



# Prairie Fire

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## CALENDAR

Sunday, October 24

- 10:00 a.m.--MULTI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIPS by  
Joan & Larry Constantine
- 10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes  
Child care available
- 5:00 p.m.--Potluck followed by board meeting
- 7:30 p.m.--Fall Parish Meeting--all Prairie  
members urged to attend.

Monday, October 25

- 7:30-9:30 p.m.--Last orientation meeting at  
Calden's (see story)

Tuesday, October 26

- 7:30 p.m.--Program Committee at Carolyn  
Briggs'

Sunday, October 31

- 10:00 a.m.--WHAT SCARES YOU--Family program  
Child care available

Sunday, November 7

- 10:00 a.m.--MOBILIZATION FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS  
by Martin Drapkin
- 10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes  
Child care available

Friday, November 12

- 7:30 p.m.--Traditional South American Music  
by Sotavento at Prairie

## THANKS TO UPHAM WOODS PLANNERS

Many thanks for a job well-done to the folks who planned Upham Woods--including Joyce Crim and the other members of the program planning committee (Susie Drapkin, Jack Jallings, Chuck Vetzner, Ruth Calden, Linda Nelson and Carolyn Briggs); and to Shirley Czoschke and Rick Ruecking for registration and housing. Good work! Marty Drapkin

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## R.E. CORNER

Among the materials that would be very useful for the preschool group are small play dishes and cooking utensils for the sturdy wooden stove and kitchen cabinet. Also useful would be the plastic trays that your meat from the grocery may be packed in.

The children in the "Heroines and Heroes" class have been looking at many of the little books written and illustrated by Beatrix Potter, and trying to imagine what her life as a child was like with no radio, TV, or record player, and with only a governess and a brother to provide sociability. As a result she spent a great deal of time with animals, wild as well as tame.

The "UU and You" class is trying to learn all about Prairie and how it works. They are visiting each of the other classes to find out what they are doing, and before long will be interviewing some of the adults too.

Pat Gaultley

SAVE THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 30 for a Halloween Party at Rachel Siegfried and Dorothy Lee Wetherby's house, 5209 Tolman Terrace. Festivities start around 9:30. Bring snacks or something for the "witches brew". Costumes are welcome.

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Mac Robertson invites Prairie members to a performance at O'Cayz Corral, 504 E. Wilson on Friday, November 5, at 9 P.M. \$1.50 admission.  
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The Book discussion group for October 23 is postponed.

REMINDER: THE ANNUAL FALL PARISH MEETING IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, AT 7:00 P.M. AT PRAIRIE. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

#### LAST CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP

If you're a friend of Prairie who'd like to have a vote at the Parish Meeting Sunday evening, contact George Calden (233-5717), before-hand and/or sign the membership book on Sunday.

#### 1982-83 PLAYREADER SCHEDULE:

Please clip and save. Most playreadings take place on Saturday evenings, but watch the newsletter for exact dates, or call the host/hostess at the beginning of the month if you see a title that interests you. Everyone is welcome.

November: Wm Inge's **THE DARK AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS**, at Nettleton's, 238-6053.

December: Terrence Rattigan's **SEPARATE TABLES**, at Watkin's, 233-5795.

January: Lanford Wilson's **THE MOUND BUILDERS**, at Birong's, 233-5995.

February: Tom Stoppard's **ROSECRANTZ AND GULDENSTERN ARE DEAD**, at McKay's, 238-8839.

March: To be announced, at Siegfried's, 271-2173.

April: Graham Green's **THE RETURN OF A.J. RAFFLES**, at Hagstrom's, 238-4970.

May: To be announced, at Stephens', 836-7331.

#### CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

This committee has thus far focussed largely on planning for funerals and memorial services. We have tried to interview all the Prairie people who have had deaths in their families in the past decade, in order to get suggestions about what is valuable and memorable in such services, as well as other ideas for helping at the time of death. If you haven't been interviewed, but were missed, please contact Dorothy Wetherby at 271-2173. We have found a need for written materials from which to choose portions or get ideas for Dedications, Weddings, Funerals, or other momentous events, and we hope that the 1982-83 budget will include an allocation of \$50.00 for starting such a collection. We are also collecting loose copies of any readings that have been used in UU or other humanist services for possible Prairie use in the future. If you have something to add to this file, please contact Dorothy.

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The Workshop "Others: Monogamy and Open Relationships" led by Larry & Joan Constantine, will be held at Rachel Siegfried's house, 5209 Tolman Terrace, at 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, October 23. Cost is \$25.00 per person. For information about registration, phone Bob West, 262-1873 or 231-2375.

#### SUMMARY FROM SEPTEMBER 28 BOARD MEETING

Prairie UU monthly board meeting was held on September 28 at Drapkin's. George Caldén reported that the membership committee suggests an article in the paper on all new lay ministers. New members should receive UU WORLD as well as PRAIRIE FIRE. Three orientation meetings will be held each year. Two greeters will be on hand each Sunday morning to help new people feel welcome. Paper stickers will be provided for new people while others will continue to use the plastic name holders.

It was moved and seconded that when "under taking to receive monies for subsequent disbursements for a segregated purpose, from individuals and/or groups unconnected with Prairie Society, the Social Action Committee must first get Board approval."

Chambliss said the work day went well. A thermostat is being looked into. Czoschke is donating an electric broom until an efficient, light vacuum cleaner is purchased.

Ostler reported that 10% of 1982 pledges are not coming in. The committee is authorized to increase the Capital Improvement Fund to \$2000.

#### ORIENTATION MEETINGS

The last in a series of 3 orientation meetings for new people at Prairie will take place Monday evening, October 25 at 7:30 to 9:30. If you have questions about Prairie history or are curious about how our lay-led society is run, come and take part. A panel of current Prairie officers; lay minister, Bob West, President, Marty Drapkin, R.E. Director, Pat Cautley and social action chair, Les Lyons will be on hand to meet you and to answer questions.

The meeting will be held at home of Ruth and George Calden, 4606 Waukesha St. (off Segoe Rd.). Call Ruth at 233-5717 or Barb Park at 635-7519 for more information.

#### NEW BABY

Shirley and John Grindrod have a new grandson. Justin Jaisun was born to Lisa and Dirk Laabs on October 10. He weighed in at 6 lb. 12 oz. Congratulations and our warmest good wishes go to the whole family.

#### FELLOWSHIP AWARDED

Tim Diehl has been awarded a fellowship by the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation. The foundation contributes grants aimed at researching ways to provide food and water supplies to future generations and promoting "wise stewardship of natural ecosystems, the Earth and its resources." A grad student in the U.W. Institute for Environmental Studies, Tim is the son of Mary Lou Diehl and grandson of Louise Vogel.