PRAIRIE FIRE

Newsletter of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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CALENDAR

Sept 28
Thursday...........Program Committee meeting at 645 Sheldon Street (Nettleton's - 238-6053)
7.25 pm

Sept 30
Saturday.........RE FALL CONFERENCE will be held Saturday September 30, 1978, 9am-5pm at
the U. Church of Evanston, Illinois. This is not just for teachers. The
District Committee hopes to evoke a "greater awareness of the significance
of religious education in the total life of the Church", so all other interested people are
couraged to attend. Overnight hospitality will be offered, and we will carpool to get
there. Call Holly Loring, 251-6221, or Shirley Lake, 238-1647, if you would like to join us.

Oct 1
Sunday...........Child Abuse as Parenting? with Al Kadushin
9.45 am

Oct 8
Sunday...........Title to be announced, also, at noon, the Prairie Fire Deadline!!!
9.45 am

Oct 14
Saturday.........Playreaders will meet at Linda Pluims house, Keewatin Trail, Verona.
7.30 pm
We will be reading The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds,
by Paul Zindell.

Oct 15
Sunday..........Mexican Revolutionary Prints with Lois Hagstrom
9.45 am

Oct 15
Sunday..........FALL PARISH MEETING will be held at 1124 Colby Street, agenda below.
7.25 pm

Oct 20-22
Fri-Sunday.........Prairie Retreat to be held at Camp Upham Woods, on the Wisconsin River
all day, all night just north of the Dells. All Prairie people and cohorts are invited to
attend. See below for further details.

---The Presidents Corner---

---with David Lisman---

- The two main items on the agenda at the FALL PARISH MEETING will be the matter of
  advertising in the Press Connection and Madison Newspapers Inc., and the budget for
  the church year 1978-79. Motions to recind the advertising bans on the two papers
  will be entertained. It is my suggestion that we take up the newspapers separately
  rather than becoming embroiled on a procedural debate.
- Shirley Grindrod has agreed to serve as the Membership committee head. She (and
  John) will be helping with the name tags and greeting visitors.
- Terri Laurence has agreed to serve as the Publicity committee head. During this
  period when we have been unable to advertise in the two papers, Terri has managed
to publicize elsewhere. We appreciate her efforts.
The RE Committee for this year consists of:

Shirley Lake -- co-chairpersons
Joan Hall ----
Holly Loring, ex officio
Peter Huth
Veda Nomura
Rose Smith

The Finance committee consists of:

Norma Briggs - chair
Galen Smith
Judy Bonser

Channing-Murray wants you! if you are university age or so.

Next meeting is at First Society, on October 15th, time unknown. Call Holly Loring for details, 251-6221. See ya!!!

A letter from our friends in Texas, so recently moved, the Carsons! Address is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Carson, 6107 Bullard Drive, Austin, TX, 78731, phone, unknown.

Dear Prairie Friends: September 18, 1978

Barbara and David Carson drove to Austin Texas, to establish a new home in the city where they spent most of their adult lives. Austin has more than doubled in population since we left eleven years ago.

As we renew friendships here in Austin we are reminded of the warm relationships we had in Madison, many of them with members of the Prairie UU Society.

Sunday I joined the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Austin. Really rejoined as we were one of the eight couples who started it in 1949. The earlier Unitarian church was started in the late 1860's here and had my greatgrandmother as one of its early members.

We long for several things in Wisconsin, including the furniture which Reynolds Moving & Storage agreed to deliver before this date. We have even paid for the move, in August. They have trouble with a truck or something. We sleep on the ground in the forest. Now for eight nights we have slept in sleeping bags on the carpeted floor of this townhouse. At least we planned enough to bring a pan, two plates, some silver, and the like.

These two lives continue here as Texans, with rich parts of them still in Wisconsin.

please do continue to send the Prairie Fire. Cordially,

(signed) David.

From the Editor:

Some information on the Prairie retreat in October, at UPHAM WOODS. As of yet I have been given nothing except the dates of the retreat, October 20-22, 1978, and the fact that there will be a trip to Upham woods this year. Obviously we are in need of a little help in organization, and this will soon get off the ground. But I have been asked to give all of you a short description of the retreat. The location is just north of the Dells, on the Wisconsin River. Camp Upham Woods is owned and run by University Extension. We will be 'renting' for the weekend. Meals are available, for children, and adults; Lodging is divided into three types, semi-private dormitory, heated cabins, and unheated cabins. The purpose of the retreat is for all of us to get to know each other in many different ways. There are usually walks on the island (in the middle of the river), canoeing, dancing, workshops (for which the volunteers and organization is needed!), childrens games, hopefully teenagers time together, and lots more. All of this is in wonderful surroundings in the woods, with the water. All are invited to attend, for the whole time or for just a day or evening.

Something more from the Editor:

I am the Editor and not in charge of mailing. The person to write to if you would like to discontinue the Prairie Fire is Preston Miracle. He usually attends, and is downstairs with other middleschoolers. I will, however, entertain any articles, notes, rumors, letters, poems, statements, etc. from all of you out there! The deadline is every other Sunday, at noon. I prefer to have the notices written, and given to me at the meetings, but they may also be mailed to me at P.O. Box 5485, Madison, 53705. Or you may call in a short message at 233-4374, 9am-9pm. Anything else?
This is the budget that will be considered at the next Parish Meeting, Sunday October 15, 1978.

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LRY ANYONE???

Again I call for anyone of highschool age or thereabouts to give me a call! 233-4374 will get you into a group that is full of interested teenagers like yourself. Interested in what you say? Anything that you want to do! So far I have had calls or talked to six interested people. Now it's your turn to call me. Our first meeting will hopefully be at the Upham Woods retreat, October 20-22 or any time after that. But make arrangements to be there! If we can we can have our own cabin at the retreat, and maybe even some of our own workshops. But it will be a good place to all get together and decide when a good meeting time and meeting places are for all of you. So call!!! 233-4374, 9am-9pm, Carolyn.

Budget on reverse to be saved and discussed at the FALL PARISH MEETING on October 15, 1978.

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