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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30 p.m.--Playreaders, home of Nellie McKay, 3212 Bluff St., Apt. 2 (lower level). Play will be Murder on the Nile or Toys in the Attic.

8:00 p.m.--"La Vida Mexicana" slides and songs of a summer sojourn by Holly Loring. Home of Bob and Carol Dopp, 510 Presidential Lane.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 a.m.--"Mexico, an Economic Overview," Prof. Robert Abbey, UW Ibero-American Studies Dept.

12:00 noon (or after service) to 5:00 p.m.-- Prairie Craft Sale. See reminder page 2.

12:00 noon--Singles potluck, First Society.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

12:00 noon--Send-off for Holly Loring

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30 p.m.--Board meeting, home of Warren Hagstrom.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

No morning service or R.E. program

4:30 p.m.--Special Winter Solstice program and carol sing. Prairie members are asked to bring breads and other "finger foods" to pass.

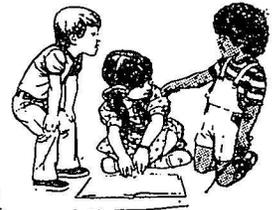
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:00 a.m.--"Books That Changed Our Lives", Show and tell about the book that made a difference in your life.

PROGRAM NOTE:

The "La Vida Mexicana" program is a second showing of Holly Loring's slides and songs for those who missed the October presentation or those who want to see more of them. Please bring wine or snacks.

R.E. Corner



When the contents of the UNICEF cartons brought back by our church school members were counted, we had \$24.53 to contribute to UNICEF. Thanks to everyone who helped with this.

For those who missed the service last Sunday, the "surprise" created by the children to share with the adults was a "thousand person cake"--unbelievable as this sounds! In our Sharing Circle we had talked about the ingredients that go into a cake, and where they come from, including all the people involved in growing the wheat, for example, reaping it, storing it, moving it to warehouses and stores, putting it on shelves, and selling it to us. And as we thought of each of the other ingredients, it seemed that a thousand people might easily have been involved in getting them to our homes. Making the cake seemed simple compared to everything else, but it was fun nevertheless. Each class group went to a different home to bake a cake

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R.E.CORNER (Continued from page one)
which was then shared with everyone after the service Sunday.

If you would like to know the recipe the recipe for the cake, here it is:

Dissolve 1 pkg. lemon Jello in 1 cup hot water.

Mix 1 1/4 cups sugar, 1/3 cup cooking oil.

Add 2 eggs; beat after each.

Sift: 2 1/4 cups flour

3 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

Add flour mixture to egg mixture, alternating with Jello liquid (make sure it is no longer hot). Beat with electric mixer or with 150 hand strokes. Bake at 350° for 30 to 40 minutes. Do not overcook.

Mix 6 tablespoons lemon juice with 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar. Use toothpick to make many tiny holes in top of baked cake. Then pour lemon juice and sugar over it while it is still warm.

A simple ceremony is being planned as part of the service on Sunday, Dec. 21. We call it the "dedication of children"; others refer to it as christening or a naming ceremony. Its importance is not just the giving and receiving of a name, but the recognition by the parents of their deep responsibility and privilege in offering the best opportunities and guidance for their child's growth and development. If you are interested in participating, please contact George Calden (233-5717).

Plans are developing for our "interim" in Church School, which takes place during the month of January. If you have any hobby or interest you would like to share with the children for one or more Sundays, please see or telephone me. Pat Cautley (238-5373).

Dear Prairie Friends:

As many of you know, I will be moving to Massachusetts on Dec. 18. I find that I have put down deeper roots than I had realized and digging them out will not be easy. I will miss all of you but will carry with me happy memories of our times together. In hopes that the western wind may waft your news and even yourselves in my direction, my address is:
85 Bridge St., Manchester, Mass. 01944.

Telephone: (617)526-4626

With love, Holly Loring

Have trouble buying shoes wide enough? I have a brand new pair of black dress flats (1" heel) bought through the mail and too large. Inexpensive. Call Rosemary Dorney, 238-4382 before Dec. 10.

President's Memo

Aileen Nettleton

DESIGN A PRAIRIE UU SYMBOL

At one of our programs last spring, we each had a chance to think about what Prairie UU symbolized for us and to draw a sketch for our thoughts. At the November board meeting the idea of some graphic design which would identify our fellowship was discussed. As a result...

You are invited to design a symbol that could be used to identify Prairie UU Society. The symbol could be used on the newsletter, on stationery, and possibly used on the building. It should reflect Unitarian-Universalist symbolism in some way. Your individual idea for a symbol could be made into a banner for our meeting room. From these our society could select a common symbol with which we would like to be identified.

Please give your design to Suzy Drapkin 1422 Chandler, by February 1. One design is already on the bulletin board.

AFGHAN RELIEF MEAL

Following the excellent Sunday program presented by William Stengler, the Middle Eastern meal raised \$80.00 to be shared with the Afghanistan refugees and the UUSC. Thanks to Dorothy Lee and Dave Zakem for the tasty meal and the chance to share with others.

BUILDING RENTAL

We are now in a position to be able to rent our meeting house to interested individuals or groups, with our insulation completed

We would like the meeting house to be used by the larger community and the neighborhood as well as for Prairie's own programs.

Do you belong to a group that might use it for meetings? What ideas do you have of other types of organizations that might use it?

Rental fees set by the Board are:

	Prairie members for groups they belong to	Other groups & individuals
Upstairs only	\$10.00	\$15.00
Downstairs meeting room only	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.50
Use of kitchen	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Other	To be negotiated	

If you wish to use the building for your group, contact Fran Remeika, 845-7292. If you have ideas about groups that should be contacted, call Linda Nelson, 255-8630.

Let's use our building. Remember to call Fran to schedule Prairie events as well!