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Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m. at the YWCA, 31 N. Pinkney St.

November 30 - Film narrated by David Schoenbrun: "Who's Right in Vietnam"? Discussion will follow

December 7 --- To be announced

OUR OWN PRAIRIE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN ACTION!

Our Christmas program this year will take the form of a "family day" December 21 in the spirit of THE FAMILY OF MAN. Plan to bring all the family, grandma and grandpa, auntie and uncle, sister and brother, teenagers and the diaper-set. A potluck brunch is being planned, and you will be contacted to help. The chief purpose of the program is TO CELEBRATE THE DIVINE CONTINUITY OF LIFE. We especially would like you to bring objects and memories that are part of your family's Christmas or other traditional holiday celebrations.

Suggestions and help should be directed to Bob Koehl, 233-7383 or Karen Peters, 233-7716. A small part of the program will be a gift table of objects each participant would like someone else to have, a usable toy, a paperback, a record, an attractive piece of clothing, a cute candle or centerpiece. If you can, bring two but no more than three small items, with your name, address, and phone. You will get to pick out one object to take home. We would like to pass on our surplus to the Welfare Rights Organization, with the names attached. The reason for the names is simply to indicate that we give ourselves when we give, or we give nothing at all.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What fun - what a mess, but what fun! We decorated lots of beautiful cookies for Central Colony and Mendota State Hospital.

For the next three Sundays the kindergarten through sixth grades will be experiencing the Christmas season at their assemblies with the celebration of hope, love and joy.

Norma Magnuson will be teaching the 5 year olds on December 7 and December 14. Thank you Jackie Meyer for doing such a good job to date.

The RE Committee will meet Thrusday, December 11 at the home of Jane Ruck, 4168 Cherokee Drive, at 8.00 p.m.

~~PRAIRIE SITE~~

The offer of a group of Prairie and First Society members to purchase from the First Society their 9.9 acre hillyop at Raymond and Gammon Roads at \$1,385 an acre, (much less than half its market value) was accepted at the First Society's parish meeting on Monday night.

It is the plan of this group to hold the land until it is clear

whether or not the Prairie Society wishes to use it for a church site. If so, it will be turned over to Prairie at its cost to the group, plus 5% annual interest. If the Prairie Society decides not to use the land, the group will sell the land commercially, recover their own investments plus interest, and return the rest of the sale price to the First Society.

There is one "slight" problem! The group has not yet located all of the \$13,713 needed to complete this purchase, and the First Society needs the money in the near future to pay off creditors. Please, if you have \$200 or more which you could invest in this project, get in touch with Roland Parrish, Charlie Davidson, or Bob Siegfried for more detailed information. Your investment will be amply secured by part ownership of this valuable and scenic hilltop, adjoining Arboretum and city park property, and you will have given an important assist to Madison Unitarianism.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

The service this past Sunday (Nov. 23) was planned and conducted by the newly formed Prairie Youth Group. Their special guest was Mr. Othello Ellis, the first black director of the Abraham Lincoln Centre in Chicago, a southside settlement house founded 64 years ago by the Unitarian church.

After the regular service, the Youth Group and their advisors, Chris and Pete Guest, had a potluck meal and a chance to talk more informally with Mr. Ellis. The group hopes to visit the Centre later this winter.

SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action committee voted to send \$25 to the Welfare Rights Organization for their development fund. They want to set up an office with a director in Madison, both for the use of welfare recipients here and to help organize other local groups in Wisconsin. Anyone who wishes to help this self-help organization with funds may send checks to: Friends of WRO,
Anne Ardagh,
300 University House,
Madison, Wis. 53705

There will be no meeting of the Social Action committee in December.