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

November 8 - "Science: The Center of Culture"
- Bob Siegfried

November 15 - "The New Morality - A Sexual Revolution"
- John Zahn
A discussion on this topic will be held from 8 to 10 in the evening. Place to be announced.

AN OPEN LETTER TO RACHEL SIEGFRIED:

When the last members of the last clean-up detail bid farewell to one another in back of the dining hall at Upham Woods, a great sigh of relief escaped Rachel's lips. It became clear to me then, that while most of us enjoyed a truly blissful weekend, there were others who had worried and worked to make it so!!

Dear Rachel (and all others who helped plan and create U.W. (Upham Woods) 1970). I hope I can speak for most of the enthusiastic participants of the last weekend when once more I thank you truly for a retreat away from our daily routine, for a chance to spend time with one another in restful surroundings and most of all with the hope that you have started a yearly tradition. Let's hope we can make next year's "retreat" as beautiful for you . . . .

P.S. To all who for one reason or another missed out on coming to Upham Woods: Don't miss it next time 'round!

Lilo Koehl

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Proceeds from the UNICEF luncheon totalled $34.17. The children have turned in $18.22 from the UNICEF Halloween boxes. There are still some boxes out, so remember to return them on Sunday.

High School Youth Group Planning session, Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Y. Be ready to express your concerns and desires for programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Madison Community School will hold a Creative Arts Festival on Friday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. It will include a one act play, "Land of Heart's Desire" by William Butler Yeats, madrigals, arts & crafts sale and baked goods. The contributions (adults - $1 and students 50¢) will benefit the school's Scholarship Fund.

There will be a meeting of the executive board Thursday, Nov. 5 at 8:00 p.m. at Ted Clark's, 1134 Waban Hill.

Any woman interested in forming a Women's Alliance for Social Concern, please call Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173 to discuss meeting time.

PARISH MEETING NOTICE

There will be a combined parish meeting and party, Friday evening, Nov. 20, 1970. The purpose of the meeting will be to adopt the revised budget for 1970-71. The
business will be brief so that we can spend most of the evening being sociable. Please plan to come for the fun even if you are not a voting member of the Society. This will be an opportunity to become better acquainted with the new people among us. The event will take place at the Burns' about 8:00 p.m. Details will be included in the next Newsletter.

PRAIRIE INSTALLS FIRST MINISTER

David Meyer was installed as minister of the Prairie Unitarian-Universalist Society on Sunday, Nov. 1 at Holy Name Seminary in a simple warm ceremony keynoted by comments from Rev. Charles Eddis, minister of the Unitarian Church of Evanston. Rev. Eddis stressed the values of a community spirit in Fellowships formed from respect and concern for the individual.

The celebration was observed with word, song, and wine. Rev. Max Gaebler and Monsignor Wirz joined in welcoming David and Pat into the Prairie community. Copies of the order of service will be available at the Sunday morning service.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON POLITICS

Most of us have concerns for social change and social justice. In recent weeks these concerns have focused on the elections which, by the time this reaches you, will have already passed. I wish that I had some sort of visionary power so that I could know the outcome of these elections; then I could write a paragraph of triumph or of grief mixed with grim determination for next time. Instead I'd like to just write briefly about something perhaps a bit more finally important for our concerns about social change and social justice.

Any social change means some change, finally, in people's behavior. In the past decade or so we have seen attempts by liberals in politics to change the behavior of our nation and its people, most particularly on the war, race, and poverty. We have tried to legislate ourselves into better behavior, or in the case of the war, to protest the illegality of the action and to stop it through the withholding of funds, unseating of a president, etc. I think we can now say that, though these efforts and methods of operation have their place and function, they have done nowhere near what we had hoped. I have come to the conclusion that politics as we think of them (in the sense of working in the public arena for new leaders and programs and laws) are only the top of the iceberg. Somewhere underneath is culture. And we have in the last decade really been working only with the surface of the iceberg.

If we are to really bring about the kinds of changes that are necessary for our society and even our species to survive, we are going to have to work a great deal more on the bottom part of the iceberg. We have to change the kinds of cultural patterns available to people. To some degree this means working to actually change the thoughts and feelings of people, both individually and collectively. But certainly equally important is our working to evolve in ourselves the kind of intellectual and emotional openness which will enable us to struggle toward new modes of thought, new styles of life. What we need most to do is to expand for us and everyone else the field of options, to increase the possible choices. Right now we mostly know what we don't want. At least I feel quite a bit that way. If we had clearer options and newer options, ways of thought and life that we really thought were better and more human and more constructive, perhaps then we could be more persuasive with others. Perhaps then we could begin to change their thoughts and feelings, offering them a new way that they too could value enough to embrace. Only at the point where this very significant level of cultural change has already occurred will our work at the top of the iceberg bring the sort of results I think we so desperately need.

Dave Meyer