

# PRAIRIE FIRE

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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  
9 am - 5 pm 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  
encouraged 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

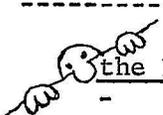
Oct 8  
Sunday.....Title to be announced, also, at noon, the Prairie Fire Deadline!!!  
9.45 am

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

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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.

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 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 rescind 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:

The Finance committee consists of:

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

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 un-  
known. Call Holly Loring for details, 251-6221. See ya!!!

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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.

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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.

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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 middle-schoolers. 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.

	77-78 Budget Adopted	77-78 Budget Experience Oct-Aug. 30	Sept.	Total	78-79 Budget Recommended by the Board	78-79 Budget Notes
<u>Lay Minister</u>	1500				1500 1500	no change
comp	900	905	100	1446.74		
exp.	600	441.74				
<u>R.E.</u>	1940				1,567 2,504	Director to be compensated for 12 mos. instead of 9 mos. Adult to supervise nursery at \$6 x 34 weeks
Director comp.	1100	1100		1833	238	
nursery helpers	200	199	35		204	
nursery sup.	---				270	
expenses	} 640				115	
supplies		319	180		110	
refreshments						
<u>Program</u>	770				660	Hospitality should be self-sustaining (last year enough was put in the cyp to cover costs) Publicity presumes that newspaper/media ads will resume. Denom. Affairs - no change
program committee	20	31.28		54.08	35	
membership	75	0			25	
hospitality	75	0			0	
publicity	600	22.80			600	
<u>Denominational Affairs</u>	400	325		325	325	325
<u>Housing</u>						
rent	1035	995	225	1291.71	2025	3175
maintenance	100	111.71			150	reflects rent increase
capital equipment	---				1000	
<u>Office</u>	1705					
secretarial	600	338.50	21.68		600	1640
supplies	900				800	slight increase in postage and phone rates anticipated.
mail		692.98	4			
telephone	205	196.67	17		240	
<u>Contingencies</u>	50				50	50
<u>TOTAL</u>	7500	Adjusted to 7,085		5,808	9,854	
		5,441.46		Income — 5,895.34		

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 os 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 work-shops. 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.

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

BE THERE!

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