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

December 20 - Family Christmas Program The service will include:

- infant dedication
- candle ceremony
- musical program with instrumental trio and vocal quartet
- group singing
- brunch (each family should bring Christmas breads and fresh fruit with whatever utensils they need. Drinks and cups will be provided)
- small group discussions

December 27 - no service will be held

January 3 - "Quaker Meeting: A View of 1971"
- Judy Ort

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM DAVE AND PAT MEYER

This is just a short note to say to everyone connected with Prairie that we wish you the joys of the season and a fine new year ensuing. Whether we celebrate Christmas or Chanukkah or the winter solstice or all three of these, we celebrate a happy season of giving and good cheer enveloped in wassail, song, and fellowship. The greetings of the season carry much the same message for all the winter holidays at this time of year: joy, peace, health and long life. L'Chaim!

Poem for Christmas
by David U. Meyer

December, our craziest month;
from December winter emerges
a stillborn season
wrapped in cold bedclothes,
lying in the year like
a dead earth cradled,
not in a manger,
but in a plain pine box.

And in December we celebrate birth:
Thinking and singing of the new life
of a child, hoping for love
and a touch of warmth from the hearth,
needing some image of fresh living,
some fat round Jesus all pink
and bearing in his
birthing the spark of our
most desperate resurrection
struggling against wind and blowing snow.

December, month of our craziest dreams,
gift of celebrated life
before our months of ice.

ABOUT US:

Since the beginning of the church year the following people have joined as members of the Prairie Society: Dave and Pat Meyer, Vivian Meyer (no relation), Rodney and Rebecca French, Mark and Nancy McElreath, Diane Remeika, Marlys Noble.

Please add the following names to your directory:

John Viste,

Sandra and Colin Roy,

Doug Boyan,

3712 School Rd.

2211 Woodview Ct. #6

511 W. Doty

255-5308

255-9933

Scott McElreath - 1, Pamela Jill Roznoy - 3, David Swanson - 2, Matthew Hammat - 9 mos., Amanda Hammat - 2, Sara French (Rod) - 1½, Cricket Kampen - 6, Mimi Delago - 13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many people have asked for a copy of Dave Meyer's talk at the Dec. 13 service. Copies will be made and will be available at Sunday morning service early in January.

Play Reading

The Prairie play readers will meet Saturday evening, December 19 at Frank and Betty French's, Twin Valley Road, Middleton, at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Caroling Party

The caroling party (ALL AGES, please) will be Monday, December 21. We will meet at Paul and Marlys Noble's, 152 Rodney Ct., at 7:00 p.m. The group will return there after caroling for some refreshments. Whether you sing on or off key, do come and share your voice with others.

Christmas Eve Service

A Christmas Eve service will be held at the First Society, 4:30 p.m., Dec. 24. Dave Meyer and Max Gaebler will be doing a joint program. George Calden is in charge of the music.

The Day after Christmas the Prairie Society will give a party at the home of Ted and Rebecca Clark, 1134 Waban Hill. Everybody is welcome. The cost for refreshments will be 75¢ per person, and any surplus will be applied to costs of future social events. Don't forget Saturday, December 26 at 8:00 p.m.

The deadline for the next Newsletter is Sunday, January 3.

If you have not yet picked up your directory, do so any Sunday morning or call Lilo Koehl at 233-7383.