

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

Children Nature Network

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Did anyone pay last
week's speaker?
Mary Frantz was 86

Place to build forests

Let them tear up plants

Sunday, May 3, 2009

Prelude - "Der Mai ist Gekommen (May Has Come)
and "Alle Voegel Sind Schon Da" (All the Birds are Here)
Rosemarie Lester and Doleta Chapru

Welcome - Rachel Long, Prairie UU President

Opening Words - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

"A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement. It is our misfortune that for most of us that clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood. If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of all children I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life, as an unfailing antidote against the boredom and disenchantments of later years, the sterile preoccupation with things that are artificial, the alienation from the sources of our strength."

Rachel Carson in "The Sense of Wonder" 1956

Hymn #1074 (STJ) - "Turn the World Around"
Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Chalice Lighting - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Welcoming of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

(additional announcements are in your order of service.)

Offering

Offertory- "Komm Lieber Mai" (Come Dear May)
Rosemarie Lester and Doleta Chapru

Presentation

"Curing Nature Deficit Disorder," by Samuel Dennis

Outdoor Activities

(Weather Permitting)

for children and interested adults, led by Samuel Dennis

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Many thanks to all who contributed to making this service possible. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

About our presenter...

Samuel Dennis Jr, PhD, ASLA, is a geographer and landscape architect whose research practice focuses on creating environments more supportive of human health and well-being. He is particularly interested in preventing chronic disease through environmental design. Professor Dennis' current projects include parks, natural playgrounds and community gardens in Wisconsin, Montana and Honduras. Partners include Native American tribes, urban community-based organizations and international non-governmental organizations. He is currently Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture at UW-Madison and has affiliate appointments in Environmental Studies, Family Medicine and Urban and Regional Planning.

Announcements

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week, May 10-17, 2009

This is the week that Prairie teams up with Midvale Lutheran to help host homeless families. Please consider helping out. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285,) or you can go to the website for an explanation of the IHN jobs: www.midvalelutheran.org/ihnjobs.htm, and you can sign up online by going to this address and clicking on "IHN Sign-up" <http://www.midvalelutheran.org/> Thank you for your support.

RE Transition Sunday, May 17th, 2009, 10:00 am

Prairie will celebrate Transition Sunday, an annual service that marks the end of the Religious Education year. We will recognize our youth who are about to embark on a new journey in their educational lives. We will also honor those, especially teachers, who have helped shape each child's spiritual and educational needs throughout the year. Music and readings will be provided by Prairie youth of all ages.

Spring Parish Meeting, Sunday, May 3rd **TODAY**

Please plan to attend Prairie UU Society's spring parish meeting. Potluck lunch begins at 11:30, and childcare will be provided. The agenda is posted at the back of the meeting house, but will feature election of new officers, approving the budget, program and Prairie Fire surveys, and more.

Spanish Speakers Potluck

The next Spanish Speaker's Potluck will be held on Monday, May 11th, 2009, at the home of Kate Tucker, 4504 Camden Road, at 7:00 pm. Note the change of date and time from the usual "3rd Monday at 6:30 pm." Please call Kate at 221-2168 for directions or information.

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Prairie Calendar

Sunday, May 3, 2009

11:30 am - Prairie Spring Parish Meeting. Potluck begins at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45.
3:00 pm - Humanist Union joint meeting with Madison Skeptics, presentation by Prof. Ronald Numbers.

Saturday, May 9, 2009

9:00 am - WOW meets at Prairie for breakfast potluck.

Sunday, May 10, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am - service - "Women Composers; or, Who was Hilda Neupert?," presented by Jim Reilly.
11:45 am - Hospitality committee meets.

Monday, May 11, 2009

7:00 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Kate Tucker, 221-2168, please call for directions or information.

Sunday, May 17, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am - service - "Transition Sunday," presented by Religious Education.
12:00 pm - Ethical Humanism study group potluck, presentation by Ron Solomon at 12:45.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

7:00 pm - Program committee meeting at Prairie.

Sunday, May 24, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.
10:00 am - service - "Minding the Gaps in our Lives," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.
11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss Loving Frank.

Save the Date!

June 24-28, 2009 UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City.
October 23-25, 2009 Prairie's Annual Family Retreat at Pine Lake Camp.