

# Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

... As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world and with one another.—PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

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## Calendar

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

1:00 p.m.--Playreaders organizational potluck picnic at Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Pl. 233-5795. (See story on inner page).

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 a.m.--Potluck breakfast.  
10:00 a.m.--VIOLENCE AND NON-VIOLENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA with Chris Smith  
10:00 a.m.--Child care available.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 a.m.--THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO WOODY ALLEN. With George Calden. Everything you always wanted to know about Woody Allen but were unafraid to ask.  
10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes begin fall term.  
10:00 a.m.--Child care available.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Service Auction at Prairie

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 a.m.--THE LIBERATION THEOLOGY OF FATHER CARNEY. George Calden  
10:00 a.m.--Child care available.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 a.m.--BARBARA SAVAGE - AROUND THE WORLD ON A BICYCLE. With George Calden and panel.  
10:00 a.m.--Child care available.

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## GEORGE CALDEN is FIRST LAY MINISTER



George Calden is Prairie's first lay minister this year and will serve through November. His theme will be "Eight Who Dared" (in contrast to his theme of "Marriage, Music and Madness" during his previous two lay ministries).

Retired from a full time practice in clinical psychology, George is now enjoying the freedom to pursue other activities and is one of the happiest retirees we know. George is probably best known for his mandolin playing with the Ethnic Connection. George and Ruth have lived in Madison since 1951. Of their four children, three live in Madison.

In each of the services, George and other speakers will discuss a person who dared to be different, who dared to kick over the traces, defy convention, thumb his or her nose at the established order of things. Each person also dared to embrace a basically humanistic philosophy of living.

Included among those who dared are:

1. A Jesuit priest who became a Latin American revolutionary.
2. A Soviet physicist, a Jewish refusenik who fought repression in the Soviet Union.
3. A young woman who travelled around the world on a bicycle.
4. A president's wife who identified with the down trodden.

On September 7, the first service's daring young man will be WOODY ALLEN and George will expound on

"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO WOODY ALLEN."

Clips from Woody Allen's movies will be shown.

## R.E. Corner

It is about time for our R.E. classes to resume (Sept 7 at 10:00 a.m.) and all of our teachers are busy preparing exciting classes for all of the Prairie children.

### NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL:

The children in the nursery will continue to receive care from Tasmine Sido and Elia Golden. Yasmine and Elia will be working under the supervision of a pre-school coordinator who is yet to be hired.

The children in the pre-school class will be working with the Growing Times curriculum. They should look forward to having fun with their new teacher as they explore ideas such as family and friendship through crafts, music and fantasy play.

### GRADES K-1-2

The children in this class should look forward to an exciting year with the Celebrating Our Roots and Branches curriculum. On Sept. 7 they will be able to meet their teachers, Andrea Torres, Sharon Scrattish and Lindy McGraw. The children will spend time getting to know each other as they work on making name tags, finger prints and play some games together.

### GRADES 3-4-5

Children in grades 3-4-5 will be using A Stepping Stone Year as their curriculum. On the 7th of September they will meet their new teachers, Dayle Haglund, Mary Beth Plane and Carol Dopp and begin exploring myths of how the world began. The children will have a chance to begin making the village of the Miwok tribe after learning of the Miwok creation myth.

### GRADES 6-7-8

This class is very lucky to have Bob Parks, Linda and Mike Sheehy and David McKee as their teachers. These teachers are writing/creating the curriculum Peace: Finding, Keeping and Making It. On the first day of class the teachers and students will get a chance to meet each other and discuss plans the upcoming year.

### NIFTY GIFTY

We still need a volunteer to organize the Nifty Gifty program on December 14. Anyone interested in taking on this project should contact Alison McKee (238-3302).

### PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER

The R.E. committee is looking for applicants for pre-school teacher. This person must be able to supervise high school students working in the nursery and work with

pre-school children. The pay is \$12.00 per Sunday. Contact Barbara Golden (231-1490) for further info.

### CALENDAR ITEMS

September 7 ----- R.E. classes begin

September 27 ----- Teachers workshop to be held at the McKees, 9 to 1.

September 7 ----- R.E. committee meeting immediately following service. All members/interested persons are encouraged to come.

## Playreaders

The PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS meet monthly at the home of a member to read a play and socialize. There are one or two theater parties and we end the year by going out to a Fish Dinner, followed by a shorter playreading. An interest in attending does not obligate you to every meeting; you may come as often or as seldom as you wish. On Sat. Aug. 30th, at 1 p.m., we will meet to arrange dates and meeting places, select plays and outings, and to have a pleasant pot luck picnic lunch at Pat Watkins' (who will supply the brats and burgers). Please phone 233-5795 or 262-7960 if you plan to come (so everyone doesn't bring the same thing).

### PAPERTERIA SALE

The Paperteria Sale for Prairie fund raising will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13 between 5 and 7 p.m. See the August 12th issue of Prairie Fire for details.

### UPHAM WOODS RETREAT

Plan to attend Camp Upham Woods Retreat on Oct. 10-12, 1986. Registration materials will be published in the next Prairie Fire. Costs this year will be approximately \$24 (adult) and \$17 (child) for cabin and \$32 (adult) and \$18 (child) for dormitory accommodations. Scholarships will be available to help all to attend. Peg Stevenson is heading Programming and Rick Ruecking will be doing registration. They would appreciate ideas and assistance.

### VESPERS SERVICES AT PRAIRIE

There will be four vesper services at Prairie before the Upham Woods retreat. They will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the Sundays of September 14, 21 and 28 and October 5. The centerpiece of these services will be a period of silence followed by a time for sharing personal concerns. This "silence-and-sharing" period will be preceded and followed by periods for readings and music. Each service will be organized and led by a member of the ad hoc Vespers Committee. If you plan to attend any of these services, please bring a candle and some sort of candle stick. Child care will be provided.

David McKee

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 7