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PRAIRIE CALENDER

Sunday

2 Dec. 10 AM. "Let the Bastards Freeze in the Dark," led by Pat Cautley. Program is based on this slogan found on some bumper stickers appearing in Texas and Louisiana because they have the oil. A look at some of the traps we set for ourselves.

Monday

3 Dec. 8 PM. Board Meeting at the Willards, 2217 Westlawn Ave. 256-2801.

Sunday

9 Dec. 10 AM. "What Do We Really Want, Anyhow?"--a discussion of the quality of life, led by Pat Cautley.

Sat.

15 Dec. 7:30 PM. The Playreaders, for celebration of Christmas will read a short medieval mystery (or morality): The Second Shepherd's Play. You are also invited to bring along a favorite Christmas poem, or the words to a favorite carol. We'd love to have some of our Prairie musicians turn out, for what are the words without music. At Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Pl. 233-5795. You 'all come, now.

Sunday

16 Dec. 10 AM. "The Heavens Proclaim the Glory of God," led by R. Parrish.

Friday

21 Dec. 7:30 PM. Traditional Christmas Caroling--Deck the Hall, etc. Portal Foster.

Sunday

23 Dec. 10 AM. Family Christmas Program--Aileen Nettleton and Pat Cautley. There will be a symbol tree, decorated completely with a variety of symbols which each person (young and old) is invited to bring and enjoy with the group. Also, please bring fruit or a bread to add to our celebration.

Saturday

29 Dec. 8 PM. 4th Annual Prairie Christmas Party at the Clark's, 1134 Waban Hill; 271-4882. Monetary contributions will be accepted at the party, so you need not "slave over a hot stove," or bring food and drinks.

Sunday

30 Dec. 10 AM. "Share a Creation." This can be something you have created, or something someone else has created, which you can show, read, perform, or otherwise share with the group.

Thurs.

*6 Dec. 8 PM. Social Action Committee meets at Nancy McElreath, 1915 Keyes; 256-2085. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome to attend the meeting; membership will be open through December.

We'd all like to give a big round of thanks to George Calden for the very fine job he did with his lay-ministry. I'm sure that I speak for everyone when I say, "Thanks a lot, George. We appreciate."

Talking about the lay-ministry, we'd like to mention here that Pat Cautley will begin the next lay-ministry on 2 December and carry through until the end of February. Eleanor and Orië Loucks will be back in Madison this month, perhaps in time for Christmas, and Orië has agreed to be our lay minister after Pat--that is from March through May. N-n-now, h-h-here's-s-s PAT!

Hello everybody,

I've tried to come up with a theme for my lay-ministry, but my attempts sound either very pretentious or positively stupid. So, if you would like one, it might be stated as "A look at some of the problems of society," that is, some of the social problems of society which humans have created for themselves. Human beings are social creatures and have developed very complex forms of social organization in which people are mutually dependent on each other or on other groups. But the degree of dependence is not distributed evenly, so the possibility of exploitation exists, much of it unintentional.

I trust we can find some "hope for the future" not only in what might be done to help us get out of these "social traps," but also in what is being done by energetic people and groups with genuine concern and foresight. Our needs are great--and especially for a kind of understanding which enables us to "unfreeze" some of our typical ways of looking at problems and then to develop creative and innovative ways of dealing with them.

Pat Cautley.

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A couple of new addresses to add to your Prairie Directory: * And while we're at it, let's thank * Linda Plum and the * rest of her committee * for doing such a * good job with the * new directory.
Joan Schilling / Barbara Barnes; 3102 Bluff Street,
Madison, 53705. Phone: 238-0549.
also
Rima and Michael Apple, 2013 Madison St. Madison 53711
Phone: 251-3094.

Notice from George Calden: The couples * CONGRATULATIONS! * The Nettleton's baby * girl, Ann, was born on 1 Nov 73. Mother * and baby are doing fine (and Dad seems * to be holding up pretty well, himself). *
as unmarried couples who have a close * The Apples were out to meeting on 18 * relationship. The program was tried * November with their new son, Peter, who * with a dozen couples since summer, with * was born on Oct. 5th. He weighed 5 lbs, * gratifying results. George says that * 12 oz. and is "daily growing."
he won't guarantee the ignition of * Terry Laurence has been accepted for * divine sparks or kindling the celestial * membership in the Wisconsin Alliance * fires of the honeymoon, but he's sure * of Poets, and a poem of hers will appear * you'll find it beneficial. Contact * soon in their publication Hawk and * George if you have questions. * Whipporwill recalled.

R. Parrish has inherited three more lost articles from Anokijig. All articles go to Goodwill if not claimed by 16 December.....Contact Sidney Mannering if you'd like to offer a puppy or lovable kitten a home in time for the holidays.