

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison, WI 53711 \* 608-271-8218 \* www.uuprairie.org

## Water Ceremony

September 8, 2013



### Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** "When the Saints Go Marching In," RE student parade, accompanied by Dan Proud, guitar.

#### **Introduction of RE Teachers**

**Story for All Ages:** "Swimming," told by Anne Pryor

**Greeting and Announcements** – Anne Pryor

#### **\*\*Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**\*Hymn (Insert):** "The Swimming Song," led by Dan Proud and Mary Mullen.

**Opening Words:** excerpt from "Where Water Comes Together with Other Water," by Raymond Carver.

**Offering & Offertory:** "Hammer and Nail," performed by Rachel Long and Madeline Arnold.

#### **Chalice Lighting:**

Life is a gift for which we are grateful. We gather in community to celebrate the glories and mysteries of this great gift.

– Marjorie Montgomery

#### **Silent Meditation**

**Water Ceremony, Part I:** Parents with RE kids and RE Teachers

#### **Singing the Children Out**

**\*Hymn (Insert):** "Moon River," accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

#### **Water Ceremony, Part II**

**\*Hymn (Insert):** "Somos el Barco," led by Dan Proud and Mary Mullen.

#### **Closing Words:**

#### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*please stand as you are able.

\*\*please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

### Announcements

**Green Note:** On average, 10 gallons per day of your water footprint (or 14% of your indoor use) is lost to leaks. Short of installing new water-efficient fixtures, one of the easiest, most effective ways to cut your footprint is by repairing leaky faucets and toilets.

**Today's flowers** are provided by Barbara Chatterton and are dedicated to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse. As soon as she attended her first service there, she knew she had been a Unitarian all her life!

**Today is Soup Sunday!** Stay after the service to enjoy a great meal and excellent conversation. A \$5 donation is recommended – guests and visitors are on us!

**The next Spanish Speakers Potluck** will be held tomorrow, Monday, September 9, at 6:30 pm at the home of Prudence Barber, 124 S. Mills St. Apt. 1. Note Prudence's new address. Please bring a dish to pass if you can – everyone is welcome! Call Prudence at 251-0852 for directions, or call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or to arrange a ride.

**Prairie's Board** meets tomorrow, September 9, at 7:00pm at Prairie.

**Volunteer at Prairie for the Fall Work Day!** Saturday, September 28, 9:00am to 1:00pm. We need to trim some trees and work inside as well. If you have any suggestions on things that need to get done, please let Gary Gates know (gig.gts@gmail.com, 255-2337).

**The Program Committee** meets Monday, September 16, at 7:00pm at Prairie.

#### **Prairie UU Society Bond of Union**

*We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another.*

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## Prairie Calendar

### **Sunday, September 8, 2013**

10:00 Service – Water Ceremony  
10:00 Children's RE begins  
11:30 Soup Sunday

### **Monday, September 9, 2013**

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck at the home of Prudence Barber  
7:00 Prairie's Board meets

### **Sunday, September 15, 2013**

10:00 Service by Rev. Sandy Ingham

### **Monday, September 16, 2013**

7:00 Program Committee meets

### **Sunday, September 22, 2013**

10:00 Service – “Dances with Taconite: the Mine Threat to Bad River's Wild Rice Beds,” presented by Patty Lowe.  
10:00 RE Field trip

### **Sunday, September 29, 2013**

10:00 Service – “A Sense of Wonder,” presented by Steve Paulson, Executive Producer of “To the Best of Our Knowledge” on Wisconsin Public Radio.

### **Friday, October 4, 2013**

Men's Drop-in Shelter volunteer opportunity – shopping

### **Saturday, October 5, 2013**

5:00 Men's Drop-in Shelter volunteer opportunity - cooking  
9:00 PrairieWOW meets  
Fall Frolic

### **Sunday, October 6, 2013**

10:00 Service – Speaker TBA  
12:00 Humanist Union meets  
5:30 Prairie's Men's Group meets

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## **Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations**

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

## **Next week's service:**

"Building the Beloved Community" by  
Rev. Sandra Ingham.

