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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 a.m.—*For the Love of Pete (Seeger)*—George Calden

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 p.m.—Board meeting, at the meeting house

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 a.m.—Outdoor work party. Rain date Sun., Sept. 11

8:00 p.m.—Prairie Playreaders will meet at the home of Theron Caldwell Riis, 1228 Sherman Avenue.
All welcome.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 a.m.—First of two programs on mental health and mental illness—Joyce Feustel, executive director of the Mental Health Association of Dane County and member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00 a.m.—Second program on mental health and mental illness—William Lunney, former executive director of the Mental Health Association of Dane County and member of Board of Supervisors

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00 a.m.—*What's So Funny About Marriage? (Humor in the Family)*—George Calden

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10-12

Annual retreat at Upham Woods

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 p.m.—R.E. Committee meeting at Joyce Crim's

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 p.m.—Fall Business Meeting at Meeting House.

R. E. CORNER

CHURCH SCHOOL got off to a flying start last Sunday. We were delighted to see nine children in the pre-school group, eight in the Kindergarten through 2nd grade, seven in the 3rd through 5th grade, and five in the middle school group. A special welcome to the children who are new to Prairie!

THIS YEAR we want to encourage the children to have a little more experience with parts of the adult service that are meaningful to them. So next Sunday, Sept. 14, the children from Kindergarten level through Middle School are invited to start out with their parents in the adult service. Some music and singing have been especially planned for them; after this they will go downstairs to their classes. Middle schoolers are invited to remain for the entire program.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY INDEBTED to Barbara Steinau and Bob Park for their generous hospitality at the 11th hour for the R.E. Retreat. Their home in Poynette provided a beautiful and very comfortable setting for a rewarding work session for both teachers and committee members. And we also want to give special thanks to Marvin Nettleton (Al's father visiting here) and Lee Bullen for the shelves they built in the R.E. storeroom, really a wonderful place to keep track of all the R.E. materials.

REGISTRATION FORMS really are useful to the teachers. We would like to have all of them by next Sunday, so if you took one home, please complete it and bring it back on the 14th.

JOYCE CRIM would appreciate having your response to the questionnaire about the religious education program (which appeared in the last newsletter). Please—she needs them for a report she has to send to the Boston office, and she would like it to represent the thinking of a variety of people. You could give yours to her next Sunday.

Pledges Due

The fiscal year ends for Prairie September 30. Please send in the remainder of your pledge if you have not already done so. Thanks to the increased pledges made at the time of purchase of our meeting house, we are doing fairly well in meeting our increased obligations, but we need each person's pledge completed to make it, now. Send your check to Nina Mattarella, 636 Sheldon St., Madison 53711. Call Julie Bonser, 274-3248 if you have any questions.

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Thanks to each and every one for all the efforts in pledge contributions and Pro-Seeds toward keeping Prairie alive and growing.

Fall Business Meeting

The Fall business meeting of the Prairie membership will be held Sunday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Meeting House. The major items of business will be the adoption of the 1980-81 budget. Any other agenda items may be submitted to Aileen Nettleton by September 21 to be included in the next newsletter.

Please mark the October date on your calendar *now*.

Reception for Barbara Carson

There will be an after-service reception next Sunday for Barbara Carson, one of our much-loved members who is coming back for a brief visit from Austin, Texas. Finger food (fruit, cheese, bread, etc.) will be welcome.

Outdoor Work Party

We are going to have an outdoor work party Sept. 20. Bring shovels, wheelbarrows, and rakes. Try for 9 a.m. If it rains on Saturday, we will try for Sunday after service.

Thanks to you all for working on the flower garden at the front of the building this summer.

—Bob Nelson, Building Committee Chair

Dancing Into Later Life

"The joy of a healthy body can continue all your life," says Peggy Baine, who was the Unitarian Dance Fellowship's first teacher. Peggy and her husband, Clem Baime, are offering a five-week class at MATC beginning Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.: Body/Mind Rhythms in Mid and Later Life. Clem will lead the group in exploring communications and perceptions, Peggy in movement geared to the participants. The fee is \$5.05 (only \$2 for those 62 and up). Phone 266-5004 for information. At 4 p.m. it is easy to park in the Dayton St. ramp, opposite MATC at 211 N. Carroll St.

"People in mid-life and beyond can retain or regain much of their physical and mental agility. Any age is a good time to start," Peggy adds.

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Pat Whyte Lehman will be accepting a limited number of private students in drawing and painting. She says the minimum age will be seven years and there will be no maximum age. Talent is not a prerequisite, motivation to work hard is. Prairians who are interested should call her.

Lost & Found

A variety of articles that have turned up in the building over the past months will be put on a "Lost and Found" table next Sunday—a la sagne pan, a wooden spoon, a ski mit, a pair of earrings, etc. If not claimed in the next two weeks, they will be given to Goodwill or otherwise discarded.

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Anyone who is interested in going with a small group from Prairie to the Central Midwest District Fall Religious Education Conference in Chicago on Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., should notify Shirley Lake (238-1647) by Sunday, Sept. 14.

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you are looking for quarters or know someone wh is, call her you are looking for quarters or know smene wh is, call her at 255-7526.

Two Forms to Fill In

On the next page of Prairie Fire are a reservation blank for Upham Woods and a form for members and friends of Prairie who wish to be listed in the directory. Please hand these in as soon as possible.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF PRAIRIE FIRE — SUNDAY, SEPT. 24. While getting the "new" method of printing the newsletter routinized, the editor would appreciate having articles on that date, or earlier.

UPHAM WOODS REGISTRATION

Deadline: To be received no later than October 4. Mail to Mel Micke, 636 Sheldon St. 53711

Your name.....Total fee enclosed.....

Address.....Zip.....Phone.....

No formal activities are planned Friday night, just our usual potluck meal.

Cabin lodging (only cots provided) Names (first) along with ages of kids
Fri.....Adults @ \$3.25=.....
.....Youths @ \$2.20=.....
Sat.....Adults @ \$3.25=.....
.....Youths @ \$2.20=.....
Dormitory lodging (linens & towels provided)
No. Total
Fri.....Adults @ \$3.25=.....
.....Youths @ \$3.50=.....
Sat.....Adults @ \$3.25=.....
.....Youths @ \$3.50=.....
.....Youths @ \$2.35=.....

*use lower price if staying for both nights; youth is under age 18.

Meals: No. Total
Sat. Breakfast.....Youth @ \$1.70 =
.....Adult @ 2.10
LunchYouth @ 1.70
.....Adult @ 3.10
DinnerYouth @ 1.70
.....Adult @ 2.10
Sunday BreakfastYouth @ 1.70
.....Adult @ 2.10
LunchYouth @ 1.70
.....Adult @ 3.10

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.