CALENDAR

Saturday, November 21
9:30-3:00 p.m. -- Work day at Prairie, see story.

Sunday, November 22
9:00 a.m. -- Prairie Singers, see story.
10:00 a.m. -- "Words of Inspiration" by Dave Zakem.
10:00 a.m. -- Religious Education classes
11:00 a.m.--5:00 p.m.-- Prairie Arts/Crafts/ Bake Sale at First Church.

Sunday, November 29
10:00 a.m. -- Thanksgiving Service, "Comforting the Pilgrims"
10:00 a.m. -- Religious Education classes
11:30 a.m. -- Family dinner (not potluck) see story

Sunday, December 6
10:00 a.m. -- "Close Encounters with the Bill of Rights" (First of a Series on The Magnificent Invention) by Alice & Lee Bullen.
10:00 a.m. -- Religious Education classes
11:30 a.m. -- R.E. Committee Meeting, see story.

Saturday, December 12
7:30 p.m. -- Playreaders at Rachel Siegfried, see story.

YOU ARE INVITED
The Madison Civic Chorus and Orchestra and Boy Choir will have a program on Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Oscar Meyer Theatre. Rachel Siegfried, Metje Butler, Ruth Calden and Rosemary Dorney invite you to come.

On December 4 at 8 p.m. and on December 5 at 3 p.m. "Sounds of Christmas" and Amahl and the Night Visitors will be presented. This is a real family concert.

R. E. CORNER
Plans for the Thanksgiving service on November 29 are for the children to join the adults for the last 15 minutes of the program--with a very special part in it at that time!

The teachers and R.E. Committee met last Sunday for questions and discussion during the regular church school time and enjoyed a tasty brunch together. While this meeting was in progress, Bob Dopp and Susie Drapkin took the children for a very energetic trip to the Arboretum. Aileen Nettleton and Bob Park worked with the preschool group, who made various creations out of play-dough. Special thanks to all four!

We still need dress-up clothes for the preschoolers and we are sure that some of you have contributions to make; such as old hats, shawls, vests, etc. Please bring them next Sunday if possible.

The K-2 group is continuing with the story of Johnny Appleseed, while the 3rd and 4th graders are starting to learn what parables are, as well as some of the most familiar Biblical parables. The R.E. Committee hopes to do more concentrated thinking about the content of the entire church school curriculum at our meeting on December 6 and invites anyone who is especially interested in this to join us.

Our total-undeclared contribution amounted to $52.80. Many thanks to all the children who helped collect this!

Pat Cautley

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE, NOVEMBER 29
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The first program of the series on the Bill of Rights will be an introduction—a little about how it got into the Constitution and what our approach will be. If you have had some experience in which one of the first ten amendments or one of the later ones involving individual rights either protected you or failed to protect you, we’d like to have you tell about it. Call Alice or me at 838-8055.

Leland Bullen

NO ANNOUNCEMENT TIME SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

In order to get many workers to the Craft Sale at First Society as early as possible, the program will end promptly at 11:00 a.m. If you have an announcement that must reach Prairie people this Sunday, write it up and post it on a bulletin board that will be near the door.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be Sunday School as usual, with the children coming upstairs for the last few minutes of the service. A family dinner will be served at 11:30 (not potluck) by Shirley Grindrod and helpers. Donations of $2.50 for adults and $1.00 for children are suggested, with the proceeds after expenses to go to a local Food Pantry.

THE HYPOCRISY OF THE FAR RIGHT

A symposium featuring Joanne Ricca, Prof. Donald Hester and Andrew Sasz will be held at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. on Saturday, December 5 at 1 p.m. The symposium is sponsored by the Wisconsin Interchange. There will be a reception afterwards to meet the speakers. Donation: $3.00.

R.E.COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, December 6, soon after the morning service, the R.E.Committee will meet in one of the small rooms down stairs to discuss the religious education curriculum. Parents or others with a concern in this area are welcome to join the committee.

PLAY READERS

The Play Readers will meet on Saturday, December 12, at Rachel Siegfried’s, 5209 Tolman Terrace. The play will be either "Sunday in New York" by Norman Krasna or "The Potting Shed" by Graham Greene.

COME, ALL SINGERS

Would you like to sing with a group? Join us Sunday, November 22, at 9 a.m. to practice. Our first “performance” will follow that afternoon at the Prairie Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale! We will do some seasonal songs and carols. We hope to continue and sing at Prairie once a month.

Aileen Nettleton

FROM THE CLIPBOARDS

KITCHEN CLEANUP
11-22--Linda & Bob Nelson
11-29--Dick & Julie Bonser
12- 6--?? & ??
12-13--Mark Horn & Shirley Croschke

BUILDING CLEANUP
11-22--Fran Johnson & Fran Small
11-29--Dodie Chapru & Les Lyons
12- 6--Ruth & George Calden
12-13-- ?? & ??

SNOW SHOVELING
11-15 to 11-22--Shirley Lake
11-23 to 11-29--Glen Chambliss
11-30 to 12- 6--Warren Hagstrom
12-7 to 12-13--Chuck Vetzner

WORK DAY AT PRAIRIE

Prairie will have a work day on Saturday, November 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be removing the oil tank, taking out the railing in the upstairs room, building a shed outside, etc. Please come and help. Food and drink will be provided.

Bob Nelson

JOURNALS: QUOTING OURSELVES

Quite some time ago I observed with puzzlement the fact that when an important point needs to be made we quote someone famous, "as Socrates once said", or "in the words of Elizabeth Cady Stanton", or "according to Schumacher." If we assume that famous people were as human as we are and if we believe ourselves to be as capable of insight as they were, it seems to me that we should have fewer reservations about quoting ourselves.

Journal writing, diaries, and letters are forums where many of us engage in silent dialogs exploring our values and beliefs. We puzzle through questions that have perplexed people for hundreds of years. We reflect, discover, and write about ways in which we can best live our lives. And in that process there is often a great deal of originality, originality worthy of quotation.

On Sunday, December 27, the program will focus on the process and the results of journal writing. I’d like to work with at least four other people in preparing this program. If you’re interested in making suggestions, providing background or telling others about your work, please let me know.

Judy Spring

Hazel Taliaferro has been moved to intensive care at Madison General Hospital. Mail would be appreciated.