

# Prairie Fire

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## CALENDAR

**FRI. -SAT. SEP. 7-8** R. E. Retreat. See announcement in R. E. Corner.

**SUN. SEP. 9** 10:00 a. m. --"Passing Through"--Mike Briggs and Dotie Chapru. We'll make new, beautiful name tags and we'll dance. Bring bread, cheese, fruit, raw vegetables.

**SUN. SEP. 9** 7:30 p. m. --Program Committee meeting, home of Mike Briggs.

**WED. SEPT. 12** 7:30 p. m. Board meeting, home of Mike & Norma Briggs.

**SUN. SEP. 16** 10:00 a. m. --"Human Prospects in a Post-Industrial Society"--Rod Stevenson.

**SUN. SEP. 30** 10:00 a. m. --Family Day. A visit to Turville Point.

**FRI. SAT. SUN. OCT. 26, 27, 28** Upham Woods Retreat.

## R. E. CORNER with Holly Loring, director

● A few thoughts: As the first Sunday approaches and the committee and I work to complete preparations for the R. E. program, my belief that children are valuable members of our Prairie Fellowship family comes once more into focus. I want them to be able to share in the life of this special community in ways that are meaningful to them and to us all, ways that help them to become aware that they too have a part in creating and sustaining this entity that we hold dear. I hope very much that through the R. E. program, interaction with teachers, other adults, and each other, our children will come to feel that Prairie is a place they like to be because it is a place where they feel at home.

● I am very happy to welcome aboard our teaching crew for the fall. K-2 will be moving through the "Haunting House" UUA curriculum with Linda Nelson, Bob Dopp, and Joan Hall. 3-5 will be working on "Images for Our Lives," a curriculum based on the Judeo-Christian heritage, with Pat Cautley and Mary Sarko. Lola Gregg will lead middle school's "Rennie's Rap Session" on "how can I get to know what I believe?" (an ongoing question). Helen and Marian Briggs will continue to provide loving care to our pre-schoolers and we are interviewing to find a preschool facilitator who will develop and implement learning experiences for this age group.

Please note: R. E. finds it more helpful to have a child's birthdate and grade in school listed in the directory rather than just his or her age. When you fill in the directory form, please include these two pieces of information. If you have already sent in the form without this information, please call Holly (231-1977) or Terri Laurence (273-3099). Thanks

● Teachers: Alice Bullen, Prairie R. E. committee member and librarian, has offered to act as consultant for books you might want for your curriculum. She has access to our

library and other resources and would be happy to procure needed materials with some advance warning. Either catch her on Sundays after the service or give her a call at 838-8055.

● The R. E. overnight retreat and workshop is fast approaching. We'll be leaving for Blue Mounds around 5 p. m. Friday, Sept. 7 and returning after lunch on Saturday, Sept. 8. R. E. committee members and teachers enjoy fun and fellowship and an opportunity to discuss and practice curriculum in a peaceful country setting. Car pooling will be arranged for attendees. If it looks like you can attend only part of the retreat, please let Holly know and we'll try to arrange a way for you to join us in any case.

● As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I'd like to start YAC-ing (yakking), that is, get together a group of people, mostly high school age, but also including interested adults, who want to plan some happenings for themselves and other Prairie people their age. Friends are also welcome. If you've got the energy, we can help on resources--money, ideas... get the picture? Then get on the phone and give me a call (231-1977, Holly) and we'll see if we can't get the youth/adult committee planning off the ground where it's been lying for too long!

● Some dates of interest to R. E. people especially: R. E. Teacher Training Workshop, Central Midwest District Conference Saturday, Sept. 22, Bloomington, Ill.; A Y S (About Your Sexuality) Sept 28-30, Deerfield, Ill. ; Haunting House, Oct. 20, 21, Deerfield, Ill. If interested, call Holly.

Please complete payment of your 1978-79 pledge. If in doubt about how much you owe, call Mike Lyman, 251-2717.

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Norma and Mike Briggs are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn, to Jay Smith. They plan to be married at First Society in April.  
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INFORMATION FOR DIRECTORY AND PRAIRIE FIRE

Name(s)

active member

active member

inactive member

inactive member

friend

friend

active member

active member

inactive member

inactive member

friend

friend

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Complete address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

Zip

Do you wish to be listed in the new Prairie Directory?  Yes  No

Do you wish to receive Prairie Fire?  Yes  No (A voluntary contribution for Prairie Fire expenses may be included with this form, suggested amount, \$5.)

In addition: Do you wish to be in a Circle Dinner group this year?  Yes  No

Please clip and mail this form and mail to: Terri Laurence, 2353 Allied Drive, #139, Madison 53711, or bring it to Prairie and give to Terri, Lee Bullen, or Aileen Nettleton.

Please respond as soon as possible (by Sept. 15th) so that we can get the new directory in print and the circles going. Thank you.

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