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CALENDAR

- Sunday, September 12
10:00 a.m. -- SCIENCE, HUMANISM, FEMINISM--
Bob West. This is the beginning
of Bob's ministry.
Potluck lunch after service.
- Sunday, September 19
10:00 a.m. ABORTION: THE ETHICAL QUESTIONS--
Marci Bradley
- Sunday, September 26
10:00 a.m. NEW GAMES
- Monday, September 27
7:30 p.m. Program Committee at Megan
Kroeger's. Anyone interested
in planning programs is welcome.
- Sunday, October 3
10:00 a.m. WICCA: LIFE-AFFIRMING WITCH-
CRAFT and its relevance today--
Selena Fox and Jim Alan from
Circle Farm - an Aquarian Age
Resource Center.
- Sunday, October, 10
10:00 a.m. SOCIOBIOLOGY - A FEMINIST
CRITIQUE--Prof. Ruth Bleier,
U.W. Medical School

The Program Committee is looking for ideas for evening programs. Last year the decision was made to have regular evening programs at Prairie. Let us know if you have any ideas or if you wish to do an evening program.

Dave Zakem



BOB WEST----

OUR NEW LAY MINISTER

Bob West, our first Lay Minister this fall, is a Prairie "Renaissance man." He is a Professor of Chemistry at the U.W., where he is known both as an enthusiastic teacher and a passionate researcher. He and his students received international publicity last year for their success in making the first compound with a "silicon-silicon double bond." Among his many educational innovations he taught one of the first Women's Studies courses at U.W., "Liberation of Men, Women and Families." He has led several mountaineering expeditions to British Columbia and Alaska, where he has climbed and named more than forty new mountain peaks.

Bob is an environmentalist who was the main force behind Wisconsin's legislation on phosphate pollution. He has lived and worked in many foreign places such as Japan, Germany, Israel, Ethiopia and Utah. To top it off, he speaks and has written poetry in Japanese. But of all his accomplishments, he feels the most important is his part in founding the Women's Medical Fund, which has provided loans to over 900 women seeking abortions during the past ten years.

Bob's ministry will deal with contemporary

THIS YEAR, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO BEGIN THE SERVICES AT 10:00 SHARP AND END AT 11:15 a.m.

BOB WEST - Our new lay minister (cont.)

problems in American society, especially those involving the relationships between and among women and men. In his first program on Sept. 12, "Science, Humanism, Feminism," he will discuss the scientific view of the world and explain his own development from narrow scientist to feminist-humanist.

Future services, led by Bob, will present views on abortion, sociobiology, witchcraft, "open marriage," divorce, gay rights and the men's movement. Invited speakers will participate.

Welcome, Bob, to the ranks of eminent Prairie lay ministers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING - Aug. 24, 1982

Bob West is Lay Minister for the fall programs starting Sept. 12, 1982.

Board training, for old and new members, is being planned for Spring.

A fall work day will be scheduled soon. Watch the PRAIRIE FIRE for the date.

A de-humidifier was purchased. Please help empty the water tray and see that it never runs when the temperature is below 65 degrees or it will get damaged.

The question arose of how membership is determined at Prairie. Also, should we be setting a limit for size? Are we outgrowing our building?

The Finance Committee expressed the need for pledges to come in SOON. The present Prairie fiscal year runs from October to October. Other possibilities will be proposed at the Fall Parish Meeting which will be Oct. 24. Please mark your calendars. (Brownies will be served - yum.)

A motion was made and seconded that Prairie membership list be used for no other purpose than for the Directory.

Shirley Czoschke
Secretary

SUNDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION GROUP

Oct. 23 will be the first meeting for a series of discussion on Singleness. We will start with the book Why I Feel I'm Nothing Without a Man by Penelope Russianoff. You will need to put your name on the reservation list if you plan to get it from the library. Further plans for the group will be developed at that meeting at Shirley's home at 2320 Rowley Ave. 7:30 P.M.

Shirley Czoschke

R.E. CORNER

We are looking forward to an exciting year in church school, which begins next Sunday, September 12, with the following teachers:

Preschool: Tami Carter, a student at UW in elementary education, who will be assisted by Geoff Bonser.

Kgn thru 2nd grade: Aileen Nettleton, Mel Micke and Bob Park.

3rd and 4th grade: Linda Nelson and Shirley Grindgrod.

5th and 6th grade: Shirley Lake and Fleming Crim.

Since we seem to have a population explosion in the Kgn-2nd grade group (with about six children moving into the group from pre-school), this class will need to use the open space downstairs as well as the adjoining classroom. This means that any traffic downstairs after church school starts at 10:00 a.m. must be discouraged. If it is absolutely necessary for anyone to reach the kitchen, please be as unobtrusive as possible.

Pat Cautley

SPECIAL NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The program committee is open to anyone who is interested in planning services or other programs. Please feel free to join in on the meetings.

Additions to the scheduled Sunday services are welcome. However, if you have a special request for something to be added to a particular Sunday service please let the Program Committee know about this well in advance so that the service time can be adjusted accordingly if possible.

We are obliged to start each Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. and to end the program and announcements by 11:15, so that children and adults in the R.E. program will not be inconvenienced.

Dave Zakem

FAREWELL TO SPRING ---- FAREWELL TO SPRING

There will be a farewell party for our beloved JUDY SPRING on Sunday, September 19 at 3 p.m.

The farewell festivities will consist of country music, dancing (on a cement floor - so wear sturdy shoes), silo singing and general cutting up, as well as a pot luck supper. All this will take place at the ALDEBARAN - a converted barn near Spring Green, off Hwy 23 on County T, across from the Unity Chapel. Contact Dorothy Lee Wetherby for details (271-2173).

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS-----SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

MORE SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Coming Events:

Sept. 8, 12:30 p.m. MATC Auditorium. Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll (Ret.) deputy of the Center for Defense Information, will speak on behalf of the Wisconsin Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign. Free.

Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. Mark Twain, in the person of Bill McLinn, on behalf of the Freeze Campaign, speaking as a social critic of the 1980s. Later, as himself, McLinn will discuss war and peace and the absurd characteristics of the human race. Sponsors are the Madison Area Action for Peace, the First Congregational Church, the Wisconsin Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, Common Cause of Wisconsin, Clergy and Laity Concerned and Nukewatch. Tickets are \$2.00 available at the door.

Sept. 9, 12:30 p.m. UW Library Mall. Helen Caldicott, M.D. national president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, will speak at a noon rally on behalf of the Freeze Campaign.

Sept. 11, evening. The Willy Bear Bar, 1210 Williamson St. A benefit for the Freeze Campaign, sponsored by Nukewatch, Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Freeze Campaign. Lynette's Cooking will provide the music, beginning at 9:00 p.m. A donation of \$2.00 will be asked.

Sept. 14: PRIMARY ELECTION DAY. Your chance to vote YES on the nuclear weapons freeze referendum and thereby to demand that the Administration work vigorously for a mutual, verifiable moratorium and reduction of nuclear arms with the Soviet Union and other nations. We can help make Wisconsin the first state to insist on stopping the arms race and beginning the journey to a nuclear-free world, for ourselves, our children, our grand children and all future generations. The Freeze urgently needs money and volunteers for these final days. So please be generous. The Freeze Campaign office is at 520 University Ave., Room 320, Madison, WI. 53703. Phone 251-0587.

Sept. 14, evening. Join other supporters of the Arms Freeze Referendum to celebrate the election results at the Madison Civic Center. There will also be an election night party at the Cardinal Bar, 418 E. Wilson St.

Sept. 15, 8:00 p.m. Pres House, 731 State St. Slide show by the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) based in Ohio, on their campaign to organize farm workers in the mid-west, and their boycott of Campbell's Soups.

Then, the sponsors will show the award-winning documentary "Fighting for our Lives," about the United Farm Workers' grape strike and there will be an update of the UFW's current boycott of Red Coach Lettuce. For more information, call Rita Hines at 256-4170 or 255-6013.

Washington Action

Our UUA Washington Office informs us that that when the Senate returns after its Labor Day recess there will be an immediate struggle to promote the New Right/Moral Majority agenda. The President supports this agenda, which deals with school prayer, the abortion issue and the jurisdiction of federal courts to review and judge cases in these areas. In mid-August the debt ceiling bill was brought to the floor of the Senate. Sen. Helms (NC) offered a non-germane amendment on school prayer, then added abortion legislation as a secondary amendment. Sen. Packwood (OR) immediately began a filibuster which continued until the Senate adjourned for the Labor Day recess and which will be resumed when Congress reconvenes on Sept. 7. The strategy of Sen. Packwood and others opposing the Helms amendments is to extend debate and to oppose the imposition of cloture on debate on the filibuster. Please alert others and urge senators to vote against cloture and to extend debate.

U.S. Academy of Peace (S1889 and HR 5088). This legislation experienced smooth sailing and funding looked like a distinct possibility until opposition began to organize against it. Urge Representatives and Senators to push for passage this session.

El Salvador. The Administration's certification of El Salvador in the area of human rights clears the way for military aid. Recent news reports indicate a resurgence of murders by government forces since the latest certification! Urge opposition to further certifications and military aid.

Les Lyons

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