
Please Note: Prairie Fire will be published only once per month during June, July, and August!

Sunday, June 7
10:00 AM
“IS THERE STILL TIME?– a look at the UNCED,” coordinated by Pat Cantley

Tuesday, June 9
4:30 PM
PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the meetinghouse.

Thursday, June 11
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN’S GROUP meets at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, June 14
10:00 AM
To be announced

Tuesday, June 16
4:30 PM
PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, June 21
10:00 AM
To be announced

Tuesday, June 23
4:30 PM
PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the meetinghouse.

Thursday, June 25
7:00 PM
PRAIRIE MEN’S GROUP meets at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, June 28
10:00 AM
To be announced

Tuesday, June 30
4:30 PM
PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the meetinghouse.

Later this Summer
INTERESTED IN SUMMER PLAY GOING GROUPS? Call Susan Hagstrom at 238-4970 for information. (See story inside)

Today’s Quote:
“Read carefully anything that requires your signature. Remember the big print giveth and the small print taketh away.”

—H. JACKSON BROWN, JR.
“LIFE’S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK”

Lawn Care Volunteers Needed!
Lawn care committee members are sought to mow and trim the Prairie UU lawn during the growing season from April through the end of October. Volunteer your name now and we’ll schedule you in for this seasonal event. Your help is very much needed. Call Karen Gross at 259-0556.

...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. PRAIRIE’S BOND OF UNION

The Oldest and Largest Lay-Led Society in the UUA
Parent-Led Activities for Summer

During the summer, beginning May 31, we will have no formal RE program. Instead, we are asking all parents to develop (with their kids’ help) one simple hour-long activity. When you come to Prairie, parents will decide who will take charge of the “little ones” (through age 6) and the “big kids” (7 and up) that day. Leaders will change every week, so everyone shares the responsibility. Our goal is to continue the sense of belonging to the Prairie community that we have tried to foster during the year… and to have fun! So parents, come prepared… we’re counting on you!

-Dean Schroeder, RE Chair

Playreaders Annual Fish Fry

(Actually, ‘fish fry’ may be a misnomer—we still aren’t sure where we’ll be eating.) Come one, come all to Prairie Playreaders’ annual night out on Saturday, May 30 (the weekend after Memorial Day) at 5:45 PM at a restaurant followed by dessert and a short play in someone’s home. If you’ve never been to Playreaders, this is a great time to start. You have a chance to socialize beforehand and try your hand at a one-act play. Or you can just come and listen.

We need to arrive at the restaurant about 5:45 so that we can be reading our play and eating dessert by 7:30. As soon as we have a time and place for the dinner, we’ll announce it at Prairie and probably call or send postcards to those who usually attend. If you still haven’t heard anything by May 25th, call one of the numbers below. We’ll be happy to include you in our restaurant reservation, give you a lift, tell you what we do, or direct you to whatever...

Susan Hagstrom 238-4970
Rosemary Dorney 238-4382

The Play’s the Thing!

Susan Hagstrom would like to see if she could organize Prairie members into seeing two of the plays that are going to be around town this summer. The first play, The Heidi Chronicles, was read by the Prairie Playreaders earlier in the year and is going to be produced this summer at the University Theatre.

Ticket prices are $9 and the theatre date would be July 31. If there is interest, she can also make reservations for Paisan’s for dinner before the show.

The second play, Pericles, Prince of Tyre, is a play from Shakespeare’s maturity and is being produced by the Platteville University Theatre. It is an adventure story. Ticket prices are $13 (Sr. Citizens $11, College Students $7). The date would be July 11, a Saturday, so anyone going could also participate in a potluck picnic at Blue Mounds before the show. (Car pooling can be arranged.)

Anyone who wants to participate in attending either of these productions with a Prairie group, please send a check for the requested amount to Susan Hagstrom, 916 Shorewood Blvd., Madison, WI 53705, before May 31st.

Previous experience says tickets to these productions go fast. Please include with your check whether you will participate in the dinner or potluck lunch, or need car pooling.

If you have, or are going to buy, series tickets to any of these theatres and want to join the rest of us, notify Susan Hagstrom before May 31st and she will try to get you seats with the rest of the group.

What’s Going On In The Central Midwest District

June 3-11 SEWWUC Summer Institute
12-14 Continental UUWF Conference, Allerton, IL
13-19 Meadville Summer Course I, Beloit, WI
25-30 General Assembly Calgary, Canada
July 5-11 Lake Geneva Summer Assembly, Williams Bay, WI
6-10 Meadville Summer Course II, Chicago, IL
18-25 Midwest Leadership School, Beloit, WI
19-25 Bayside Camp, Williams Bay, WI

Open Letter to Prairie

My sojourn at Prairie has come full circle. I became a member as my position at the Primate Center was ending and I left Prairie 5 years later when my position at Food Science was phased out. During this time I was able to grow spiritually and emotionally because Prairie provided a safe space where I was surrounded by caring, patient, nurturing people. I will never be able to express how much I value these friendships nor the gratitude I feel toward all of you for enriching my life. I am not only wiser and more mature but much richer and more content than ever before. So I thank you for “being there” for me. A very special thanks to the Playreaders for all the good times (and all the goodies). I will always cherish the memories I have of Prairie People.

-Pat Meller

Coffee Service Volunteers

The following persons have volunteered to set up the coffee service on Sunday mornings.

May 31 ??
June 7 ??
June 14 ??
June 21 ??
June 28 ??

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

May 31 ??
June 7 ??
June 14 ??
June 21 ??
June 28 ??

The following have signed up to greet visitors on Sunday mornings.

May 31 ??
June 7 ??
June 14 ??
June 21 ??
June 28 ??

Any volunteers who cannot work on the day they’ve signed up, please let Heidi Oliversen know so she can locate a substitute.