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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, September 9. Submit items for September 13—September 27, 1990.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2
NO SERVICE TODAY because of the Labor Day holiday.

Saturday, September 8
9:30 AM
FALL WORK DAY at the meetinghouse. (See related story)

Sunday, September 9
9:30 AM
REGISTRATION FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM downstairs. Families are invited to register children from ages 3 to 13 (preschool through grade 8) for the year long RE program. NO FEE.
10:00 AM
"THE BRIGHT SIDE OF DEATH"- The first service in Orton Gray's lay ministry on Death.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM BEGINS. Nursery care for children under 3 will also be provided.

Saturday, September 15
7:30 PM
The Covenant of U.U. Pagans (CUUPs) meets to celebrate the fall equinox at the Prairie meetinghouse. Finger food potluck afterward.

Sunday, September 16
10:00 AM
"THE FEAR OF BEING DEAD"- Presented by lay minister Orton Gray.
11:30 AM
PARENT COFFEE FOR GRADES 6, 7 AND 8. Come and meet the class leaders and find out the program plans for the coming year.
SPECIAL PARISH MEETING to discuss the Head Start building use proposal.

Monday, September 17
7:30 PM
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the meetinghouse.

Wednesday, September 19
7:00 PM
The FRENCH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK will be held in the home of Jean Tucker, 2724 Center Avenue. (See related story)

Thursday, September 20
7:30 PM
HOUSING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETS at the meetinghouse. Everyone welcome. **New members needed!** Call Jean Matos (255-2209) for more information.

Sunday, September 23
10:00 AM
"MADISON AIDS SUPPORT NETWORK"- Presented by lay minister Orton Gray.
11:30 AM
PARENT COFFEE FOR GRADES 3, 4 AND 5. Come and meet the class leaders and find out the program plans for the coming year.

Monday, September 24
7:30 PM
PRAIRIE BOARD meeting at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, September 30
10:00 AM
"HOSPICE CARE"- Presented by lay minister Orton Gray.

Today's Quote:
"I'm an idealist: I don't know where I'm going but I'm on my way.
- CARL SANDBURG

NEWS & VIEWS

Special Parish Meeting

The Prairie Board has scheduled a special Parish Meeting for Sunday, September 16, at 11:30 AM. The agenda shall be whether Prairie should come to an agreement with Head Start to allow them

...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

to use our building for their program beginning October 1, 1990. Please plan to attend! (A Quorum is 30 members.)

Fall Workday

Saturday, September 8 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM has been set asa work day for the meetinghouse. Volunteers of all talents and ages are needed for inside (sprucing up the meetinghouse for new beginnings) and outside (weeding and planting some of the prairie, etc.). There will be a potluck lunch (your contributions plus Rachel's great soup) to liven up the day. Call Jean Matos (255-2209) or Diane Derouen (238-3766) for more information on available jobs.

Coffee Cleanup Volunteers:

The following people have volunteered to clean up coffee cups and the kitchen after Sunday services:

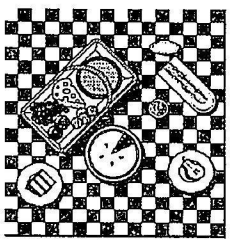
Sept. 9: Volunteers needed!
Sept. 16: Alice & Lee Bullen
Sept. 23: Paul Adams & Elizabeth Alexander
Sept. 30: Jack & Betty Jallings

We *Still* Need Your Help!

We still need about $2,000 in cash to cover the cost of the new roof, and we'll need labor as well to paint the fascia boards and other trim when construction is finished. **Send your check to Treasurer Julie Bonser** (marked Mortgage Fund). Call any member of the Housing and Property Committee if you can help with the painting. Thanks for whatever help you can give!

HEY! Form a Circle!

It's that time of year again—this time earlier than usual. Circle Dinners are an important part of Prairie's social life. Groups of 6 to 12 (or sometimes more) people get together once a month for a quasi-potluck dinner. The location rotates to a different group members home each month. We plan to get groups organized by late September so they can start in October. If you haven't signed up at Prairie, please sign up on the form included with this newsletter and mail it to Anne Urbanski, 317 N. Baldwin St., Madison, WI 53703.



Playreaders Take Note!

We need to put together a playreading schedule for the coming year so that people will plan other events around us. Our goal is to get it into the Prairie Fire as early in September as possible. There will be a backyard barbecue at the home of Tim Fast and Rosemary Dorney, 4205 Odana Road, on Saturday, Sept. 1st to plan the season's playreading schedule. We'll provide the 'barbecue' but would like guests to bring a dish to pass to complete the feast. If it's dry (ho, ho) and not mosquito-y (ho, ho, ho) we'll sit in the back yard, otherwise indoors.

Bring your date books and calendars with your already fixed plans for the year noted along with any suggestions you have for plays you would like to read or like to hear read. If you have a copy of the list Madison Public Library used to put out with titles, plot synopses, numbers of characters, etc., bring them along. Even though old, they're still useful. This is also true to programs from plays you have attended and liked since they often have similar information.

Call us at 238-4382 if you have questions or need directions. We're on the south side of Odana in the little white house with the stone front between the railroad tracks and Midvale Boulevard. Bring anyone you think might be interested.

- Tim and Rosemary

French Speakers' Potluck

Anyone who would like to maintain or improve his or her French is welcome to join the French speaker's potluck group. A small group of us have been meeting for the past seven months in the members' homes.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 19, at 7:00 PM in the home of Jean Tucker, 2724 Center Avenue. For information, please call Jean at 249-2636 or Linda or Mike Sheehy at 273-3895.

Upham Woods

Prairie's annual retreat to Camp Upham Woods outside of Wisconsin Dells is set for October 5, 6 & 7. Please join us for a weekend of family fun and outdoor activities. We will have some-

Circle Dinner Signup Form

Names: _____ No. of persons: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Type of Group (check one) With Kids ☐ Without Kids ☐ Doesn't Matter ☐

Alcohol OK?: Yes ☐ No ☐

Special food needs: Yes ☐ No ☐ Please list: _____

Preferred night (check one): Fri. ☐ Sat. ☐ Sun. ☐

thing for everyone—canoeing, discussions, nature walks, crafts, hikes, talent show, music, dancing, volleyball—you name it! Accommodations are in rustic cabins and more modern dorms; meals are in a communal dining hall. Scholarships and transportation are available; please don't let cost keep you away! The setting is absolutely beautiful and the romping and camaraderie are outstanding. Please contact Peg Stevenson (233–6449) to volunteer as activity leader or helper or to suggest activities you would especially like her to arrange. This weekend is our chance to be together as our Prairie 'extended family' and we'd like you all to be a part of it. The registration form is included as part of this issue of **Prairie Fire**.

Let Your Fingers Do The Walking...

Bill Robbins, the Program Chair, notes that we are now updating the Prairie answering machine every week. Whenever there is a "to be announced" service, or anytime you want to know what the next Sunday service will be, just call the Prairie answering machine at 271–8218.

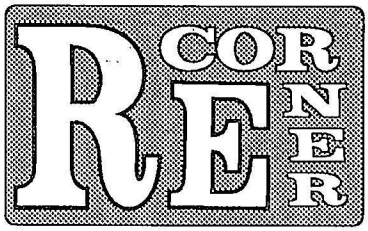
Absent Friends...

Many Prairie folk will remember Rory Nelson, the young woman who contributed so much to our Prairie Garden design. We recently received this note from her in a change of address notice (new address is in MISCELLANEOUS).

Dear Prairie Society:

Recently, David and I received a copy of **Prairie Fire** and we were reminded of how much we miss you all. We are happily settling into married life and exploring the U.U. Church of the South Hills. They meet in a lovely old home and are very relaxed and informal—like Prairie! We do miss our family at Prairie and the friendliness and beauty of Madison. Pittsburg is very different and we are hopeful about someday returning to the Madison-Milwaukee-Chicago area. Thank you all for your warm wishes and for the lovely ceramic bowl presented by Diane Derouen, Rachel Siegfried, Jean Matos, Al Nettleton, Frank Iltis, and the many others who helped with the prairie. It is a treasured memento of friends far away. Please take care!

With Love,
- Rory



Welcome back to Prairie's Religious Education Program! Our sessions will begin again on Sunday, September 9 and we are looking forward to a dynamic and meaningful year. We play to especially focus on the goal of strengthening the feeling of com-munity among the RE participants and expanding that to the whole of Prairie Society. We invite anyone who would like to become involved with that wonderful gift which is our children to contact Anne Pryor, the RE Director, or Linda Sheehy, the RE Committee Chair. You'll be glad you did!

Our thanks to those Prairie adults who have already volunteered to act as leaders during this year's RE program: Dana Dopp and Beth Lovern with grades K, 1 and 2; Dean Schroeder and Mike Sheehy with grades 3.4 and 5; Marty Drapkin, Karen Gross and Andrea Lawrence with grades 6, 7 and 8; and our paid staff with the nursery and preschool, Anna Nettleton. Special thanks are also extended to Al Nettleton for creation of and Mike Sheehy for installation of some sorely needed bulletin boards.

All Prairie attenders are invited to participate in the annual "Where in the World Were We?" display on the main bulletin board downstairs. Tack a pin onto the map, fill out a name and place card, and let the rest of us know where you traveled to this summer. All ages are warmly welcome to play.

Dates have not yet been set for the Parent Coffees for the Preschool and Nursery parents or for the K, 1 and 2 parents. These will be announced in the **Prairie Fire** as soon as dates have been set.

Looking Ahead–

Oct. 5-7: ***CAMP UPHAM WOODS Retreat*** for Prairie UU Society at Wisconsin Dells.

For Sale

Prairie's old-fashioned Hammond Organ and Leslie speaker system, currently residing in a basement bedroom at Bob & Barb Park's Lake Wisconsin home, are for sale (all $$ go to Prairie).

Sewing & Alterations Sale

Rachel Siegfried is having a sewing and alterations sale from now until September 15. She will take 10% off of your total bill during that time period. For more information or an appointment, call Rachel at 271-2173.

New Phone Number

Bill Robbins, the Program Committee Chair, has a new phone number—it's 837-0409. Please update your officer list and directory.

Address Changes—

Faye Glessner has moved to California. I got her change of address messed up in the last **Prairie Fire** and the last issue was returned as undeliverable. If anyone has the correct address, please send it to the **Prairie Fire** editor. Thanks!

Laura M. (Rory) Nelson-Pritchett and her husband David A. Pritchett are now residing at:

2016 Denning Way
North Versailles, PA 15137
Phone: 412/825-0852

WANTED!

A successor to coordinate Prairie's volunteer service to the Drop-In Shelter. The task involves making phone calls once a month or making announcements at Prairie to secure volunteers. I've been doing this for two and a half years and would like very much to be relieved!

- Lee Bullen

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