

# Prairie Fire

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## CALENDAR

Sunday, August 30

No activities planned. (Beryl and Don Fago wedding celebration has been postponed due to Don's illness.)

Monday, August 31

6:30 p.m.;--Program Committee, home of Dorothy Lee, 5209 Tolman Terrace. Everyone invited.

Sunday, September 6

10:00 a.m.--Film: "Willmar 8" A new movie about a group of Minnesota bank workers who got tired of sex discrimination, formed a union and organized the first bank strike in the state's history.

Tuesday, September 8

7:30 p.m.--Board Meeting at Meeting House.

Friday Eve & Saturday, Sept. 11, 12

Fall Retreat for teachers and R.E. Committee.

Sunday, September 13

10:00 a.m.--"Around the World Odyssey"--Dave Zakem. Journey through Somalia, Swaziland and Iran. Get an inside view of the cultures in these countries. Dave spent one year in Somalia, two years in Swaziland and four years in Iran. This multi-media presentation will be the first in a series which will explore aspects of other cultures.

Thursday, September 17

7:30 p.m.--R.E. Committee at Bullens

R. E. CORNER: Pat Cautley, Director

We are all looking forward to the beginning of the Church School year on September 13. We have an excellent group of teachers and more ideas than we will be able to use!

We are especially fortunate to have Suzy Grindrod as the teacher for the Preschool group. Suzy will be a senior at the University this fall in elementary education. She attended Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire, for one year and prior to college spent one year in Norway, living with a family and attending a Folk School, where she became familiar with many of their crafts as well as their language. Suzy has worked in several nursery school settings and, in addition, will have the use of new resource material published by the UUA called Growing Times, which just became available this summer.

Kathy Cole, Marcia Bradley and Beryl Gordon will teach the Kindergarten through second grade group, using God's Folk, a set of stories and activities based on outstanding human figures, including Johnny Appleseed and Harriet Tubman.

Joyce Crim and Al Nettleton will work with the third through fifth graders, drawing on curriculum materials, Magic of our Lives, based on some of the familiar Bible stories.

The Middle School group has already been active working on their room, patching the walls preparatory to painting them. Gail Ostler and Mike Briggs will meet with the group in their search for roots and they seem to have lots of ideas for next year!

Outstanding news is that Susie Drapkin has volunteered to work with the High School group,

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## R.E. CORNER (continued)

We are delighted with these plans and hope that some of the young people we haven't seen for a while will be intrigued by the possibilities for this group.

### The Sand Box

A most welcome addition last spring was the sand box in the fenced-in area behind the building. Whenever the children play out there during the church school hours, they will of course be supervised by a teacher. But this supervision will end at 11:20, when the responsibility will become the parents'. The R.E. Director will try to line up volunteers among the parents to provide this supervision starting at 11:20 as the sand box on nice days is expected to be a very attractive place.

The registration of each child for church school will be essential. Parents will be given a questionnaire to complete and bring back to their child's teacher.

There will be an Open House in each classroom immediately after the service on September 13. Parents are invited to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms.

Plans for the annual R.E. Retreat for teachers and R.E. Committee members commence on Friday eve, September 11 through lunch on Saturday, September 12 are well underway. We are especially indebted to Barb and Bob Park for making their home available for this occasion.

### DUNN'S MARSH FOLLOW-UP

In 1975, developers of the Seminole Forest plat--located on the corner of Seminole Highway and McKee Road and the site of the 1981 Parade of Homes--made a written promise to the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Ass. to preserve the pond at the intersection of Seminole and McKee. Recently, this marshy pond has been nearly bulldozed out of existence while most of the trees on its borders were felled into the pond. Your protest of this breach of promise should be voiced to newspapers, Town of Fitchburg officials (271-4551), your county supervisor, and the Dane County zoning office (266-4266). For more information, call Mary Mullen (271-5192).

### JOB WANTED

Production art (layout, paste-up, type setting, cartooning), bartending, waitressing housework. Alicia Diehl, 274-0566. Or you can leave message with Mary Lou at 266-5127.

### NOTES FROM BOB NELSON

There is a pile of small rocks near the sidewalk to the back of the church. These need to be removed and anyone who wants them to fill potholes in driveways, etc., is welcome to them.

The "New Right" is publicizing their position very well. But our position on items of interest to the public is not so well known. Perhaps someone in Prairie with a media background would consider being the chairperson of the publicity committee. The committee would expand beyond the weekly notices to explain our positions to the public. Or, we could link up with other groups to provide a solid response to the "New Right." Anyone interested?

The budget process for Prairie is beginning again. If anyone has any suggestions about what should be done in or around the building, please let me know. Ideas should be accompanied with estimates of the costs.

### UPHAM WOODS PROGRAM

There is a need for interested people to get together to plan the program for the Upham Woods Retreat. Speak to Betty Jallings

Mary Lou Diehl is back from the convention of the International Transactional Analysis Association where she passed the final exam to become a Special Fields Member of the I.T.A.A. Anyone interested in learning more about Transactional Analysis is invited to join the class she teaches at Madison Area Technical College on ten Monday evenings from 7-9 P.m. beginning September 14. Course #809-451-051. Total fee \$8.65. Call Mary Lou 233-4357 or 266-5127.

T.A. offers ideas for finding more satisfying ways to relate to others;

Better understanding yourself, the people you work with, the people you love;

Learning "I'm OK, Your OK" ways to assert yourself;

Short-circuiting the "game playing" that leads to hard feelings;

Stopping discounting yourself;

Recognizing and relating to the Child, the Adult, and the Parent you can find in everyone.

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An autoharp is needed for Prairie's R.E. Does anyone have one to donate or sell?