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

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
Retreat for Middle School Teachers at Dayle Haglund's, 129 Oak St., Sun Prairie, 837-9044.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE
12:30 p.m.--Potluck picnic at Sauk City
Speaker: Rev. Robert Hoagland
see story for details & directions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
7:30 p.m.--Board meeting at Briggs, 2259 W. Lawn Ave.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE
12:30 p.m.--Potluck at Barb & Bob Park's
see story for details & directions

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28
NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE
Visit to Chiwaukee Prairie with Dayle Haglund; see next Prairie Fire for details & directions.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30
7:30 p.m.--Program Committee meeting at home of Bob West, 305 Nautilus Dr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGE & JOAN HALL
Steven James Hall was born August 2 and mother and son are doing fine.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, POTLUCK AT SAUK CITY
To find the Sauk City Unitarian Fellowship take Highway 12 to Sauk City. Turn rt. on Water St. at the traffic light just after the bridge. Go several blocks to Polk St. (We think it is about 1/2 mile-the sign may be difficult to find.) Turn left on Polk St. The church is on Polk St between John Adams and Jefferson Streets.
Please bring a dish to pass and your own dishes and silver.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, POTLUCK AT PARK'S
Meet at 12:30 at the country home of Bob and Barb Park overlooking Lake Wisconsin for a potluck meal followed by a nature walk, bicycling, boating and/or swimming, depending on the weather. DIRECTIONS: North on I-90, 94 to Poynette/Lake Wisconsin exit. Turn west on County CS toward Lake Wisconsin (not east toward Poynette). Travel 3 miles to County V, turn right and cross lake, turn right and then immediately left up hill on Wildwood Way. Look for a brown house on the right just before the woods near the end of Wildwood Way. See map on page three.

PLAYREADERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Saturday, September 3 at noon, the playreaders will have a meeting to get organized for the coming year. Bring a dish to pass for an outdoor picnic luncheon. In case of rain (whatever that is!), we meet indoors. Bring your calendar and play catalog.
Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Place. 233-5795 or 262-7960. All welcome.
HEY, YELLOWBACK

I've just finished reading Fran Remeika's copy of Ernest L. Meyer's published diary of his experiences as a conscientious objector in World War I. Meyers, a student at the UW-Madison was drafted into the army where he refused to perform any war supporting activities for ethical reasons. He was not a church member and would not profess a belief in God. Some of his experiences might have converted him to a belief in the devil. After the war Meyer was a columnist for the Capital Times.

I asked Fran if she would be willing to lend the book to other past, current, or potential CO's (or others) and she suggested that I handle the lending of it. I'll take it to Prairie and anyone interested can make arrangements with me.

Lee Bullen

SHE HAS A DREAM

Karen (Hegelmeyer) Aubrey plans to travel on the bus to Washington, D.C. for the Martin Luther King March August 27. This action is planned to commemorate King's famous "I have a dream" speech in Washington 20 years ago. If you would like to support this but can't go, you can help Karen attend by donating some money for her bus fare ($60) to the Prairie Social Action Committee. The present chairperson (Lance Green) will be out of town for several weeks, so send your donation to Les Lyons, 845 Dane St., Madison 53713.

I CAN COPE PROGRAM AT ST. MARYS

The I Can Cope program starts September 6 and since there will be no programs at Prairie through August, the information we were given will not be very available unless you call the St. Marys Hospital Medical Center, 258-5065. This program is to help people who have cancer or who have friends or relatives with cancer and who need support and understanding of cancer and its effects. It is an 8 session program taught by health care professionals.

NEW ADDRESSES:

You may want to change or add to your Prairie Directory the following addresses:

Anne Reardon: new address is 657 S. Segoe Rd. Apt. 4, 53711. Telephone, 271-1110.
Lynda Lewis is now sharing Rachel Siegfried's home: 5209 Tolman Ter., 53711.
Casey Steinau's new address is 5307 S. Cornell, Chicago, Ill. 60615.

SHARE THE BOUNTY

Since we'll be gone on our Western Adventure until September 12, all Prairie people are welcome to pick tomatoes and green peppers at our plot in the Dunn's Marsh Community Garden just south of Prairie. It's marked BARLEY-GREEN ACRES.

--Barb Barley & Lance Green
CENTRAL AMERICA

In response to the recent aggressive military moves by the U.S. in Central America, the following petition, with 46 signatures collected July 23 and 24, was sent to President Reagan, with copies to Senators Proxmire and Kasten and Representatives Kastenmeier and Zablocki:

"The undersigned members and friends of Prairie Unitarian-Universalist Society of Madison, Wisconsin, strongly endorse the resolutions adopted by the 1983 General Assembly of the Unitarian-Universalist Association calling for an immediate end to US military support of the governments of El Salvador and Guatemala and the US military adviser program in El Salvador, and the prohibition of US aid for military and paramilitary operations against Nicaragua.

"We urge you to support the proposals by the Contadora group for international negotiations toward peaceful resolution of the regional dispute, as well as the peace plan of the government of Nicaragua, which calls for a non-aggression pact between Honduras and Nicaragua, a halt to foreign military support of the use of the territory of one nation to attack another, a halt to arms supplies to forces fighting in El Salvador, a ban on foreign military advisers or bases in Central America, and self-determination for all countries in the region and non-intervention in them by other states.

"We are convinced that only negotiation can bring an end to the violence and injustice in Central America. We therefore condemn the forthcoming US military maneuvers in Honduras and the belligerent use of naval forces, which threaten the freedom and security of Nicaragua."

So far, only Sen. Proxmire and Rep. Kastenmeier have answered. Sen. Proxmire notes that he has "vigorously opposed any US military aid whenever it has been proposed in the Senate", that he favors "a program aimed at encouraging self-determination and self-sufficiency," and that he will continue to oppose US military policies in Central America "so long as unrest, violation of human rights, and instability of government characterize the situation."

Rep. Kastenmeier also agreed with the concerns expressed in the petition, noting that: "This President is capable of...such pernicious doublethink that he would...have us believe that going to war would be for the purpose of peace... At the heart of our policy toward Central America is the refusal of the President to understand what is happening throughout this region. He has an ideological hatred of leftist movements and he has decided to link any movement for reform not approved or controlled by Washington to the Soviets." Rep. Kastenmeier's view is that "In Central America we should be on the side of those popular movements which want to attack the oppressive conditions there -- the poverty, the hunger, the illiteracy and the corrupt brutal dictatorships. As long as these conditions exist, revolutions will continue with or without foreign intervention."

Les Lyons

LOWER EAGLE HEIGHTS WOODS

Diane Chambliss has requested that Prairie people who are concerned about the natural lakefront woodland area known as the Lower Eagle Heights Woods should write letters or telephone to let Mayor Sensenbrenner and others know how you feel. This property is owned by a private developer who is seeking Madison Plan Commission approval for a duplex and pier development on the site.

Madison Audubon Society, Capital Community Citizens, Sierra Club, Indian Hills Garden Club, Spring Harbor Neighborhood Assn. and other groups and individuals have been actively encouraging the City of Madison to participate in a joint University-City-Community purchase of the site.

There is a Plan Commission meeting on August 15 at 5:30 in the City-County Bldg., Rm 201. (George Austin, 266-4635.)

THE ROUTE TO THE PARKS' HOME