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# Prairie Fire

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## Calendar

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

10:00 a.m.--"The Consequence of the inconse-  
quential" Rev. Robert Hoagland

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 a.m.--Work party to prepare building for  
insulation. See notice elsewhere.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

10:00 a.m.--"Growing Together" Family cele-  
bration on the meeting house lawn. Recognition  
of teachers, church school graduates, new  
members, and others. Bring plants for the  
sidewalk garden. Potluck following.

Continuation of work party begun on Satur-  
day.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

7:30 p.m.--Board meeting, at Prairie.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

6:00 p.m.--Playreaders Annual Fish Fry Event,  
Hilltop Inn. To share rides, meet at Linda  
Schaldach's house, 4124 Keewatin Trail at  
6:00 p.m. They will return there at 8 p.m.  
for reading the play. Reservations needed  
by June 16. Call 831-5547. Join us for an  
enjoyable evening.

A friendly reminder from the Dunn's Marsh  
Neighborhood Society:

Drive carefully through the area--there  
are many children! Thank you.

Barbara Steinau/Bob Park  
Rt 3 Box 325-C  
Poynette WI 53955

## R. E. Corner Holly Loring, Director

• Coming up in R.E.:

June 1 Secret project and volleyball game.  
Remember to wear clothes for outdoor  
play. Teachers will meet with the R.E.  
committee at 10:30 downstairs--an op-  
portunity for feedback on the year.

June 8 Family service, marking the end of the  
year's regular program. Thank you to  
teachers, presentation of chalices to  
eighth graders.

• I would like to say a huge "Thank you" to  
our spring teachers, most of whom continued  
from the fall: Marian and Helen Briggs (pre-  
school); Bob Dopp, Linda Nelson, and Joan  
Hall (K-2); Mary Sarko and Pat Cautley (3-5);  
and Lola Gregg and substitutes (middle school)  
Your care and enthusiasm has been a valuable  
contribution to our young people and to the  
program.

• If you are going to be in 7-9th grade next  
fall, check out the brochure on Marwood Dunes  
camp posted on the downstairs bulletin board.  
This UU camp runs from July 27-August 2 and  
is located right on Lake Michigan in Bridge-  
man, Mich. Beautiful surroundings, fun,  
friendship, and the greatest camping exper-  
ience ever. Sound tempting?

• Help still needed to finish constructing the  
bookcases for R.E., June 1st after the ser-  
vice. Call Holly if you can help with nailing  
and glueing. Thank you.

• May 25 marks the end of the regular church  
school classes, though we have more events  
planned for the remaining two Sundays (see  
above). Pre-schoolers spent the last few  
weeks smelling and tasting to learn about  
their senses, and enjoying the beautiful wea-

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ther. Haunting House people also talked about the senses and what it might be like to lose them as they explored handicaps. A summer diary will help them keep track of summer experiences we can share next fall. Third-fifth graders talked about the prophets and about Job, and made summer diaries with K-2. Middle schoolers have earned a goodly amount from their bake sales and are getting into the nitty-gritty of decoration planning for their room. Next week we'll celebrate birthdays-- when is yours?

● Thanks to Mike Lyman and Betty Jallings for substituting during the past few Sundays.

Holly will be playing folk music at the Wild Hog in the Woods coffee house on Friday, June 6, 8:30-9:30. Drop by, 604 University Ave.

#### PLANTING PARTY

On Sunday, June 8, Prairie plans a planting party for the front of the building. Bring bedding plants, flowers, and small shrubs or seedlings for later transplanting into a permanent natural shrub border. Suitable shrubs could be forsythia, lilacs, red, yellow, and gray dogwood (native to Wisconsin), cotoneaster, Russian olive, etc.

Bring a big bag of compost, peat, or manure and tools. Also bring ideas for landscaping our lot.

Call Rachel Siegfried, 271-2173, for information or any questions.

#### CONGRATULATIONS:

To Helen Briggs, Paul Chapru, and David Siegfried, graduating from high school.

To Theron Caldwell, completion of art degree, U.W.

To Joyce Grimm, completion of Architecture program, MATC.

To Diane Remeika, granted her law degree at the U.W. Commencement exercises.

A big Thank you to all who helped (and worked) to make our lawn sale such a success. Despite inclement weather and other area events, we made a profit of about \$225. Of this amount, \$175 is sent to the national organization, the U.U. Service Committee for our society's annual contribution. The unsold clothing will be sent to Jamaica, except coats, which will be given to area foreign students.

Again, thanks to you all.

The Social Action Committee:  
Rachel Siegfried, Barb Steinau,  
Linda Schaldach, Betty Jallings

#### JAMAICA UPDATE

According to the May 11 New York Times, Jamaica may not have enough money to import food after July 1. The country did not receive an International Monetary Fund loan because government leaders refused to implement the austere measures required for the loan.

Several Prairie members have sent packages to a community leader in Jamaica's Wakefield area. Friends Society members donated money for postage, and a UW researcher is sending potato seed that grows well in the tropics.

If you wish to help, send any of the following to E. Ned Allen, Wakefield P.O., Tre-lawney, Jamaica: brown rice, whole wheat flour, nuts, sun flower seeds, cornmeal, oatmeal, cream of wheat, or similar cereal (no sugar-coated junk!); beans; lentils; canned shortening, powdered milk, matches, and laundry soap. (Suggestions for appropriate protein sources available in Madison stores are welcome.)

Seal packages with strapping tape and write down exact content at the post office. Ask Mr. Allen to write you when packages are received.

I am presently researching varieties of seed appropriate for Jamaica. Input from Prairie members welcome!

--Doleta Chapru.

#### PRO-SEEDS TO PRAIRIE:

##### STEAM CASTING CLASSES

Cold, hot, poured, constructed, modeled: these are five ways to work wax in making a model to cast into metal. If you've done casting before, you'll learn an inexpensive, simple way you can do it at home...using, believe it or not, a broomstick, a mayonaise jar lid, asbestos paper, a flower pot, and a hot-plate!

If you've done it and lacked success, methods and tips will abound to cure your foibles; if you like doing jewelry for yourself or for

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## HELP!

Work party needed to dig two-foot trench around the meeting house to prepare for installation of insulation.

Bring:

Strong back, shovel, wheelbarrow  
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Call Al Nettleton 238-6053  
or Bob Nelson 255-8630

gifts, or if you're a natural-born fixer wanting to make custom replacement parts, here is an intriguing and exciting technique to learn about.

The class will be limited to eight people. There will be six meetings of two hours long on Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:30. The cost I have figured at will pay Prairie \$144.00. It will pay me the same \$8.00 per hour I get when I teach for the city, and with this arrangement I could offer other classes in the future without the anxiety of spending time I needed to use elsewhere. This comes to \$30.00 per student for six classes, an investment in learning and fun. Students will supply their own metal (got any old brass faucets, nuts and bolts?) and pay for their wax. Prairie's expense will be for "investment" (crystabolite) and electricity. My equipment will be used. Prairie people will get preference. However, friends and neighbors will be welcome if we still have openings. Starting date is dependent upon filling the class list.

--Metje Butler

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**STEAM-CASTING CLASS**

Name-----

Phone----- Amount enclosed \$-----

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Send to Metje Butler, 2115 E. Mifflin St.  
Madison, WI 53704

**SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE IN PROGRESS**

The program committee, Jack Jallings, chair, has announced partially complete plans for the summer, plans which call for some kind of program for every Sunday.

The programs will alternate between six events at the meeting house and six outdoor type activities. The "indoor" meetings will be preceded by potluck breakfasts which will be coordinated by Dorothy Lee and Pat Whyte Lehman. Music for these will be planned by Mike Briggs. Subjects for the meetings are being arranged, but may include talks by District Attorney James Doyle, Mayor Skornica, and other public figures.

The "outings" will include a camping trip, a picnic, canoeing, bike trip, a visit to the Stevenson or Mattarella-Micke farms near Baraboo, and a visit to the Sauk City Unitarian Fellowship on their anniversary. Alternates to the latter trip might be an Arboretum walk, or a gardening workshop led by Norma Briggs.

When a recent questionnaire regarding members' desires for a summer program was circulated, 10 people volunteered to help with child care, 8 for picnic arrangements, 10 for camping trip assistance, and 11 to set up a canoe trip.

One of the proposed meetinghouse meetings involves a dialog (trialog?) among a Catholic, a Jewish, and a Unitarian representative.

The next issue of Prairie Fire should be able to report a final schedule of the programs, but the programs not at the church will be on June 15, 29, July 13, 27, Aug. 10, and Aug. 24. With the exception of an outing at Tenney Park on July 20, the rest of the Sundays will involve meetings at the church.

The regular services will resume on Sept. 7, the beginning of the society's year.

Next Prairie Fire: June 11. Please bring announcements, poetry, letters, etc. to the June 8 meeting.