CALENDAR

Sunday, June 20
9:00 a.m. Pot luck breakfast
10:00 a.m. Folk music—Mac Robertson (see story)
Child care provided

Sunday, June 27
12:00 noon picnic with Sauk City Fellowship
(see story for directions)
2:30 p.m. visit to Wollersheim Winery
(admission $1.00, tour takes 45 minutes)

Sunday, July 4
10:00 a.m. "Thomas Jefferson"—Dave Zakem
Child care provided
Party at Smith-Brigg’s in p.m.

TO FIND THE SAUK CITY CONGREGATION
Take Highway 12 to Sauk City. Turn right on Water St. at the traffic light just after the bridge. Go several blocks to Polk St. and turn left. The church is on Polk St. between John Adams and Jefferson Streets.

Mac Robertson’s program on June 20 will present folk songs that address contemporary spiritual issues. The songs range from traditional spirituals to popular radio hits, including several familiar songs of social commentary from the '60's. There will be opportunities to sing, and comments by Mac between songs may prompt some interesting discussions.

THREE PRAIRIE MEMBERS ATTEND N.Y. RALLY
Prairie was represented Saturday, June 12, at the mammoth nuclear disarmament rally in front of the U.N. and in New York’s Central Park by Jack Jallings, Les Lyons, and Lee Bullen. The three rode to the rally with more than 150 Madisonians who chartered four buses for the trip.

The rally and march, said to be the largest assembly ever held in the United States, took place without a single arrest being made by the New York police. It was attended by people of all ages, from babies in back packs, to very senior citizens, and by groups representing numerous vocations, churches, and public interest organizations, as well as citizens of other countries who had come for the event.

Prairie members were impressed by the warm welcome expressed by New Yorkers and by enthusiastic greetings to Madison delegates, indicating a nationwide awareness of the city. Les Lyons and Lee Bullen, having become separated from members of the small groups with which they were marching, stood for some time at the side of the parade and held up their signs to attract the missing marchers. This resulted in constant cheers for Madison and brought many people over to say that they had lived here or were signed up to attend the U.W. in the fall.

Those who attended are confident the rally will have an impact on the U.N. deliberations and on this government’s policies.

THANKS TO BARB PARK
We enjoyed Barb Park’s lay-ministry on "The Disagreements that Unite Us".

Alice Bullen
BUILDING CLEANUP
June 20--Norma Martin, Jean Quay
27--Sauk City meeting

KITCHEN CLEANUP
June 20--Rob Park, ???
27--Sauk City meeting

LAWN MOWING
(2 week period)
June 27--Nelsons
July 11--Vetzner
25--Warren Hagstrom
Aug. 8-- ???
22--Carol & Bob Dopp
Sept. 5--Rick Boso
19--Jim Lake
Oct. 3--Bob Park

SUMMER CHILD CARE
Two people to work with the children on the following Sundays:
Teacher Helper
June 20 Beryl Gordon ????
July 4 Megan Kroeger ????
July 11 Aileen Nettleton Gail Ostler
18 Dianne Molvig Susan Drapkin
25 Alice Bullen Lee Bullen
Aug. 8 ???? ????

COOKBOOK GOES TO COMPUTER:
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
This is your opportunity to learn how to use a home computer word processor. Fairly good typing skills are necessary but it is easy to correct mistakes.
Dick and Julie Bonser have generously offered the use of their home computer for our cookbook, but we need some volunteers to do the work at their house. If you are willing to devote a few hours, please call Rachel Siegfried, 271-2173.
The next Cookbook meeting will be July 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Rachel's, 5209 Tolman Ter.

ABOUT "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION"
I thought Barb Park's program on finding an alternative vocabulary to express Prairie's practices and institutions was an interesting and thought provoking exercise. But I have reservations about the Board's action in substituting "Children's Program" for "Religious Education."
First, we run an announcement in the Madison newspapers indicating our Sunday morning activities with the object, partly, of attracting others to participate with us. What we do with our children is a major consideration for parents in choosing to attend Prairie meetings. The words "Children's program" could indicate a baby-sitting service for parents attending the adult meeting just as easily as it could suggest a meaningful contribution to a child's development.
Second, our curriculum is largely concerned with learning about many religions so that our children will understand the beliefs and practices of their peers. Is this not religious education?
Third, when I try to think what religion is, from my own limited experience, I find a combination of a sense of wonder, awe, or "reverence" for the universe and an attempt to explain its origin and meaning plus a quest for guidelines for living with other people and in relationship with other creatures. Just because I don't happen to accept as authority the myths and the rules of another age, or of this age, doesn't mean that I am not religious or that Prairians are not religious, or that we are not trying to help our children develop their own religious values.
If these things are not what religion basically is about, then I guess I can get along with some other term for our children's program.

Lee Bullen

CHECK YOUR DIRECTORY
In the next issue of Prairie Fire we would like to list any corrections which need to be made in the Directory listings. If all who are listed will check their own phone numbers, addresses, or any other facts for accuracy and also the listings of others and let one of us know, we will get these changes into the news letter.

Alice and Lee Bullen