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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 6

- 10:00 a.m.--"Close Encounters With the Bill of Rights"--Alice and Lee Bullen
- 10:00 a.m.--Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 a.m.--R.E. Committee meeting
- 12 noon--Singles potluck lunch at First Society.

Tuesday, December 8

- 7:30 p.m.--Prairie Board meeting at Bob Nelson's, 1813 Adams St. (near Vilas).

Saturday, December 12

- 7:30 p.m.--Playreaders at Rachel Siegfried's. See story.

Sunday, December 13

- 10:00 a.m.--"A Second Look at Religion" Anne Gaylor.
- 10:00 a.m. Religious Education classes.

Sunday, December 20

- 10:00 a.m.--Family Service "Festival of Light" Written announcements only, none during service.
- 11:30 a.m.--Festival Potluck--Share your favorite holiday foods.

Sunday, December 27

- 10:00 a.m.--"Peace on Earth--What We Must Do" Les Lyons.
- 10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes
- 7:30 p.m.--Helen Caldecott slide-tape "I Have Three Children of My Own" and discussion. At Dorothy Lee's, 5209 Tolman Terrace.

R. E. CORNER

The apple received special attention last Sunday in the apple communion service --such an ordinary, commonplace object to be thankful for--and at the same time a beautiful, bountiful representation of the wonders of the natural world. When the children were asked to think of what they were thankful for, mention was made of the basic needs--housing, clothing, food--and "mother" and "living".

And quite by coincidence, the preschool group made apple prints last Sunday! The K - 2 group has gotten the Pilgrims settled on the rocky Massachusetts shore--after a stormy ocean voyage well represented in their diorama--and now are starting to think about Christmas.

We would welcome volunteers to help with the 4-week Interim Session in January, and for supplementing the teaching staff in the second semester. We have teachers from the first semester continuing with each class, so this would be a good time for a newcomer to try teaching --an easy introduction. Please let me know before December 15 if you are possibly interested.

Pat Cautley

BIG POX

The world has eradicated smallpox and saved two billion dollars per year. We must now eradicate Big Pox, or armaments and save 550 billion dollars a year.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE, DEC. 13

BILL OF RIGHTS SERIES BEGINS SUNDAY

Sunday, Dec. 6, will see the beginning of the second lay ministry in Prairie's 1981-82 year with Alice and Lee Bullen leading the first of their programs on "The Magnificent Invention: The United States Bill of Rights." This Sunday's service, entitled "Close Encounters," will be an introduction plus an opportunity for anyone who has had a personal experience in which one of the civil liberties amendments was involved to relate it.

The Bullens hope to consider, in addition to the existing sections in the Constitution, others which are still needed; whether some of them are still applicable; and dangers to the Constitution in present trends.

Alice is a recently retired school librarian who taught first grade at Dudgeon school in 1942-44, and returned to Madison as an elementary school librarian in 1964.

Lee began a career as a printer 44 years ago and has managed a printing department in a small college in Iowa, worked as a Linotype operator in a daily newspaper and two weekly papers as well as being co-publisher of a third weekly. He worked as an estimator in the Wisconsin State Printing Division before starting his own small printing business which he has operated in Oregon (Wis.) and McFarland.

The Bullens were married in December of 1942 in Cleveland, Ohio, where Lee had begun serving in a mental hospital as a conscientious objector. After transferring to another hospital in Concord, N.H., he was joined by Alice who worked there first as an attendant and then as secretary to a doctor. They finished their wartime experience in New York where Alice worked in two community centers while Lee was a "guinea pig" in a project testing a cure for malaria.

Their family includes three grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.



REPORT FROM THE CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN RACINE

The Central Midwest District Nominating Committee is seeking people who are interested in filling several upcoming vacancies at the District level. The two positions I am specifically concerned about are the position of Trustee to the U.U. Board and the position of treasurer of the District. If you can suggest anyone who would be qualified, or would be interested yourself, please contact Barbara Park (635-7519).

Three of our teens, Jeff and Joella Bonser and Casey Steinau, attended a special youth meeting at the Central Midwest District Conference in Racine. They participated in workshops and spent two nights at the Fellowship House which is used by the Racine Church for Sunday School. About 20 teens participated with five adult advisors. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to meet U.U. youths from all over the District. They are now eagerly anticipating attending a youth conference to be held at the North Shore Church outside of Chicago, the last weekend in February. We will be allowed to send four youth and one adult advisor to that conference. They are also interested in starting a youth group at Prairie (12-18 year olds).
Barb Park

Our November 29 Simple Meal, prepared by Shirley Grindrod, raised approximately \$100 for the Food Pantry. This will provide for local hungry people without red tape.

First Society has begun a series of NOON MUSICALES presented every Friday from 12:15 to 1:00 at the Meeting House, 900 University Bay Drive. The programs feature outstanding musicians and are open to the public without charge. Guests may bring lunches if they wish. Any Prairie Society friends who find it convenient to drop in are most cordially invited.

Cleo Sonnedecker

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.