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PRAIRIE CALENDAR

- TUES
3 SEPT 7:30 PM CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING at Portal Foster.
- WED
4 SEPT 10 PM DEADLINE for 15 September newsletter.
- THURS
5 SEPT 7:30 PM "ABOUT YOUR SEXUALITY" course orientation meeting for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade parents. At Theron Caldwell's, 1228 Sherman Avenue. Phone: 255-9974.
- SAT
7 SEPT 6 PM POTLUCK PICNIC AND FOLKDANCING, sponsored by First Society at Marshall Park Shelter.
- SUN
8 SEPT 10 AM COMMUNITY, MYTH, AND SOCIETY with lay ministers Al Nettleton and Steve Friedman. Mayor Paul Soglin will speak on POWER, POLITICS, AND THE CIVIC CENTER.
- MON
9 SEPT 7:30 PM WOMAN'S GROUP meets every monday at this time. Call Nancy McElreath for location.
- MON
9 SEPT 8 PM SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE meets at the Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon. Phone: 238-6053.
- THURS
12 SEPT 8 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD meets at the Davidson's, 2210 Waunona Way. Phone: 222-4280.
- FRI
13 SEPT 8 PM SQUARE AND FOLK DANCING at Portal Foster. See notice below.
- SAT
14 SEPT 7:30 PM THE PLAYREADERS will meet at Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Place. Phone: 233-5795.
- SUN
10 AM COMMUNITY, MYTH, AND SOCIETY: FOCUS ON PRAIRIE, led by Theron Caldwell. An outdoor family service at Portal Foster followed by brunch. Bring a thought to share on "what Prairie means to me." Also, bring a large dish to pass and your own eating utensils.
- MON
16 SEPT 7:30 PM PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at McElreath's, 818 Terry Place. Phone: 233-7491.
- SUN
22 SEPT 10 AM COMMUNITY, MYTH, AND SOCIETY: AN EXPERT IS SOMEONE FROM OUT OF TOWN WITH SLIDES.
- FRI
27 SEPT 7:30 PM CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER'S PARTY, at Pat Cautley's.

THE PRAIRIE RETREAT will take place over the weekend of Oct. 25-27. Details will be given in a later newsletter.

FOLK AND SQUARE DANCING. Hermine and Charlie Davidson will lead a dancing group every 2nd and last Friday of the month at Portal Foster Center, from 8-10 PM. Volunteers are needed for the first few meetings to help with the furniture and refreshments--if you can help, call Richard Perry at 255-6157. This will be a new and on-going Prairie activity.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education--Prairie Style; or, What's Life all About, anyhow?

APPLE CORE, a Madison women's liberation theater group, will give us our first assembly at 10 AM sharp in that ever exciting arena, your downstairs church school, on Sept. 8th. Assemblies, the first part of the children's programs, will be twenty minutes in length; classes lasting until 11:20 will follow.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PROGRAMS

Sarah Koehl will be with the nursery Prairie chicks. She'll need some help from their parents, but don't call us; we'll call you. Special notice and praise should go to Sarah who used most of the small remuneration she received from Prairie last year to support a small girl in India.

Hermine Davidson will have kindergarten and 1st grade. The curriculum will be "Experiments in Balance," and will consider people in and out of balance with relation to themselves and to each other. If all goes well, they will reach the larger ideas of balance in our world.

Mary Slabaugh will adapt the U.U. kit Human Heritage: Part I for second and third graders. This is a Unitarian view of anthropology from the earth's beginnings until the appearance of man.

PAT Johnson will use the much-touted book TA for Kids by A.M. Freed for grades 4, 5, and 6.

We will divide the school at grade 7 this year into an old-fashioned junior high (grades 7,8, and 9) instead of our usual Middle School. Proudly, indeed, we present for the first time at Prairie, the U.U. kit, "About Your Sexuality." Ann and Fred Seidl, who teamed the same course at the University of Saskatchewan, will facilitate. The parents of those eligible have been notified of a required (if your child is to participate) overview of the course content. If we've missed anyone eligible, please let me know by calling me at 255-9974. This group will meet on Sept. 8th, and on into the year at the Willard's, 2217 West Lawn.

Team teachers for grades 2-6 are still to be selected. We'll keep you informed.

Well, the overture plays, the lights are going up . . . we'll keep in touch as the acts progress.

Yours sincerely
Theron Caldwell
Religious Educ. Dir.

A WANT AD PAGE will be run in the October 1st newsletter. If you have things you would like to buy, sell, or barter; a service you would like to offer or receive; or property you would like to acquire, sell, or rent; take advantage of this one-time experimental advertising. Mail or deliver your ad to the editor, 2419 Norwood Place (53705) along with a printing cost of 1¢ per word. Complete numbers (quantities, house number, phone number, zip code number, etc.) will count as single words, and the indefinite article "a" will not be charged for. Please don't forget to include your own name and either your address and/or phone number with the ad. Please get all ads to me by Sept 15th.

 * SOUTH PACIFIC THEATER PARTY**
 * I have been unable to ob- *
 * tain information on ticket *
 * prices. However, I would *
 * still like to hear from *
 * those of you interested in *
 * attending. Call 233-5795 *
 * before Sept 4th. All info *
 * will be in the next news- *
 * letter. *

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ATTENTION GARDENERS !!!!

As the tomatoes ripen, please do not pick more than a few at a time. When we get large quantities, there will be a picking schedule made up for those who wish to can. So far there are only three names on the tomatoe canning list. If you intend to harvest in quantity, please, either add your name at the garden or call Terri at 233-7385. Also . . . sadly, there have been several reports of vegetables picked from private plots. PLEASE check the map before you pick anything or be sure you have permission from the owner. There are NO community onions. Onions are one of the more expensive things to grow and growers want to use them themselves, so do not pull any from the private plots.

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THE LAY MINISTRY . . . So far this year, the ministerial search committee has billed two of the three lay ministry positions, and Prairie has two pairs of lay ministers. The first pair, Al Nettleton and Steve Friedman, has elected to continue in more or less the same format as previous lay ministers; that is, they will focus primarily on the Sunday morning program, coordinating with the program committee.

The second pair, Ann and Fred Seidl, have elected to contribute their energies to the middle school and older group of youngsters. They will be teaching the course "About Your Sexuality," which is of flexible length, and helping the young people to form some sort of cohesive group, from which, perhaps, they can generate a viable LRY or the equivalent (This is an area which, speaking for myself,

