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Prairie Fire

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MAY 9, 10 10:00 -2:00 Sat., after meeting Sun.--Work weekend for landscaping.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

10:00 a.m.--Family Communication Workshop--Peg Stevenson. Use this opportunity to learn about and to practice communication skills.

MONDAY, MAY 11

7:30--Program Committee, planning for programs and outings, June-August, Dorothy Lee's apt., 625 W. Lakeside St.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

10:00 a.m.-uA Prairie Quilt"--This program will be the final program of the lay ministry on the family. A quilt is both a creative expression and a type of family record keeping. We will talk about these ideas while constructing a Prairie family quilt. All ages will work together; please bring some fabric scraps and ideas with special meaning for you. We will provide more scraps, fabric crayons, equipment for needle work, and more ideas.

TUESDAY, MAY 19
7:30 p.m.-Joint meeting of old and new boards, at the meeting house.

SUNDAY, MAY 24
10:00 a.m.--"If I Should Die Before I Wake""
Fran Remeika, John Grindrod, Dorothy Lee.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

7:30 p.m.--Playreaders, home of Rosemary Dorney, 4205 Odana Rd. Everyone welcome!

R.E. CORNER

Next Sunday, May 10, there will be a film session for the 3rd through 5th grade and the middle school groups, including an Alan Watt film about Zen and an account of a Buddhist monk training a young novice.

On May 17, when there is a family service, the teachers will have an opportunity to catch up on their records of activities for the semester--and perhaps join the group in the quilt-making activities.

Last Sunday the K-2 group, led by Megan Kroeger and Bob Park, visited the zoo with a very special question in mind: Which animals are native to Wisconsin, why is this so, and what habitat is required by these animals as compared with that needed by the many others in the zoo? Hopefully some beginning understanding of the importance of the natural environment was nurtured by this experience.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Lori Pederson, our Midwest District representative on the UUA Board of Trustees, has informed us that the Board voted recently to place its resolution on El Salvador on the Final Agenda of the 1981 General Assembly, as we (and others, too, probably) urged it to do. Lori says: "Thanks to you all for pushing, and hanging in!"

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE -- MAY 17

BE A PRAIRIE DELEGATE TO THE UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This year our Prairie Fellowship has been allocated <u>two</u> delegates to the UU General Assembly, meeting in Philadelphia, June 12-18. Delegates from member societies and fellowships (about 1500 strong) will congregate to do the yearly business of the UUA. Part of the General Assembly's work will be to consider some of the resolutions we voted on at a parish meeting last March. It is always exhilarating to meet with our sister and brother UUs, and anyone who would like to represent Prairie as a delegate call Aileen Nettleton, 238-6053, or Ruth Calden, 233-5717, soon!

NEEDED--for the flower bed in front of the meeting house, low annuals, herbs, or perennials (nothing taller than about two feet) Please bring a plant or two to our work weekend, May 9 & 10. For more information call Fran Remeika, 845-7292.

Other plants needed are shade-loving plants for the shade garden: ferns, violets, hostas, and hedge plants, as seedlings, lilacs, forsythia.

PLAYREADERS

Prairie Playreaders will meet at the home of Rosemary Dorney, 4205 Odana Rd., Saturday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. We will be reading either Shaw or Ibsen. All are welcome--none of us are experts--and the more people we have, the greater the selection of plays open to us.

Note: Because of allergies and other health problems, there's no smoking in the Dorney/Fast household. By late May, weather should permit the truly hooked to step outdoors, and we will provide abstainers with ample goodies. --Rosemary Dorney

APPLICATIONS INVITED

The R.E. Committee is beginning an active search for a Head Teacher for our Preschool and Nursery group and invites applications at this time. In addition to demonstrable skill in working with young children, a commitment to be present every Sunday morning for 1 3/4 hours is essential as young children need the security provided by this, especially since they come to church school only once a week. Responsibilities would involve planning an integrated program of story, activities, and music for each morning. If interested, send resume to R.E. chairs, Carol Dopp & Alice Bullen, P.O. Box 5362, Madison, Wis. 53705 by May 31.