

PRAIRIE FIRE

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CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, 29 April and SATURDAY 30 April 7:30 PM 9 AM
- Two-session workshop on Religious Education. Led by Theron Caldwell. The religious education curriculum will be the subject of discussion. Teachers and parents interested in the goals, materials, and processes of religious education are urged to attend. The Friday session is two hours; the Saturday session, three.
- SATURDAY 30 April 8 PM
- The Social Action Committee's Annual Auction at the home of Theron Caldwell, 1228 Sherman Avenue. See program, next page.
- SUNDAY 1 May 10 AM
- ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON. Led by Betty Jallings and the Social Action Committee. The speaker will be Austin McClendon.
- SUNDAY 8 May 10 AM
- BALLET POTPOURRI. Barbara Carson will talk about the origins of ballet, demonstrate the teaching of ballet, and present excerpts from the forthcoming public performance by the Carson School of Ballet of "The Lost Child." The recorder group will play, and the school's piano accompanist will provide the music for the ballet.
- SUNDAY 8 May Noon
- Newsletter deadline.
- SUNDAY 8 May 4 - 7 PM
- A farewell party for Marty Urberg who has finished his residency and is off for Detroit where Kathy and the children have already settled in. The party will be at Jane Cloak's house, 2201 West Lawn. There will be some wine and snacks but if you have something additional to bring, that will help. Everyone welcome.
- MONDAY 9 May 7:30 PM
- Meeting of the combined Old and New Boards of Prairie at Charles Davidson's home, 2210 Waunona Way.
- SUNDAY 15 May 10 AM
- The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade class will conclude their program on "Why Bad Things Happen," by discussing "Why Good Things Happen."
- THURSDAY 19 May 7:30 PM
- The Philosophy Club will meet at Ione Hatfield's house, 4316 Upland Drive. The discussion will be based on Myths to Live By, by Joseph Campbell (Bantam paperback).
- SATURDAY 21 May 8 PM
- The Playreaders will meet at the home of Avis and Roland Parrish, 302 Glenway (238-1725).

THE NEW BOARD

At the parish meeting the slate of proposed candidates was accepted without demur. The new officers of Prairie, for the year 1977-78, are as follows:

President: Charlie Davidson	Social Action: Betty Jallings
Vice president: Diane Miracle	Ministerial Relations: John Grindrod
Secretary: Rachel Siegfried	Denominational Affairs: Theron Caldwell
Treasurer: Elizabeth Harald	Long Range Planning: Norma Briggs
Finance chair: Arne Clay	Housing and Properties: Roland Parrish
Religious Education: Shirley Lake and Joan Hall	

The members of the Committee on Committees are Julia Bonser, David Carson, Pat Cautley, Lois Hagstrom, Pat Watkins.

The Members of the Lay Minister Search Committee are Barbara Carson, Michael Briggs, Shirley Grindrod, Linda Plum, Al Nettleton

The proposed By-laws were approved with a few changes, and with the provision that the new president will appoint a committee to "clean them up" in regard to form, syntax, and clarity.

8:30 PM

AUCTION AUCTION

1228 Sherman Avenue April 30

Besides second hands, contribute things like baked goods, jellies, and plants. Have you a service you can auction off--homemade bread of the month? free lawn mowing? free advice? Call Dean Schroeder (255-8813) or Betty Jallings (835-3746) about your offerings.

Auctioneer: Ted Clark

Cash Bar

Spring games -- hoola hoop, jumprope, marbles, jacks

50¢ admission for food

HOUSE TO RENT?

Wanted: a house to rent this summer. Are you leaving for the summer? Two superreliable UW women students will give vigilant care to house and yard in exchange for low rent. Call Martha Calden or Rebecca Johnson, 256-0892.

TWO NOTICES

Volunteer Braillists, Inc., is now accepting applications for the Braille class starting September, 1977. For information about this worthwhile volunteer activity, call Mrs. Robert Nickles, 231-3391, or Mrs. Leonard Heinen, 238-5797.

Folklore Village's May Day for Families has been changed from May 1 to May 15. Sunday afternoon, 1:30 - 5. Pot luck. It's 1 and 1/2 miles south on BB, not 12.

"THE LOST CHILD" BALLET

The ballet which Barbara Carson will be telling us about on May 8th is based on a true story, a variation of the Solomon legend, in which a judge has to decide which of two women, an Indian and a white woman, should be given care of a child. The public performance will be at Middleton High School the weekend of May 20th, 21st, and 22nd. We will have more details in the next newsletter.

FROM CAPITAL COMMUNITY CITIZENS NEWSLETTER, MARCH-APRIL 1977

"Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society presented us with a most luxuriant living orchid plant at their Sunday service, March 27th, as the group that 'has done more than any other in the community' to protect, enhance, and preserve our environment. Patricia Watkins, lay minister, presented the plant to Janet Herzog....Following the awards ceremony, Steve Derene gave a retrospective look at 10 years of O & O awards. The church members then divided into discussion groups to nominate their own 'Roses' and 'Rhubarbs' (later amended to 'Rutabagas'). Their most repeated nominations for 'Roses' went to the Alternate Parade of Homes while MATC drew the largest share of 'Rutabagas'. We sincerely thank the Prairie Unitarians for their recognition of our group's service to the community."

WORDS AND MEANINGS

We invited a friend to come to Hugh Iltis's talk on Sunday, but when she heard there would be slides she said, No, she never went to slide shows. We are sorry about others who might have been deterred from coming (there was a good crowd, though) by the reference in the announcement to "pretty pictures." (Though Hugh is maybe a little hard on babies, we have to admit it's a consistent position.) His deep concern for the fate of this world he was showing us (an area of Peru) under the attack of people trying to "improve" it was made far more immediate by the pictures.

His message is nicely summed up in his opening remarks about Emily Dickinson and prairies: (could she have imagined how those lines might appear in 1977?) To make a prairie/ It takes a clover and one bee/ and revery./ The revery alone will do/ If bees are few. "The hell it will," said Hugh.

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