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# PRAIRIE FIRE

... 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. *From*  
*Prairie's Bond Of Union.* August 17, 1999

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*education classes in the morning.*

## PRAIRIE CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 22

10am; "Photographic Images of Our Families,"  
coordinated by Nikki Bromberg.

### Sunday August 29:

10am; **Interfaith Cooperation: The MUM Story.**  
Mary Kay Baum; Director of the Madison Urban  
Ministry.

### Friday, September 3rd - Sunday, September 5th

### **Prairie Annual Retreat at Bethel**

### **Horizons.**

*Please note that this year's Retreat will NOT be at Upham Woods, but at Bethel Horizons near Dodgeville. You will find a registration form for this outing in this Prairie Fire edition.*

### Friday, Sept. 3-Sunday, Sept. 5

7pm each evening; "Wade in the Water", Madison's  
annual gospel music festival will be held on the UW  
Library Mall. Free Concerts.

### Wednesday, September 8

6:30pm; **Spanish Speakers' Potluck** at Prairie.

### Thursday, September 9

7:30pm; **Annual Channing Murray BOD Meeting**  
at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave.

### Sunday, September 12

2:00-3:30pm; **Town meeting on "Lessons from Littleton"** at Prairie.

*No morning service at Prairie and no religious*

### Tuesday, September 14

7:30pm; **Prairie Board Mtg.** at Prairie.

### Sunday, September 19

10am; "Introduction to Prairie People and Programs."

Noon-2pm; "1999 Monona Spoke Out to Prevent Child Abuse," at Olin Park Shelter.

***Prairie Fire Deadline is Sunday, September 5th, 1999.***

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### Sunday, August 22

10am; "Photographic Images of Our Families,"  
coordinated by Nikki Bromberg. Think about bringing  
photos of your families to show---baby pictures,  
extended families, nuclear families of origin or of  
procreation, or whatever...since what counts as a  
family can vary, and we would like to show the  
variation.

### Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

10am; ***“Beyond Religious Tolerance: The Challenges of Interfaith Cooperation Begin With Us.”*** This is the title given to the Statement of Conscience voted for at the General Assembly which was held in Salt Lake City in June.

The statement asks us, among other things, to educate ourselves to understand and appreciate other faith traditions, to converse with other faith communities and explore through dialogue the values and goals we share with them, to participate in interfaith projects, and to work with other faith communities for social justice. The Madison Urban Ministry has been doing all of these for a number of years, and Prairie Society has endeavored to implement this mandate since it was voted on as our study/action issue in 1997, by a rather limited involvement with the Madison Urban Ministry. Mary Kay Baum, the director of MUM, will speak to us about their implementation of our UUA mandate, and of their various programs, and the opportunities MUM gives to all faith communities for interaction and cooperation with one another to enhance the community in which we live.

## **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES**

### **Hospitality Helpers:**

**Aug. 22:**

**Greeting Visitors:** Rachel Siegfried

**Coffee Set-Up:** *Need Volunteer*

**Coffee Clean-up:** *Need Volunteer*

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***No Program at Prairie on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. The Prairie Retreat is happening at Bethel Horizons near Dodgeville.***

### **Program Taping:**

**Aug. 22:** Bob Park

**Aug. 29:** Bob Park

### **Lawn Mowing**

**Aug. 22-28:** Dean Schroeder

**Aug. 29- Sept. 4:** Larry Nahlik

## **OUR SOCIETY**

### **RE Curriculum will begin on September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Due to Shaarei Shamayim's rental of the building for Rosh Hashana the whole weekend of Sept. 10 through the 12<sup>th</sup> the RE Curriculum will begin on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Prairie Needs New Finance Committee Chair**

Due to Barb Park's necessary resignation as Finance Chair we are in need of a new one. The Finance Chair, with the Committee,

- 1) Prepares proposed annual budget with cooperation of Treasurer, Committee Chairs, Board and presents to membership for approval
- 2) Conducts annual pledge drive of members and friends.
- 3) Keeps on-going records on pledges received via Treasurer.
- 4) Sends quarterly pledge updates and end-of-year tax statements to pledgers.
- 5) Plans and carries out fund-raising events to support the annual budget.
- 6) Monitors the overall financial state of the organization (monthly Treasurer reports to the Board).

If you are interested please contact KK Anderson, Chair of Committee on Committees at 255-3596.

### **Prairie Retreat Needs Programmers!!!!!!**

As you probably know *Prairie's Annual Retreat is taking place on Labor Day Weekend, 9/3-9/5 at Bethel Horizons near Dodgeville*. A registration form is on the back of this issue. Please fill out and return to Kay Frazier by Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

What programs and activities would you like at the retreat? Can you volunteer some of your time and skills to lead one or more? Can you help coordinate the programming for the retreat? We need your help to make this weekend a good one. If you can help contact Barb Park at 273-8775.

### **RE Teachers Needed!**

HELP! We still need two RE teachers so every class will have two co-teachers. Classes still in need are K-1-2 and 6-7-8. It's a great service to the children (and their families) and a great education for you as well. No experience necessary - each of these classes has an experienced co-teacher.

If you're ready to "step up to the plate" contact Arleigh Birchler or any RE Committee member (Rachel Long, Larry Nalik, Anne Urbanski.).

**Don't forget to email or call in your Committee meeting dates, times and places to be listed in the Prairie Calendar!!**