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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 10:00 a.m.--Thanksgiving service, "Sharing
With Others"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 8 p.m.--Discussion group, home of Rachel
Siegfried. "The Implications of the
November Elections"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 10:00 a.m.--A program on Mexico, Holly Loring.
12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.--Craft Sale at Prairie.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 10:00 a.m.-- Program on Iran, Dave Zakem.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 4:30 p.m.--Special Winter Solstice program.
No adult service or R.E. program in A.M.

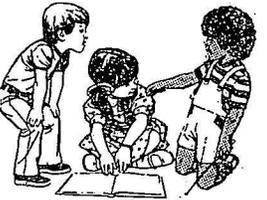
THANKSGIVING THEME

"Sharing with others" is the theme of our Thanksgiving service, which will be held Sunday, Nov. 30. We are asking everyone, if possible, to bring canned goods to be used to help stock the Emergency Pantry that is headquartered at the First Methodist Church. Families or individuals in real need of emergency help go there to obtain supplies to help tide them over until more regular relief is available.

R. E. CORNER

Patricia Cautley, Director

Plans are underway for something special to be done by the children for the family service on Nov. 30. So on Sunday, Nov. 23 the K through 2 group will go to the Chambliss home to work, the 3 to 5 to the Cautley home, and the Middle School to the Grindrod home. Please try to be on time so that no one will miss going with the group. It's all to be a surprise for the grownups! Because of the time required, we all may be a little late returning to Prairie after the service.



After the service each Sunday one adult will be in the room nearest the kitchen for quiet activities with any children who prefer that. We are indebted to Dorothy Lee, Barbara Steinau, Alice Bullen, and Linda Nelson for taking this responsibility once a month.

Another picture by Theron Caldwell Ris is on loan to the Church School. Theron showed the group how she stretches a canvas over a frame. She has offered to paint with the children during the interim session in January, when a choice of various activities is offered in place of the regular church school classes. We are looking for others with special talents or interests that could be shared with the children, even for just one or two Sundays. I am sure there are many hidden talents in Prairie; please help us discover you.

SINGERS

Rehearsal for anyone who would like to participate in a "Thanksgiving chorus" will be held next Sunday, Nov. 23, after the service. Meet with Holly around the piano.

PRAIRIE CRAFT SALE

Beginning after the Dec. 7th meeting and continuing until 5 p.m., the second annual craft sale will be held to add to our building fund. Featured will be Prairie T-shirts with the Prairie Smoke design (bring your own T-shirt and have it printed while you wait. Middle schoolers will conduct a book sale. Anyone who has used books to donate is asked to contact one of the group or bring them to the next meeting.

Anyone who wishes to donate crafts or sell them (Prairie asks only 10%) should contact Carolyn Briggs, 238-9696.

Child care will be available.

PRAIRIE DISCUSSION GROUP TO MEET

Interested in a discussion group that will concern itself with issues and topics important in our lives today? Well, here is your chance. A discussion group is being formed that is having its first meeting on Friday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. at the home of Rachel Siegfried, 5209 Tolman Terrace. Subject: The Implications of the November Elections.

The idea grew quite spontaneously out of discussion at the last program committee meeting when it became apparent that many people would like more in-depth discussion around some of the topics at Prairie services. Further, that there is so much going on in the world today that it would be good to sit down among friends and gain more information and understanding of what is happening. The topics will be chosen by the group and an effort made to gather information in advance for distribution to participants.

The group will decide when and how often to meet--a suggestion was made to meet once a month on Friday. There is a sign-up sheet on the table.

RE-RUN OF HOLLY'S SLIDES

On Saturday, Dec. 6, Holly Loring will show her Mexico slides at the home of Bob and Carol Dopp, 510 Presidential Lane. Anyone who missed her recent showing is welcome to attend.

Several people have asked for the name of the book used during the Beethoven service. It is: Beethoven, by Maynard Solomon, the most recent and best book (paperback) on Beethoven.
--George Calden

There is a sign-up sheet at the rear table at Prairie for SNOW SHOVELING. The season is coming, and we will need to keep the walks shoveled.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

If you are interested in having Thanksgiving dinner with another Prairie family, please call Norma Briggs, 256-3445.

SINGLES POT LUCK

The Singles group will hold their bi-monthly pot luck Sunday, Dec. 7, at First Society, following the service. Nuri Ronagny will speak on social conditions in Iran before and after the revolution there.

From our community: Can you help?
CONFRONTING WOMAN ABUSE: A CHALLENGE FOR THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY--A DAY-LONG CONFERENCE

The Dane County Advocates for Battered Women will hold a workshop for people from the religious community in Dane County on Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the First Congregational church. The workshop will address the problem of battered women, and what the religious community could do to help. Please contact Beryl Gordon, Social Action chair, 256-1479, or Dane County Advocates for Battered Women, 251-1237, if you can attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MADISON LITERACY COUNCIL

With the influx of refugee families, the Literacy Council has need of more volunteers for teaching English to adults. This is a vital first step toward helping these families become independent members of our society. A training session will be held in January. Call now--255-0351.

UUSC CHRISTMAS CARDS

This is your chance to support UUSC. Please order your UUSC Christmas cards by Nov. 23. Call Carol Dopp, 238-7419, or see me at Prairie. Cards come 12 per box for \$3.00.

--Carol Dopp

STARR KING SUMMER 1981

An island sojourn...exploring spirit and place, landscape and character...at the Orthodox Academy of Crete...July 4 to July 16, 1981.

With the magnificent view of the Cretan Sea and the White Mountains inviting spiritual concentration and meditation, we will share lectures, classes, ouzo, excursions, swimming, study, and conversation.

Join us in our explorations at Gonia, Crete, Greece. Write for information: Starr King Summer School, 2441 LeConte Ave, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30