helpers were John Peterson, Carl Wacker, Arleigh Birchler, Kerry Beheler, and Jan Howe.

The poems we made about the things we heard are below.

Our group walking in the Arboretum sounds like

- leaves rustling
- a grazing herd of cows
- a broken faucet running
- a wooden block covered with sandpaper, rubbing against a block without sandpaper
- windshield wipers
- a steamroller, crunching up huge boulders.

The wind and rain at the edge of the woods in the Arboretum sounds like

- a waterfall
- little drips from a faucet
- rice pouring
- a rain stick
- the sensation of pop-rocks in your mouth
- water simmering in lots of pans
- little chunks of ice hitting leaves
- french-fries or eggs and bacon frying
- Rice Krispies in a bowl of milk
- wrapping paper being crinkled
- popcorn popping
- a fog horn blowing very low
- hail hitting frozen ground
- stopping, on ice skates

The Peace-Filled Community: What Does Justice Require Of Us?

The MUM 1999-2000 series format will allow us to connect, even with our different perspectives, in a safe dialogue setting. The sessions begin at 6:00pm over a light meal. Presenters will share their own experiences with these issues. Then participants will discuss around tables. Finally, in a common assembly, we'll share what we have learned from each other.

October 19th, from 6-8pm at St. Bernard's Catholic Church at 2450 Atwood Avenue the forum will be **"Who Are Our Prisoners, And Why Are They There."** The moderator is Patty Loew and the speakers are State Public Defender Nick Chiarkis and Edgewood College researcher Sister Esther Hefferman.

See the pamphlet on the bulletin board for details on how to register.

"The inequalities suffered by the many are in no way justified by the rise of a few."

-James Baldwin

General Assembly, Salt Lake City, June '99

[photo of Pat Watkins, Nancy Schraufnagel and Nancy Graham with Prairie banner]

"Without the abundance of the heart nothing great can happen."

-Paul Tillich

Shaarei Shamayim Calendar

Oct. 10, 5-10pm; Special Presentation

Oct. 16, 8am-1:30pm; Morning Service

Oct. 22, 5:30-10pm; Evening Service

Oct. 24, 4-5:30pm; Adult Religion Class

Oct. 31, 4-5:30pm; Adult Religion Class