CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
10:00 a.m.--"Happy Birthday Ludwig (Beethoven)" George Calden.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14-16
Central Midwest District Annual Meeting, Gary, Indiana.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
7:30 p.m.--The Playreaders will meet at the home of Pat Watkins, 2419 Norwood Place. We will read either "The Shadow Box" or "Never Too Late." Do come out and join us.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
10:00 a.m.--"Heroines and Heroes" George Calden.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
7:30 p.m.--Board-meeting, at meeting house.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
10:00 a.m.--"Afghanistan: Then and Now" William Spangler of Afghanistan Relief Committee.
12:00 a.m.--Middle East Lunch to support Afghanistan Relief Committee and UUSC relief projects.

PROGRAM NOTES:
The November 9 Beethoven program will include instrumental and vocal music performances by Prairie people. Please let George Calden know if you plan to play a Beethoven number.

On election day most Americans will have voted for presidential candidates for whom they have very little enthusiasm. As an antidote, at the service "Heroines & Heroes" on November 16, we will have a chance to talk about the people we have admired or revered.

R.E. CORNER

UNICEF is part of our Halloween celebration. The Sunday before Halloween we showed colored slides of children in Asia and talked about the variety of ways in which UNICEF helps them. Please remember to bring back your UNICEF boxes next Sunday, Nov. 9.

Perhaps you have noticed the vivid painting hanging over the bookshelves downstairs. It is the work of Theron Caldwell Reed, who is going to lend a different painting to the church school each month. This first painting is of wild boars seen in Tennessee when Theron and her family were attending a mule-pulling contest.

The teachers and R.E. Committee had a very satisfying "mini retreat" Sunday morning, Nov. 2, and accomplished quite a bit of sharing of concerns and new ideas. We had a brief experience with the "discovery method" introduced by Shirley Lake, and emphasized as providing the kind of experience we aim to provide our children in church school. Although our attempts often fall short of our expectations, our goal in R.E. is to help children "figure out" and understand through their own experience many of the principles we feel are important to Unitarians. Guidance and skillful questioning are some of the essential tasks of the teacher.

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Many thanks are due to Peg Stevenson and Fleming Crim, who took care of the preschoolers, and to Marty Drapkin and Bobb Dopp who took the older children for a walk in the Arboretum. For a brief period of time they all sat quietly to find out what they might see and hear.

On November 9 the Middle School group will hear from Joaill Hall about the creation of the Dictionary of American Regional English. For five years the staff traveled through most of the United States to tape record ways people in 1002 communities speak, trying to find out why people in Maine don't sound like those in Texas.

On November 16 the work of the physical therapist will be described by Barbara Steinau. We are very indebted to these adults for sharing with the group their enthusiasm about their work.

PRESIDENT’S MEMO

READY FOR WINTER!

Most of you know we have been insulating our building to have a more energy-efficient and comfortable meeting-house. The work has been completed by Ted Clark's company, Clark Tectonics. We have two inches of urethane foam, both on roof and outside the walls. The roof is covered with a smooth, flexible coating and the walls covered with stucco. The R-factor is about R-14.

We still have some grading and grass-seeding to complete the drainage project outside.

The outcome is a more attractive as well as more structurally sound building!

After meeting Sunday, Nov. 9, we will make our final try at landscaping the outside.

Please bring shovels and wear old clothes.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We extend our fellowship to Paul Chapru, Helen Briggs, Les Lyons, Dave Zakem, Holly Loring, Judy Spring, and Gail Ostler as new members this fall. We already appreciate each of your special contributions as friends and musicians!  

--Aileen Nettleton

Editor's Note:

All but two of the new listings to be added to the Directory, on the attached sheet, are new members who have joined since the first of this year!

A CUB IN YOUR PHONE BILL

Please keep your eyes open for some good news that is coming in next month's phone bill. You will find some information on how to join the new Citizens Utility Board (CUB) which will be working to represent and inform you on utility, telephone, and energy issues.

When energy costs are such a problem for so many, we need to learn how to use our energy wisely so our children will not have to pay the price. CUB will help us make sure the price we pay is fair.

Already thousands of Wisconsin citizens have joined together to learn and make sure that our society has justice on energy issues. Your help is needed too, and you need to join to be sure your concerns are expressed. For just $3.00 a year—less than a penny a day—you can make the difference. When you get the CUB information in your phone bill, join immediately. CUB's address is: P.O. Box 8003, Madison, Wis. 53708. Phone 255-2971.

CUB will need hundreds of volunteers in the month of November to do a "telephone alert," in which many people will be directly contacted about the CUB flyer enclosed with their phone bills. If you think you can help our for an hour or two some evening, please call Tim Massad (255-2971) or Anne Young (233-4355).

BUILDING SITE GROUP

A group of people are going to be meeting to consolidate and buy a parcel of land to build their homes on (5-10 miles from town, 2-10 acres at about $2500 per acre). If you need a place to live, work, and grow, please call Paul and Laura Kansteiner, 238-3987.

I will be exhibiting and demonstrating jewelry and stone carving at the 20th annual Gem and Mineral Show, Nov. 8 and 9, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., at the Madison Community Center, 112 N. Fairchild St. Also at the show will be noted gemstone carver Ute Bernhardt of Chicago, who is exhibiting and lecturing on cameo carving, and John Mackinney, flint-napper, who will be demonstrating arrow-head making. The exhibit will be of fossils, crystals, jewelry, carvings, faceted stones, anything stone and gemstone related. Also there is a sale of rough material, specimens, and jewelry, and demonstrations of lapidary techniques.

--Metje Butler

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE--NOVEMBER 16
MIDDLE EAST LUNCH
The Social Action committee is sponsoring, and Dave Zakem is cooking the simple meal to be served Nov. 23 after the Afghanistan program. A donation of $2.00 per adult is suggested (the cost of the ingredients will be approximately 50¢ each).

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING
First Congregational Church will be the scene of an International Folk Dance program Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The program will benefit the American Friends Service Committee.

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Ron Gross, founder with Gloria Steinem and Kurt Vonnegut of Writers in the Public Interest, will give a free colloquium on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2-4 p.m., room 215, University Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. Basic Choices, Inc. is sponsoring this colloquium on independent scholarship (serious intellectual work outside of university control, including social action study, scientific research, literary/artistic creation). Gross has a federal grant to study independent scholarship. For further information, call John Ohliger, Basic Choices, 256-1946.

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A Bill of Rights dinner will be sponsored by the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union in Milwaukee on January 3, at 8 p.m. Mark Russell will be performing. Gerald Beroldi and Lianne Munson will be going and would be interested in driving there with any Prairie people who are going.

--Gerald Beroldi

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The Singles luncheons are held alternately at Prairie and First Society two Sundays a month, following the meeting. First Society is host on the first Sunday of the month and Prairie on the third Sunday. Bob West will speak Nov. 16 (at Prairie) about his visit to China.