Sun. Oct. 17th  10 AM  Sunday Service at Portal Foster: Indonesian Gamelan Music with John & Laura Smail

Sat. Oct. 23rd  9-5  Work Day at Portal Foster, to help repair & clean up with Portal Foster parents. Call Roland Parrish for details or questions (238 1725)

Sat. Oct. 23rd  8 PM  Playreading at Btorg's, 599 Glen Dr. (233 5995)

Sun. Oct. 24th  10 AM  Sunday Service at Portal Foster: SENATORIAL ALTERNATIVES. Independant candidates for U.S. Senate have been invited to take part in a forum at Prairie to be taped for later broadcast by WORT FM. Guests will be Bill Hart (Democratic Socialist), Bob Nordlander (Socialist Labor), Bob Schwartz (Socialist Workers), and Mike MacLaurin (U.S. Labor Party). (Mike happens to be the son-in-law of Mona & Jack Btorg.)

Look ahead into November, services are planned on Religious Roots, & Grandparents

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The 1976 UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST Central Midwest District Annual Meeting will be held the weekend of November 12-13-14, at Brookfield, Wisconsin. Fourteen varied workshops are offered. If you are interested in more information contact Demomination Affairs Chairperson George Hall 238 7490

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News of Nancy & Mark McElreath: They have bought a house, (4007 Tennyson, University Park, Maryland 20782) and love living in the exciting atmosphere of Washington, D.C. Mark is teaching at U. of Maryland. Nancy is staff associate (assistant director of the office -- only there is no director) at the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation. It's a stimulating challenge and Nancy is ecstatic. Scott & Amy are happy, too. We rejoice for them and hope they'll visit here before too long.

Rebecca Clark

Richard Perry has a new job! He will take over as Director of Special Programs at Keystone Jr. College, LaPlume, Pa.,(outside Scranton) on Oct. 25th. Beth will probably stay until Dec. 1, to finish up & organize things.
REligious Education: Attention Middle School Parents: Plans this semester center around several visits to other denominations. The usual Sunday patched jeans, great for Prairie are uncool for many Lutheran, Catholic etc. gatherings. Teacher Barb Willard would like your help in this very temporary shift. Otherwise she says the group is delightful. She likes them and is terribly grateful for Tim Dielills good help until the return of Joe Laurence.

Attention Pre-School Parents: Your help is needed in remembering to dress them DOWN for Sundays. Megan Caldwell, their steady teacher, is good at helping them paint, (hopefully on paper, sometimes on themselves) and putter in wonderful goes, dear to very young hearts. Its sometimes impossible to preserve good clothes. The DUSO multi-media kit we rented for them has not arrived and really hasn't been missed yet.

Theron Caldwell, Dir. RE

REligious Education: An inescapable question in Religious Education is: "What is the hierarchy of power in nature and society and where do I fit in?"

Ernest Becker in his book The Birth and Death of Meaning makes these statements: "... man's life, from childhood on, is an exploration of the problem of evident and hidden power. Children are forever asking questions about the hierarchy of power: "Can a tree kill a mountain?" "Can a robot kill a dinosaur?" "A lion an elephant?" "Can a pistol kill a cougar?" "Can a space rocket kill God?", and so on, and on. These are serious matters that establish the order of power into which the child must fit; they may seem to us idle because we know very finely the order of power; but to a child power is a mystery which he must painfully measure if he is to know his world.

As Gooley observed, children are interested only in evident power which is the only thing that presents itself concretely to their minds, and so they admire pirates and desperados. The preoccupation of children with army toys and guns is not a perverted expression of a "killer instinct", but a natural response to the power realities of their lived world.

When we grow up we have already established the hierarchy of power and merely dwell on it, but merely live it implicitly. We draw our own power and support from sources higher in the hierarchy than ourselves, and we exercise our own powers over things beneath us. A person's whole sustenance comes to be based in a power source unknown or unacknowledged to himself.

One of life's most shattering and self-revealing experiences is to have divined to oneself the unconscious sources of his power: mother, the boss, money, the Pentagon, the heroes of the free-enterprise system, Marx and Lenin, Humanity, the church, one's spouse, his Guru, or his guns.

Paula Elkins, RE Chairperson

REligious Education: Quote from "Slipfoot and How He Nearly Always Never Gets What He Goes After" on of the "Rootabaga Pigeons" stories by Carl Sandburg: "I ran up a stairway to the moon one night. I shoveled a big sack full of little gold beans, little gold bricks, little gold bugs on the moon and I ran down the stairway from the moon. On the last step of the stairway my foot slips -- and all the little gold beans, all the little gold bricks, and all the little gold bugs spill out and spill away. When I get down the stairway I am holding the sack and the sack holds nothing. I am all right always till my foot slips."

Paula Elkins
PRAIRIE HALLOWEEN PARTY!
You are invited to Theron Caldwell's (1228 Sherman Ave.) at 8 PM, Sat. Oct. 30th.
Bring snacks &/or swings. Dress up! Questions? call Theron at 255-9974.


WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES
October 22 7:00 P.M. Potluck at the home of Joyce Marquess (913 Harrison St.) Joyce will provide the drinks. The topic will be Parenting. Call Joyce at 256-1537 if you have any questions.

FLASH SPECIAL NEWS FROM THE NETTLETONS
Gregory David arrived October 11. Congratulations Aileen and Al!